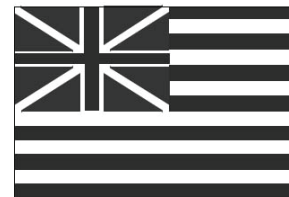




The Rappahannock Gazette

Newsletter of the Rappahannock Colonial Heritage Society, Inc.



The purpose of the Rappahannock Colonial Heritage Society is to bring together persons interested in preserving and perpetuating the heritage and culture of the colonial era in and around the Rappahannock River Valley of Virginia; to conduct historical research of persons, places and events relating to the Rappahannock River Valley in Colonial times, and to organize activities related to the Colonial era in an effort to educate the public about the ways of life of our forbears in this area.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep. 13 - Our Living Legacies at Mary Washington House:

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. EC: Lyn Padgett, 703/432-0957.

Sep. 20 - Fredericksburg Welsh Festival, James Monroe Museum:

11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. EC: Trip Wiggins, 540/371-3906.

Sep. 27 - Stratford Hall's Northern Neck Food and Harvest Festival:

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. EC: Lyn Padgett, 703/432-0957.

Oct. 7 - Monthly Business Meeting: 7:30 p.m., St. George's Church room 300. Chair: Sharon Brunacci, 540/659-2080.

Oct. 11 - Dance Social at Bowling Green Town Hall: 7:00 p.m. EC: Elaine Sturgeon, 540/785-2168.

Oct. 25-26 - Cemetery Tours: Fredericksburg. EC: Trip Wiggins, 540/371-3906.

TAVERN NIGHT

The verandah and beautiful summer garden of the Mary Washington House was the historic setting for our July 12 Tavern Night. Our members brought forth a bounty of delicious food and drink—as our lovely groaning board display

can attest. As the sultry day turned to night, we ate, drank and played games, including a dubious 18th century tavern game using a pair of dice and a peanut prize.



Photograph by Naomi McPherson

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE CLASSES

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R C H S C O M M I T T E E N O T E S

EVENTS COMMITTEE**Saturday, September 27****Northern Neck Food and Harvest Festival:**

RCHS has been invited to provide Colonial games for children and their families attending the Harvest Festival at Stratford Hall Plantation on Saturday, September 27. In addition, there will be hayrides, a scavenger hunt, gristmill tours, a chocolate-making demonstration, live bluegrass music and wine tasting by the Northern Neck Wine Trail.

The event is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. We will car/van pool from the Ferry Farm Wal-Mart, leaving at 8:00 a.m. so we can be there at 9:00 to set up the tent, tables and games.

The attire will be 1770s and all classes will be appropriate.

If you are planning to bring food and drink for you and your family, remember to bring your period-appropriate eating utensils and containers—no cans or plastic bottles. You may also want to bring something to sit on (chair or quilt).

If you want to sign up or have any questions, please contact Lyn Padgett, the Event Coordinator, at 703/432-0957.

Tuesday, October 7**Events Committee Meeting:**

The next RCHS Events Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. in St. George's room 300. For more info, please call Lyn Padgett at 703/432-0957.

**Saturday, October 11****Dance Social at Bowling Green Town Hall:**

We will be having a dance social at historic Bowling Green Town Hall (117 Butler Street) on Saturday, October 11 from 7:00 until 11:00 p.m. for members and guests (in lieu of the James Monroe Fall Ball). The price of admission is \$5 per person and a plate of appetizers. 18th century or evening attire requested. Please contact Elaine Sturgeon, the Event Coordinator, at 540/785-2168 or miselaineus@yahoo.com for more information.

**Mark Your Calendars for the Cutting o' the Greens and Making o' the Wreaths:**

This year's annual trip to Caroline County for the cutting o'

the greens will be on Sunday, November 30. As always—the more people we have, the less time it takes. We'll meet at 9:00 a.m. and work until the job is done. Last year we were fortunate to have so many trucks and vans that we managed to cut and transport all the greens in one trip.

We will be making the wreaths in the garage at the Buchanan's on Thursday and Friday, December 4 and 5. We will run all day on both days from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. or until the last of the orders are complete. Last year we managed to finish on Friday by dinnertime.

We are looking for a great many volunteers to help out! Please check your calendars and work schedules and contact Event Coordinator Catherine Bell at 540/659-5646 or scot.forlife@verizon.net to sign up.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

If you are interested in participating in educational programs at local schools, please contact Sharon Brunacci at 540/659-2080. Our next program date is listed below:

Sep. 25, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Colonial dance demonstration at Locust Grove Middle in Orange.

OFFICER'S CORNER**President's Report**

The next Business Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 7.

Treasurer's Report

August Balances

Beginning: \$8,030.56

Ending: \$7,461.26

Due to liability concerns of the corporation, your membership must be current in order to participate in these events.

To be **SOLD, METAL** boning coated in white plastic for pocket hoops. Each roll contains 10 yards. Four rolls are available and are being sold at cost for \$21.00 each. Whoever has a Mind to purchase, may apply to Denise at 540/710-6169 or ivbeavers@verizon.net.

EVENTS OF INTEREST IN THE AREA

The following were gathered from various sources and are subject to change.

Sep. 12-14 – “Our Living Legacies”: APVA Mary Washington Branch. Features exhibits and demonstrations honoring the crafts of the 18th and 19th centuries. Go to www.apva.org for info. \$

Sep. 13 – 18th Century Wedding, Claude Moore Colonial Farm: McLean. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Visit www.1771.org for info. \$

Sep. 13-14 – 18th Century Craft Fair, Mount Vernon Plantation. Artisans demonstrate their crafts and sell their wares. Features period entertainment. For info, visit www.mountvernon.org. \$

Sep. 15 – James Monroe Lecture, UMW. 7:30 p.m. Speaker is Dr. Daniel Howe. Go to

www.umw.edu/jamesmonroe museum for details. Free

Sep. 17 – Grand Opening of the Mansion and Constitution Day: Montpelier. Celebrate the completion of the architectural restoration of James Madison’s home. Visit www.montpelier.org. Free

Sep. 20 – 18th Century Hunting and Fishing at Geo. Washington’s Ferry Farm. 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Learn what life was like for native Indians and colonists. See www.kenmore.org. \$

Sep. 20 – Fredericksburg Welsh Festival: James Monroe Museum. Noon-5:00 p.m. Enjoy Welsh and Celtic music, crafts, vendors and a museum open house. Visit www.umw.edu/jamesmonroe museum for info.

Sep. 22 – James Hunter, Iron-

man of the 18th Century. 7:00 p.m. Lecture by Dr. Doug Sanford of UMW. Call 540/371-3037 or visit www.famcc.org for info. Free

Oct. 4 – Colonial Day, National Colonial Farm: Accokeek, MD, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Join a late 1770s farm family in celebrating the annual harvest. Go to www.accokeek.org for info. \$

Nov. 4 – Secret of the Chocolate Maker: Colonial Williamsburg. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Witness the process of 18th century chocolate making. Visit www.history.org. \$

Nov. 8-9 – Brothers-In-Arms, Colonial Williamsburg. Explore the lives of free and enslaved people of color during the Revolution. Visit www.history.org for info. \$

CHRISTMAS IS COMING
THE GOOSE IS GETTING FAT

Although it is only September, it’s that time of year again to start looking ahead at our holiday calendars. Each year in December we try to find a restaurant to accommodate our Christmas dinner that doesn’t cost the earth in a cover charge. For the last two dinners we have come to the Aquia Harbour Country Club for per person cost of \$21.00 (I believe). Still with everyone’s busy lifestyles we have a difficult time trying to squeeze it in.

To that end we have a slightly

different plan for this year. We have decided to have a Twelfth Night Party on Saturday, January 3, 2009. The party, which will be held at the Bell house in Aquia Harbour, will consist of dinner from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and then gaming and dancing until 11:00 p.m. The cost for the evening will be \$15.00 per person, for which you will have a starter, an entrée, a dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage. In the spirit of the evening, colonial period attire is strongly recommended but not required.

RCHS will be providing live music for our dancing pleasure.

Reservations for the evening will be limited to the first 26 who call on or after October 1. To make it fair for all to check their calendars, please no calls prior to October 1. All monies and entrée choices must be received by December 27 to secure a seat.

Entrée choices are: Smoked Turkey, Beef Tenderloin or Honey-Baked Ham.

For reservations, please call Catherine Bell at 540/659-5646.



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ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING

English Country Dance classes are held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 7:30 p.m., Faulkner Hall, St. George's Episcopal Church. Classes are open to the public (\$2 per class). Dance Mistress: Elaine Sturgeon, miselaineus@yahoo.com or 540/785-2168.

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NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES

Our time period and location is 18th century Virginia with our area of concentration being Fredericksburg and the Rappahannock River Valley. The Rappahannock River Valley covers from the ford of the Rappahannock and Rapidan Rivers down to the Chesapeake Bay. Our particular interests lie in the areas of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, Stafford, King George and Caroline Counties.

Any member may, and is encouraged to, submit articles for publication. Committee chairpersons are especially en-

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