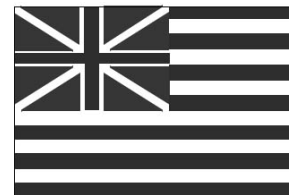




The Rappahannock Gazette



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

Feb. 22 - Sewing Circle - Sack Back Gowns: 12:30-4:00 p.m., St. George's Church, Faulkner Hall. EC: Sharon Brunacci, 540/659-2080.

Mar. 3 - Business Meeting: 7:30 p.m., St. George's Church room 300. Chair: Sharon Brunacci, 540/659-2080.

Mar. 14 - Tea at St. Margaret's School: 12:30-2:30 p.m. EC: Lyn Padgett, 703/432-0957.

Mar. 22 - Sewing Circle - English Gowns: 12:30-4:00 p.m., St. George's Church, Faulkner Hall. EC: Sharon Brunacci, 540/659-2080.

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

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE CLASSES

Feb. 27 - Open

Mar. 6 - Demo

Mar. 13 - Open

Mar. 27 - Open

Apr. 3 - Demo

RCHS COMMITTEES

RCHS depends on its members to lead and support the programs sponsored by the organization.

One way you can do this is by becoming an active member of one or more of the following committees.

If you are interested in joining or want to know more about a committee, please contact the committee chairperson listed.

Events:	Lyn Padgett
Media:	Greg Brunacci
History:	Trip Wiggins
Education:	Sharon Brunacci
Dance:	Elaine Sturgeon
Sewing:	Sharon Brunacci

LEARNING LINKS: THE LITERATURE NETWORK

Here's another online source for 18th and 19th century literature!

Oliver Goldsmith's comedy *She Stoops to Conquer*, his books *The Vicar of Wakefield* and *Dr. Goldsmith's History of Rome* and a selection of poems are all available at The Literature Network (www.online-literature.com). You can find poems by William Blake, Lord

George Gordon Byron, Robert Burns and William Wordsworth.

Enjoy *Emma*, *Mansfield Park*, *Northanger Abbey*, *Persuasion*, *Pride and Prejudice* and *Sense and Sensibility*. Jane Austen's *Lady Susan* and *Love and Freindship and Other Early Works* are also included.

You can read these online for free.

RCHS COMMITTEE NOTES

SEWING COMMITTEE

Sunday, February 22

Sewing Circle - Sack Back Gown:

Sew your Pet-en-l'air or Robe á la Française, also known as a Sack/Sacque Back starting at 12:30 p.m. in Faulkner Hall. Kitty Taylor and Sharon Brunacci will lead the group through each step in construction using the J.P. Ryan pattern. In preparation, please have your fabric cut out and ready to be sewn. If you are bringing a sewing machine, have it threaded and ready to use. You'll benefit from having someone there to help fit you. If you have questions, contact Sharon at 540/659-2080.

Sunday, March 22

Sewing Circle - English Gown:

Sew your Robe á l'Anglaise, also known as an English gown, starting at 12:30 p.m. in Faulkner Hall. Kitty Taylor and Sharon Brunacci will be leading the group through each step of construction using the J.P. Ryan pattern. In preparation, please have your fabric cut out and ready to be sewn. If you are bringing a sewing machine, have it threaded and ready to use. You'll benefit from having someone there to help fit you. If you have questions before the event, contact Kitty at 540/775-0852.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 3

Events Committee Meeting:

The next RCHS Events Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. in St. George's room 300. For more info, please call Lyn Padgett at 703/432-0957.



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

RCHS has created an engaging and entertaining program that teaches children about how their ancestors lived. This interactive program complements the Standards of Learning (SOL) for Virginia. If you are interested in participating in these educational programs, please contact Sharon Brunacci at 540/659-2080.

Scheduled Programs:

Feb. 18, 9:00-11:00 a.m.:

“Work and play” program at Battlefield Elementary.

Feb. 20, 12:15-1:45 p.m.:

Colonial dance program at Fredericksburg Christian.

Apr. 24:

Colonial dance program at Grafton Elementary.

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

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, 540/785-2168 or miselaineus@yahoo.com.

Classes:

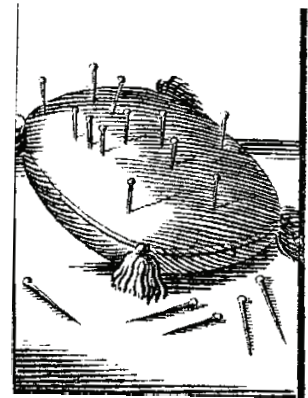
- Feb. 20 - Special Ball class
Mar. 6 - Demo
Mar. 13 - Open
Mar. 27 - Open
Apr. 3 - Demo



O F F I C E R S ' C O R N E R

President's Report

The next RCHS Business Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in St. George's room 300.



E V E N T S O F I N T E R E S T I N T H E A R E A

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

Ongoing – “Preparing for the Ball: Costume of the Early Nation”: Dumbarton House, Washington, DC. Tours given Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. For information, visit www.DumbartonHouse.org. \$

Ongoing – “George Washington and His Generals”: Mount Vernon. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily. Exhibit features paintings, prints, personal artifacts and manuscripts associated with the generals of the Continental and French armies. Visit www.mountvernon.org for info. \$

Feb. 19 – “The Companion Who Sweetened the Choicest Part of my Life”: John Marshall House. 6:30-9:00 p.m. Recount the romantic tale of John and Polly Marshall as told in their beloved Court End home. Call 804/648-7998 or visit www.apva.org/dance for info. \$

Feb. 21-22 – Open House: George Washington Birthplace. 9:00 a.m.

-5:00 p.m.. In honor of George Washington's 277th birthday, enjoy living history demonstrations by the 4H Heritage Club and free admission. Visit www.nps.gov/gewa for more information. FREE

Feb. 28 – George Washington Ball: College of William & Mary. Call 757/564-3775 or 757/229-1775 or e-mail heritage_dancers@cox.net for info. Reservations requested before Feb. 20. \$

Mar. 1, 8, 15 – Liberty Lecture Series: Gunston Hall. 3:00 p.m. “The Battle over the Constitution: Reading the 18th Century Constitution in the 21st Century.” Visit www.gunstonhall.org for info. \$

Mar. 14 – Jefferson-Madison Inaugural Banquet: Gadsby's Tavern. 7:00-10:00 p.m. Set in the year 1809, enjoy a period-inspired banquet and program. Call 703/838-4242 or visit www.gadsbys-tavern.org for info. \$

Mar. 16 – Free Birthday Tour: Montpelier. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. In honor of James Madison's 258th birthday, enjoy free admission to Montpelier. Go to

www.montpelier.org for info.

Mar. 21 – Colonial Foodways: National Colonial Farm. Accokeek, MD. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Costumed interpreters demonstrate what life was like for “middling” sort tobacco growing families in the late 1770s, preparing seasonally available foods using colonial implements and methods. Visit www.accokeek.org for more information. \$

Mar. 27-29 – Lock, Stock & Barrel: The World of the Revolutionary Soldier. Valley Forge, PA. Visit www.friendsofvalleyforge.org for information. \$

Apr. 5 – Tartan Day at Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop. 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Celebrate Dr. Mercer's Scottish heritage with music by the Scottish Society of Fredericksburg. Call 540/373-3362 or e-mail hmas@apva.org for info. **Apr. 23-26 – Annual 18th Century Market Fair, Fort Frederick State Park, MD.** For info, go to http://www.friendsoffortfrederick.info/market_fair.htm. \$



Rappahannock Colonial Heritage Society, Inc.

P.O. Box 7823
Fredericksburg, VA 22404-7823

**Visit our Web site:
www.rchsinc.org**

**If you haven't paid your 2009 dues, this is the last issue of
The Rappahannock Gazette you will receive.**

If you have already paid your dues, thank you...and please disregard this message.

If you haven't, take a moment now to complete and sign the 2009 RCHS Membership/Renewal

Application form included with your December newsletter and return it with a check for your dues.

Individual dues are \$10 and family dues are \$15.

The address to mail it to is P.O. Box 7823, Fredericksburg, VA 22404-7823. Dues were due at the end of January.

Thank you!

N E W S L E T T E R G U I D E L I N E S

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-

couraged to write reports of past and upcoming activities. The newsletter is distributed to and read by people with varying degrees of expertise. Articles should be accurate in detail, sources/references must be given for factual information and opinions of the writer must be clearly identified as such. This newsletter will be posted online, so be very careful about listing your sources and getting permission for reprints. The editor has the final say on content, format and deadlines. Items for the newslet-

ter should be addressed to the Editor, c/o RCHS, P.O. Box 7823, Fredericksburg, VA 22404 or e-mailed to nana4979@comcast.net.

Copyright 2009 RCHS. The content of *The Rappahannock Gazette* is the property of RCHS, its members and contributors. RCHS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Donations to the Society are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.