



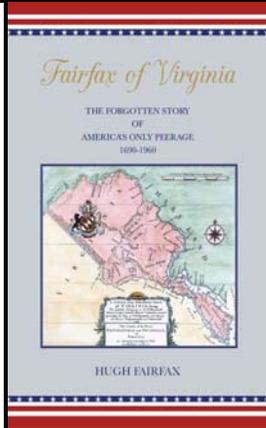
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# Newsletter

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## Lord Fairfax Event Scheduled at Museum of the Shenandoah Valley

Hugh Fairfax, the younger brother of the present Lord Fairfax, whose family played a vital role during the European settlement of our region, has written a new book about his ancestors. In the 18<sup>th</sup> C., the 6<sup>th</sup> Lord Fairfax owned over 5 million acres of land in Virginia, which included all of what is now Shenandoah County and the northern Shenandoah Valley. Many families here in the county still have their old family deeds signed by Lord Fairfax that were written on parchment/sheepskin.

Fairfax family members remained in the U.S. for many years, with Hugh's grandfather returning to England more than 100 years ago to reclaim the family title. Hugh's book, *Fairfax of Virginia - The Forgotten Story of America's Only Peerage 1690-1960*, is the result of years of research into the story of his family's forgotten history.

The Shenandoah County Historical Society and the French and Indian War Foundation are sponsoring Hugh's lecture about his book, to be held Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017 at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, 901 Amherst St. in Winchester, at 2:00PM.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing by the author. The event is free, open to the public and refreshments will be served. Plan to come early as attendees will have free admission to the Museum and Gardens.

## Fort Valley Museum Display Now at Historic Courthouse

The local Museum currently featured at the Historic Courthouse in Woodstock is the Fort Valley Museum, located at the intersection of Dry Run and Fort Valley Roads near the center of Fort Valley.

Items from this museum now on display in the Courthouse include: pictures of the old Burner Springs/Seven Fountains Resort (c. 1850-75), with its three-story hotel, seven kinds of mineral waters, bowling alley and public ordinary; a piece of log pipe that carried water down to the old spa; a cornet once used by the Massanutten Forest Band (c. 1915 to mid-1920s) with photos illustrating the importance of music in Fort history; and a sample from their collection of Shenandoah Valley pottery.

It is hoped that this small display will intrigue people enough to convince them to visit the Fort Valley Museum as well as the other smaller museums throughout the County.



The museum's featured exhibit this year showcases the Fort during World Wars I and II using many pictures, documents, and artifacts provided by local families. It is housed in the Old Brick Church (early 1830s), along with displays honoring the building's years as a church and one-room school. The upstairs gallery highlights the Fort's material culture from the Civil War era until the early 1900's. The Fort Valley Museum is open Saturdays 1-4 p.m. and Sundays 2-5 p.m. from now through the end of October. For more information, call 540-933-6690.

### New Members

Bill Grillo  
Kathleen Rivers  
Alberta Smith

### Life Members

Andy Thayer  
Diane Cooley-Lutz

### ATTENTION

#### ARE YOUR DUES DUE??

The date beside the name on your mailing label is the month and year your membership is due. We appreciate your staying current.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1637605>

Sign up at Amazon.com using the link above and Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase to the Shenandoah County Historical Society. Most items qualify. Thank You.



Sallie Raynor

This Newsletter can be sent to you electronically. Many photos will appear in color, and it saves postage! Notify us at: schs.va@gmail.com

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## Volunteer Spotlight: Sallie Raynor

Sallie Massie Raynor has recently joined our team of Hosts at the Visitor Center at the 1795 Historic Courthouse in Woodstock.

She is an Edinburg gal who graduated from Edinburg High School, and went on to earn degrees from James Madison University and the University of Virginia. While raising their three children, she and her late husband lived in Newport News, Va., Mt. Airy, Md. and Vicksburg, MS. During many of those years, she continued to work in the education field in one capacity or another.

After returning to Edinburg in

1991, she signed on as a reading specialist at Massanutten Military Academy and stayed there until she retired in 2013.

Sallie hails from a family whose members have a long record of involvement in the community and she carries on that tradition. She is a member of the Masterworks Guild, Retired Teachers Association, a professional sorority, and she attends Emmanuel Episcopal Church. A Life Member of the Edinburg Heritage Foundation, she also serves on its Board of Directors.

Welcome to our team, Sallie.

### Message from the President

As I write this message I'm still feeling the effect of the excellent lecture given last week by Dr. Carole Nash about the Native People of our area. I always learn many new things from her and go home with a heightened appreciation of the incredible history of this place. If you have a chance to offer advice to any young person attending JMU, be sure to urge them to take a class with Dr. Nash.

You've seen on the first page of the newsletter the announcement about the talk Hugh Fairfax will be giving in October during his book tour in the U.S. We're excited about his visit to the MSV and the opportunity to learn more about the Fairfax family, who played such an important role in the settlement of our county. The very word, Fairfax, is one we hear on a regular basis even today. Also, we're pleased that this event has offered an opportunity to collaborate with the Winchester-based French & Indian War Foundation. It's important that historic preservation organizations in our region know each other and work together.

There's a new Morrison album at the library! I've heard the comment that there haven't been any new Morrison photos to see in the Shenandoah Room for a long time. That has been true but now we're happy to say that a new album with 539 pictures you've never seen before is ready for you to enjoy. At this point in the project we're processing film negatives rather than the older

glass negatives. While some of these pictures were taken before 1950, the year Hugh Morrison died, many are taken later, even into the 1970s, by Hugh's son Louis. You should have good luck helping us with identifications.

You may remember that this year's Shenandoah County Heritage Day focused on WWI. Heritage Day 2018 will focus on WWII. The date is April 14 and the event will be held at Charterhouse School (old Edinburg High School), where we will have ample space. Please be thinking about WWII letters, papers, medals, uniforms and other items that you would like to bring to share. Almost every family in the county had some involvement in the war, whether it was overseas or on the home front. We hope you'll look in attics and basements and see what you have.

Be sure to read the article about SCHS's newest project to survey and record Shenandoah County barns. For some time we have talked about the desire to do this and now John Adamson has taken the leap and committed to what will be a multiyear project. Stay tuned as the project progresses.



“ A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new ”

Albert Einstein



Saturday, October 7th is the date for the annual Oktoberfest celebration at the Frontier Culture Museum at 1290 Richmond Road in Staunton, VA.

The Festival opens at 12 Noon and lasts until 7 PM. There will be traditional food, dancing, good beer, authentic music and plenty of fun for all ages. Beer will be brewed using traditional Old World methods.

As a bonus, the admission ticket also provides admission to the entire Museum. The Museum opens at 9:00 AM so one can come early and tour the German Farm relocated from Hordt, Germany.

Adult admission is \$12; \$7 for children over 6. For more info: call 540-332-7850 or visit the website [www.frontiermuseum.org](http://www.frontiermuseum.org)

### Survey Day & Historic Farming

The Clarke County Historical Association and Clermont are partnering up for a unique historical program that looks at historic farming and surveying at one of Clarke county's oldest farms.

The first part of the event will take place in the old barn where a discussion on the evolution of farming on the property will be held. Afterwards, join in on a hayride to meet historical surveyor Duane Brown of Marsh & Legge Land Surveyors in Winchester, who will lead a hands-on program on eighteenth-century land surveying. Brown was also featured on the History Channel's TV program "How the States Got Their Shapes." One may be able to assist in plotting land boundaries the way surveyors did over 200 years ago!

Oct. 21st from 2-4 PM at Clermont Farm, Berryville, VA. Small Fee. Info: 540-955-2600



## From the County Archives

By Zach Hottel,  
Archivist

### Chinchillas



hg358, Unidentified men with chinchillas, undated. William Hoyle Garber Collection, ca. 1940-ca. 1960. Truban Archives. Shenandoah County

Sometime in the late 1930s George Farrow of New Market Virginia opened the New Market Chinchilla Ranch, also known as the Farrow Chinchilla Farm, east of town. This businesses bred chinchillas to be sold as pets or for their fur. Within a decade Farrow would own one of the largest private chinchilla herds in the country. When he died in 1957, his obituary called him "a pioneer" in the field. The farm closed sometime in the decades after his death.

This photograph was produced for the ranch as an advertisement image. It was taken by local photographer, insurance salesman, and civic leader William Hoyle Garber of Mt. Jackson. This is one of thousands of images he produced showing local people, places, and events. Through a partnership with the Mt. Jackson Museum a portion of these items, which are held in the museum's collection, are now available in digital format at the archives or online at <http://archives/collections/show/11>.

### In This Land: The Lyndhurst Saga

This documentary film will be presented by Greg Owen at a program presented by the New Market Historical Society on Thurs., November 16th at 7 PM at the New Market Town Council Chambers, 9418 John Sevier Road in New Market.

Camp Sherando Lake was occupied during the depression by the Civilian Conservation Corps who helped build the Skyline Drive and Blue Ridge Parkway. Abandoned in 1942 with the call-up of men for the armed services, the camp was reopened in August 1944 as Camp Lyndhurst and became a compound for the prisoners of war.

Public is welcome.

## Sheetz Furniture to be Featured

Furniture made by Jake and Ronnie Sheetz has long been prized by residents of Shenandoah County. They started hand-crafting furniture in the 1940's and through the years, taught their trade to many others who came along. The history is interesting and Ronnie will share the story for the SCHS November program meeting on November 14th at the St. Paul's Heritage Center. Be sure to mark your calendar and tell your friends.

## Nelly Custis Lewis and Edward G. W. Butler: A Tight Fit?



During the early 1800s, a number of Virginians moved to the old southwest during what was called The Great Migration. Among those affected by this event was Nelly Custis Lewis, granddaughter of Martha Washington, who resided at Audley Farm. This talk by historian David Plater will examine how the Lewis family was affected by The Great Migration and explore the latter years of Nelly Custis Lewis's life. This program, sponsored by the Clark County Historical Association, will take place at the estate where Nelly Custis Lewis once lived.

The event is on Sunday, Oct. 29th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Audley Farm, 752 Audley Lane in Berryville, VA.

The fee for CCHA members is \$10; \$15 for non-members. For info: 540-955-2600

## Valley Aflame: Stories of The Burning In the Upper Shenandoah

On Tuesday, October 3, at 7 pm: The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Heritage Society will present a program by Dr. Irvin Hess, who will share the 1864 Civil War history of The Burning of the Shenandoah Valley.

The program, presented in partnership with the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, will take place at The Heritage Museum, 382 High Street in Dayton, VA. The event is free and the public is invited. For info, call 540-879-2681



Never argue with a fool.  
Onlookers might not be able to tell the difference.

- Mark Twain

A new shorter web site address:  
[www.SCHS1795.com](http://www.SCHS1795.com)

## Program Meeting

Tuesday, November 14th

7:00 PM

### St. Paul's Heritage Center

106 S. High Street  
Edinburg VA

Program:

Ronnie Sheetz

## Sheetz Furniture

## Battle of Cedar Creek Commemoration Weekend

Belle Grove Plantation and partners Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park will commemorate the 153rd Anniversary of the Civil War Battle of Cedar Creek on Oct. 14 and 15. Belle Grove will be open from 9 am to 4 pm each day with living history interpreters in each room. The tour cost is \$5 for those over 12 years. The grounds and parking will be free. Tickets for the reenactment must be purchased separately from the Cedar Creek Battle Foundation. 336 Belle Grove Rd., Middletown, VA Info: (540) 869-2028

## Ancestor Search Website Offers Genealogy Help

Ancestor Search is a genealogy portal: ([www.searchforancestors.com](http://www.searchforancestors.com)) It's a small portal packed full of good information that everyone needs!

One of the links on the website is 'Tools for Genealogy' which offers: age calculator, cousin calculator, day of the week calculator, Easter Day finder, inflation calculator, metaphone calculator, perpetual calendar, roman numeral converter, and tombstone birthday calculator.

There is also a link to a Julian to Gregorian Calendar Chart which gives a list of countries that made the switch and on what date it became official. It also offers insight as to how the transition played out in different areas as well as an explanation of double dating for the overlapping time period.

And, finally, there is a customizable time capsule generator. Enter a date and get the headlines, president and vice presidents, average income, minimum wage, a few prices (e.g.: a gallon of gas, a loaf of bread, a stamp) and items of cultural interest (e.g.: TV popular books, music. . . movies, etc.)

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✦ Continuing Series on Historic Buildings in Shenandoah County ✦

## BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Perhaps the most simple building possible is a rectangle made entirely of local materials and uncomplicated by any mechanical systems. Such a building is the Bethany Lutheran Church located at 3148 Wolf Gap Road near Columbia Furnace.

On a recent warm Wednesday afternoon, I was joined by SCHS President Barbara Adamson, SCHS members Bill and Susan Walls, Bethany Church members Rodney Miller and his sister, Evelyn Poland and Bethany Lutheran Church Supply Minister, Pastor William R. Ballance, to see the little church. A Supply Minister is a minister who supplies service for a congregation with no full time pastor. Pastor Ballance has been doing this for Bethany Lutheran Church since 1988.

Driving the nearly one mile gravel road to find the church, I wondered if perhaps I was not on the correct road. Why would a congregation choose to build its church in a remote section of woods, seemingly far away from the nearest residents? But the climbing road ended in a peaceful little clearing containing the church and its tiny cemetery.

Bethany Lutheran Church congregation was organized in 1870 by Rev. Henry Wetzel. The church building was constructed in 1873 on land donated by Daniel Brumback. Fifty-five original members included members of the Brumback, Bowers, Moyer, Miller, Spittler, Hottel, Barb, Fately, and Sager families. These 19th century congregants walked on old wagon roads that no longer exist to get to church every Sunday.

The church building is a simple rectangle measuring 30'4" long by 24'4" wide. Constructed of logs and completely covered by white painted weatherboards, it rests on low stone piers and



A wooden grave marker

Outhouse



By: John Adamson



Exterior - Front View



Interior showing wood stove, altar and pulpit. With Barbara Adamson, Pastor Ballance and Bill Walls



Small enclosed cemetery adjacent to the church



Rear View of the simple church



Organ

does not appear to have any other foundation. The interior includes yellow pine floors, yellow pine paneled walls and a yellow pine ceiling. Even the twenty simple pews are made of yellow pine. I have little doubt that all of these wooden elements are original to the church.

Lighting is provided by six large rectangular windows, supplemented by kerosene burning lamps mounted on the walls. Heating is by an oval shaped wood burning stove located in the center of the church. A small, elevated area provides space for the altar and the pulpit behind it. A foot operated pump organ is located in the corner to the left of the altar. Nothing inside is new, all is well maintained. It is hard to imagine a simpler, more inviting church interior.

Outside there is a venerable outhouse with its door discreetly on the side away from the church. In the corner of the clearing is very small graveyard enclosed by a simple wooden board fence. The few tombstones in the cemetery are all wooden, any inscriptions long since faded away. Evelyn Poland, who is a life-long member of the congregation, told me that the graves in the cemetery include members of the Brumback family.

With a declining congregation, Bethany Church faces an uncertain future. Pastor Ballance explained that monthly services offered there draw a dozen or so participants and that an annual homecoming service could have three times as many. Though the numbers may be small, any visitors to the church are sure to feel the same warm and unpretentious welcome we did. For information about services held at Bethany Lutheran Church, contact Pastor Ballance by email:

[wballance2@ymail.com](mailto:wballance2@ymail.com)



Life-long members: [L to R] Rodney Miller, Evelyn Poland and Pastor William Ballance

### Historic Buildings Series Now on Web Site

Nine of the historic homes featured in past newsletters are now on the SCHS web site. Click on either the Resources or History tab to access the series. [www.schs1795.com](http://www.schs1795.com)

✦ A NEW PROGRAM BEGINS ✦

## THE BARNs OF SHENANDOAH COUNTY

By: John Adamson

The Shenandoah County Historical Society is starting a program to document the barns of our county. We will create a permanent archival record of Shenandoah County barns and promote their preservation as assets for the future. We hope this program will generate community enthusiasm and appreciation of our barns and their historic roles.

Shenandoah County's barns comprise a unique collection of structures which document the agricultural history and development of our county. Today, these icons of material culture and the rural landscape are seriously threatened. Changes in technology have made traditional barns largely obsolete for contemporary agricultural practices. The high cost of maintenance or restoration of these structures makes it difficult for many individual owners to preserve their barns.

In conjunction with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and with advice from such organizations as Preservation Virginia, The National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Barn Alliance, SCHS will undertake a project to identify and document as many Shenandoah County barns as possible. The survey will include an exterior architectural description of each barn, photographs, and information on the barn's age, history, setting and location. The survey data will be entered into the Virginia Department of Historic Resources' online database known as VCRIS (Virginia Cultural Resource Information System) so that it will be available for research and educational purposes. Estimates of the number of barns in our county run as high as 1000, making it clear that a successful survey will require significant resources and time to accomplish.

It is the desire of SCHS to generate county-wide awareness and support for the barn program. We hope to enlist volunteers, barn owners, agricultural and community organizations as well as county government to provide support to make this effort successful. SCHS plans to use its website, social media and its newsletter to share information about the program. Planning for

this effort includes the concept of individual barn owners providing data, history and access and possibly documenting their own barns.

In parallel with the SCHS effort, local artist Sally Veach is creating a series of paintings which she will share through art shows throughout the region. It is hoped that this art and its showings will help raise awareness for Shenandoah County barns and possibly generate funds in support of the program. Examples of Veach's art and information on her show "The Barns of Shenandoah" can be found at her website: [www.sallyveach.com](http://www.sallyveach.com)

While the primary goal of the barn program is education and documentation, SCHS also wants to provide assistance in the preservation of individual barns. To this end we will work to identify sources of financial assistance including restoration grants and tax credits. SCHS will also develop a list of local resources including contractors, building supply sources and sources of information related to barn repair and restoration.

Shenandoah County barns provide a window into early settlement history, agricultural history and practice and even our turbulent Civil War history. Our barns stand today as testaments to the work ethic of our citizens and are part of Shenandoah County's beautiful rural landscape. They deserve to be celebrated, counted, photographed, studied and, wherever possible, preserved as assets for the benefit and enjoyment of our citizens and visitors. Barn owners should be encouraged and supported in their efforts to preserve their barns.

For more information or if you have a barn you are willing to be surveyed, please contact the barn program leader, John Adamson at 540-975-2240, by email at [adamsons@shentel.net](mailto:adamsons@shentel.net) or visit the Historical Society website [www.schs1795.com](http://www.schs1795.com)

Two outstanding examples of Shenandoah County barns are shown below:



Nicholas Saum barn, Saumsville, Shenandoah County - documented construction date of 1772



Hockman barn, Maurertown, Shenandoah County – circa 1835

There are numerous examples of successful community based efforts to celebrate and preserve barns. Two nearby examples are Pittsylvania County, Virginia and Adams County, Pennsylvania.

Particulars related to these efforts can be found at the links shown below:

<https://preservationvirginia.org/programs/tobacco-barns-protection-project>  
<http://www.hgaonline.org/id28.html>



# A FEW BARNES IN SHENANDOAH COUNTY



## Research Sources

### WWI Holdings at Library of Congress

The Library of Congress has launched a comprehensive portal to its extensive WWI holdings. This one-stop portal is designed to help you search WWI subject material with ease. Search things like propaganda posters, letters, diaries, newspapers, and more. It's a wonderful site for not only the genealogist, but the avid historian as well. <https://www.loc.gov/topics/world-war-i/?loclr=blogloc-ww1>



### Treelines

Treelines is relatively new, but the company is already making a splash with its mission of turning family trees into stories. With easy-to-use tools, you can upload photos and type text that you attach to a timeline to tell your family's story (current or past).

The result is fun and different, operating kind of like an interactive scrapbook.

<https://www.treelines.com/>

[Courtesy of Northville, MI Genealogical Society newsletter]



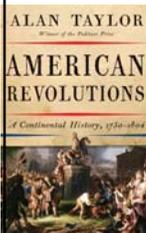
### Meyer's German Gazetteer

This is the most important of all German Gazetteers. It is fully indexed, and fully searchable. Go to [meyersgaz.org](http://meyersgaz.org) to start.

This resource contains German place names in the German Empire from 1871-1918. There is access to maps and the English translation. It gives the location, state, and other jurisdiction where the civil registry office was and parishes if the town had them. It also gives other information about the place. The one drawback the website states is that if a town did not have a parish, it doesn't list the closest parish.

[Courtesy of Calhoun County MI Genealogical Society newsletter.]

### Fort Valley Library Lecture Scheduled



Fort Valley Library  
Lyceum Series  
Presents  
Pulitzer Prize Winner  
Alan Taylor

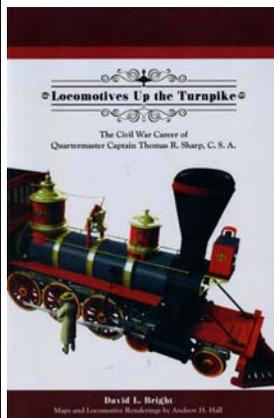
Saturday,  
October 14  
@ 10:30 am



Admission is FREE, and no reservation is required.

6190 Woodstock Tower Road

## New Book



### Locomotives Up the Turnpike

By  
David L. Bright

When the Civil War began, the railroads of the Confederate States had the immense job of collecting the men, supplies and equipment needed to create a government and its armed forces. Railroads had never been used in the direct support of a war and the new nation soon learned that its railroad resources were far short of what would be needed. Thomas R. Sharp, a young Richmond-based railroad superintendent was tapped by the new national government to haul to the Confederate railroads the cars and locomotives captured by the future "Stonewall" Jackson from the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad near Martinsburg, VA (now WV).

Master/Captain Sharp hired dozens of men and hundreds of horses and wagons to haul the rolling stock south on the Valley Turnpike from Martinsburg and Harper's Ferry to Winchester to Strasburg. Other rolling stock was hauled from Leesburg to Strasburg and from Mt. Jackson to Staunton. And, the interesting story continues. SCHS Price: \$26. Members Price: \$25.

### Cedar Creek Battlefield Tours scheduled in October

Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation is launching its Fall Bus Tours program with visits through northern Shenandoah County.

Scott Patchan, a Civil War author and historian, will lead a tour of Cedar Creek battlefield on Oct. 21. Bill Miller, author of "Decision at Tom's Brook," will lead a tour of the Tom's Brook battlefield on Oct. 7 to mark the 153rd anniversary of the Battle of Tom's Brook.

The tours will focus on the strategies and impact of U.S. Gen. Phillip Sheridan's 1864 Shenandoah Valley Campaign, during which he and his troops set fire to farms, mills and buildings in the area in a series of events known as "The Burning."

The Cedar Creek tours costs \$50 for foundation members and \$60 for non-members. Between Patchan's "encyclopedic knowledge" of the campaign and the unveiling of recently-preserved areas of the battlefield, participants will see more than the usual sites, according to Terry Heder, the foundation's director interpretation, education and history. For info: (540) 740-4545 or [info@svbf.net](mailto:info@svbf.net) The web site is:

[www.ShenandoahAtWar.org](http://www.ShenandoahAtWar.org)



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### DO YOU KNOW THEM?

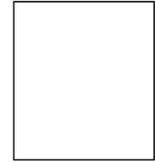
The Shenandoah Room at the County Library in Edinburg, has 58 albums filled with images from the photo files of Hugh Morrison, Jr. Stop in and see if you can find



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Individual: \$10 per year

Family: \$15 per year

Lifetime (Individual): \$200

Lifetime (Family): \$300

Send Fee to address above.

Renewal Date is beside name on  
mailing label →

## Upcoming Events

October 28th - 6 to 8:30 PM

**Strasburg Ghost Tour** begins at Hotel Strasburg, 203 S. Holliday St. A one-hour walking tour, hearing ghost stories and enjoying the Halloween decorations. Tours leave every 15 minutes. Advance tickets \$3 at Town office. Day-of fee is \$5 at Hotel. Children free. Info: 325-4397

November 4th - 2 to 4 PM

**Safe-Identification Clinic and Book Signing** will take place at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley at 901 Amherst St. in Winchester, VA. Food safe experts and authors, Jeff Evans and Kurt Russ will introduce and sign their new book: *Opening the Door: Safes of the Valley*. For info: 888-556-5799

November 4th & 5th - 10 AM to 4 PM

**Belle Grove Antiques Appraisal Fair** Bring your family treasures and heirlooms to the annual Antiques Appraisal Fair. Expert appraisers will be on hand to give verbal evaluations on textiles, furniture, documents, Shenandoah Valley and Civil War artifacts. Appraisal fee is \$10 for one item or \$25 for three. Fee includes free museum tour. Call (540) 869-2028 for details.

November 8th - 1 to 3 PM

**Gardening Workshop: Williamsburg Holiday Centerpiece** at Belle Grove plantation in Middletown, VA. Attendees will learn to use natural flowers, pods and greens to make a centerpiece to celebrate the holidays in Williamsburg style. Fee is \$35. Registration deadline is October 27. For details call (540) 869-2028

November 8th - 7 to 8 PM

**“Our Relations to the Past and the Present”: World War I in the Shadow of the Civil War** will be the inaugural program in the Civil War Era lecture series presented by the Shenandoah University’s McCormick Civil War Institute. Professor/Author Jonathan A. Noyalas will give the lecture in Henkel Hall, Hester Auditorium at the university at 1460 University Drive in Winchester. Free and open to the public. For questions, call 540-665-4501

December 2nd - 10 AM to 3 PM

**Christmas on the Farm** at the historic Bushong Farm, part of the Virginia Museum of the Civil War in New Market, VA. Visit with living historians and discover how a family carries on in the face of national crisis. There are games to play, stories to hear, treats to eat, songs to sing AND a visit from a special Christmas visitor. Visit the soldiers of Company F, 51st Virginia Infantry and bring some Christmas cheer to them far from hearth and home. Lend a

hand with chores or join in the holiday celebration! Virginia Museum of the Civil War at 8895 George Collins Parkway, New Market, VA For info, call: 866-515-1864

December 8th (5-9 PM) & 9th (1-5 PM)

**The Shenandoah County Holiday Homes Tour moves to Edinburg** this year. Nine homes and historic buildings, festively decorated for the event, will be open for visits on both Friday, December 8 (5 to 8 pm) and Saturday, December 9 (1 to 5 pm). Tour tickets are \$20 and will be available at various local businesses and online starting November 1. Proceeds will benefit the Edinburg Heritage Foundation and Response. Watch the local news outlets for more information or visit [www.edinburgmill.com](http://www.edinburgmill.com). 540-984-8400

December 9th - 10 AM to 4 PM

**Strasburg Holiday Heritage Homes Tour** visits 6 homes decorated for the holidays. Refreshments at Holliday House B&B. Tickets \$10 at Hotel Strasburg and Pot Town Organics. Detailed info provided when tickets purchased. Rain or shine, no snow date. Hosted by Strasburg Heritage Assoc. and Massanutten Garden Club. Info: 465-2953

**MORE EVENTS ON WEB SITE**

### SCHS COMPLETE BOOK LIST

Is available on web site:

[www.SCHS1795.com](http://www.SCHS1795.com)