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Attention
Are Your Dues Due???
Check the label on your newsletter. The date beside your name is the date (month and year) that your renewal payment is due.

Historic Courthouse Cupola is painted

The restoration work on the 1795 Historic Shenandoah County Courthouse and the later additions at the rear were basically completed in June, prior to the grand opening on June 20th. Remaining work was the repainting of the cupola atop the oldest portion of the courthouse. Finally, last month, equipment arrived and the job was completed. It was quite an operation and these photos were taken during the day-long undertaking. [Left Photo by Dennis Atwood]

More Graffiti to be uncovered

In December, Chris Mills, the conservator who has uncovered all of the Civil War graffiti that has been discovered to date, will return to the 1795 Courthouse and conduct further exploration of the walls in the downstairs portion of the Courthouse in hopes of finding still more Civil War graffiti.

SCHS to receive funds from Amazon.com

In a program that began last Fall, customers who shop at Amazon.com can also donate to their favorite non-profit organization.

After a customer selects their non-profit group, Amazon will donate 5% of every purchase they make to the selected group.

All one must do to sign up is to go to: http://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1637605 and confirm your selection. Or, you can go to: smile.amazon.com and pick your non-profit from a list. In the future, one must go to smile.amazon.com instead of just directly to the amazon site (as in the past), and your organization will receive the credit.

If you are an Amazon Prime member, nothing will change as far as your account is concerned.

Several Board members have already signed up and made purchases and it worked.

Legacy of Valor to be subject of November Program

Major Troy Marshall of the Virginia Museum of the Civil War in New Market, VA will speak about the legacy of VMI and the Battle of New Market in honor of the 175th anniversary of the founding of VMI (Virginia Military Institute).

The program will be on November 11th at 7:00 PM at the Heritage Center, 106 S. High St. in Edinburg.
Spotlight on Member/Volunteer: Anna Mae Ortgies

Anna Mae has been a member of the SCHS for many years and she has recently joined our corps of courthouse volunteers.

She is a valley native, born in the log portion of the Nicholas Saum house and she was in the first graduating class of Central High School. After attending Radford College, she worked in research at Woodard Research in Herndon, VA and then at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

In 2004, after retiring from Fairfax Social Services, she and her husband, Howard, moved back to the valley and are living on the family farm.

When asked what she does in retirement, she said: Sewing, needle crafts (knitted helmet liners for the troops in Afghanistan), gardening, puzzles such as sudoku, crossword, jigsaw and cryptic quizzes. She enjoys touring Civil War battlefields for only then can one appreciate the importance of the lay of the land during a battle.

Since some of the battles occurred almost in our backyards, she thinks it is important to know what our families went through during the war years. Her great grandfather, John Feller, was in the 11th Virginia Calvary. Dabbling in genealogy and reading old deed books and wills at the courthouse are other interests.

Anna Mae enjoys her 2½ yr. old grandson, black Labrador retrievers, babbling brooks and the mountains surrounding the valley. One of her favorite quotes is by John Muir – "The mountains are calling and I must go."

This busy lady is First Vice Regent of Narrow Passage Chapter of the DAR, a Master Gardener, and is active with the Hotel Keller Memorial Inc., SCHS, and Civil War Trust. Her volunteer time also is spent with Luke’s Backpack which provides food for weekend meals for school aged children who might not have food to eat on the weekends.

Background information is always interesting and hers is, as well: her ancestors came with the German immigration movement in the mid 1700’s except for her great, great grandfather Reynolds who arrived in New York in 1849 and in 1859 was married in Shenandoah County to a lady of German descent.

Ortgies is not a common valley name, however in the 1770’s there was a Henry Ortgiess family in the valley and he apparently attended the same church as her ancestors. It is interesting that her husband’s family had a connection with her ancestors (although no proven connection to Henry Ortgiess and the family must have moved on). Elizabeth Rhodes, who saved her baby sister during the Rhodes Massacre in Fort Valley in 1764 and later married Jacob Gochenour, was her fifth great grandmother on her mother’s side of the family and her fourth great grandmother on her father’s side of the family.

It’s always interesting to find out such facts about the people we work with, and Anna Mae is no exception.

Thank you for answering our call for help at the new old courthouse and visitor center.

Message from The President

One might think that autumn would be a time when summer activities taper off and life slows down a bit. Not so in Shenandoah County! The Historic Courthouse keeps us busy year round now, of course. And we’ve just been a part of successful GermanFest and Ole Time Festival events, two of the area’s most popular. They always offer good opportunities for visiting with old friends and introducing ourselves to new friends.

My thanks to SCHS members who helped staff our booth.

Visitors to the Historic Courthouse report that they thoroughly enjoy our exhibits and our local history. Folks seem to be a nice mixture of county residents who’ve wanted to see the courthouse and the new exhibits and out-of-towners who are enjoying local activities. Some people breeze through the museum, others study, and the Civil War graffiti is of special interest to many.

When I refer to our participation in festivals and the like, it brings to mind the many different people who come by and often stop to chat. I’ve been reminded of the many things we learn from these visits. Old house rescue stories are always enjoyed, we now know that the owner of the old theater in Mt. Jackson is still enthused about restoring that building, and more than once we’ve pointed folks to the Shenandoah Room and Truban Archives when they tell us about old papers or letters they want to deposit somewhere they’ll be preserved. Old photos we’re happy to take ourselves and they continue to add to our extensive collection which goes beyond the Morrison archives. This year we’ve had many IDs of Morrison photos made, always welcomed.

Also, as a result of conversation at this year’s Old Time Festival, I have a request. I love grape nut ice cream and believe it to be a Shenandoah County specialty. Is that true? Can someone fill us in on the history of grape nut ice cream? Call the SCHS phone at 540-459-1795 or email us at schs.va@gmail.com.

Before closing I want to thank all of those who have become part of the corps of volunteers at the Historic Courthouse. It’s such a pleasure to spend time in that beautiful building and we appreciate your commitment to help keep it open to the public. The rest of you are welcome to join us.
**Volunteer Couple**

As we establish our corps of volunteers to work at the Historic Courthouse Museum and Visitor Center, we are happy that two “couples” have joined us and we would like to introduce our first one....

Jim and Kim Stevenson are both retired US Naval Officers. They moved to the Valley, on a part-time basis, in 2007. Jim retired from his second career with the US Postal Service in 2011. Kim retired from Fairfax Pediatric Associates, P.C., where she was the practice’s Administrator for 18+ years.

Jim has a true love of military history which has served him well working part-time at The Virginia Museum of the Civil War in New Market. He also volunteers there as a historical interpreter.

Kim keeps busy as a part-time employee of the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival, Inc. The Music Festival produces the wonderful Summer concerts at Orkney Springs. Kim is responsible for the financial reporting, IT support, and managing the ticketing box office. She also plays Mah Jongg and volunteers at the Historic Court House.

In addition to their jobs, hobbies, and volunteering, they are also both members of VFW Post 2447 in Edinburg. They are also SCHS members.

Jim and Kim enjoy volunteering together at the Historic Courthouse. It gives them the opportunity to be together doing what they love, meeting people and recounting history.

We are still recruiting volunteers to staff the Court House Visitor Center and Museum. Anyone interested may call 459-1795.

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**Clarke County Heritage Day on Nov. 1st to feature tours of Carter Hall**

Heritage Day is held from 11 AM to 4 PM at the Historic Burwell-Morgan Mill in Millwood. The event will once again feature freshly pressed apple cider, the Mill in operation, cooking and craft demonstrations, toe-tapping music, and much more! Through a partnership with Project HOPE, this year they are able to offer tours of Carter Hall. Once the home of Nathaniel Burwell, Carter Hall is now a busy conference center. Not regularly open to the public, friends at Project HOPE are looking forward to welcoming Heritage Day visitors for ticketed tours. Tickets will be $10 a person, $5 for children, seniors, and CCHA members. Tickets must be purchased in advance or at Heritage Day for a specific tour. A trolley will transport visitors from the Mill to Carter Hall and back to the Mill. Plan now to take advantage of this rare opportunity to tour one of Clarke County’s most historic homes. Information: 540-955-2600

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**Edinburg Mill Museum to host Civil War Sesquicentennial Event**

On Saturday, October 4th, the Mill will present the Shenandoah Valley Minstrels who will play Civil War Era music from 10 AM till Noon. At 1 PM, author/historian Richard Kleese will discuss “A Review of 1864 and The Burning”. Mr. Kleese appears in the Mill’s film about The Burning, and the film will be shown 4 times throughout the day in the Sack Theater at The Mill. The other events will take place in the Apple Cider Press Room. Events are free.

Beef Stew, corn bread and hand-dipped ice cream will be available for purchase for lunch.

**Strasburg Heritage Association to explore Old Christmas Traditions**

Instead of Parlor Tours this holiday season, the Heritage Association will host a program about Old Christmas Traditions on Sunday, Dec. 7th from 2-4 PM at St. Pauls Lutheran Church, 193 W. Washington St. in Strasburg. The public

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**Edinburg Heritage Foundation publishes new Walking Tour Brochure**

A new Walking Tour of Edinburg brochure, featuring photos and descriptions of 64 different properties, most of them in the Town’s historic district, will be introduced during the Art Show at the Edinburg Mill, which begins on Oct. 11th. The free brochure will be available at the Mill and other locations in Town.
By
John Adamson

Back in 2008, I was driving on Ridgely Road just south of Maurertown when I passed a small frame building on the left side of the road. Looking unused and a bit unloved, I knew at a glance that it was a Shenandoah County one room schoolhouse. With its door centered on the gable end and three evenly spaced windows on each side, this little building looked very much like the early pictures of my own house, which began its life as the Sandy Hook School in 1896. I have seen more than a few examples of these once common buildings in the photographs of the Shenandoah County Historical Society’s Morrison photographic collection.

Unfortunately, very few of these historic buildings survive today. Improvements in transportation during the 1930s and 1940s allowed the consolidation of county schools and the one room school house was no longer needed. Several of these small buildings were expanded for residential use or other purposes, but most were recycled for their materials or simply torn down. But I have learned that their simple construction was typically very stout and with a little care and luck, these buildings can be made to last a long time.

Ridgely School is shown in its current location on the 1885 Lake’s Atlas. Captain John Grabill, an early Superintendent of Shenandoah County schools, mentioned visiting Ridgely School in his diary in December, 1879. I have no reason to believe the school was ever rebuilt so that makes it at least 135 years old. Oddly, it was not purchased by the county until 1908, suggesting a lease or some other arrangement prior to that date. In the 1908 deed, L. R. and Annie Burner sold the school building and about one half acre to Shenandoah County for $1.00. The deed provided that if no school session was held for two consecutive years, the property reverted to the original owners, but the county would have twelve months to remove the school building if they so desired. Obviously the building was never removed. Eventually, the property, including the school house was acquired by the French family.

A phone call to Doug French resulted in a friendly invitation to come look at the building. Now, six years after I first noticed it, the little school house has been nicely restored. The building is about 29 ft. x 24.5 ft. The schoolhouse portion of my own house is 30 ft. x 20 ft. so I conclude that schoolhouse dimensions varied based upon the perceived needs, or possibly materials available, at the time of construction. The French restoration of the building has been very simple, new siding, a drop ceiling, new roof and electrical service, but no plumbing. The floor was sound, so it was not replaced and you can still see the footprint of the original woodstove centered about ten feet from the front door. A look at the foundation stones indicates that no changes to the original foundation were needed. The interior remains as before, one large room. There is a blackboard on one wall, but to me, it looks like a pretty recent addition, not original equipment. Doug did not remember specifically about the blackboard, but he agreed that it did not look old. The French restoration did add a small closet in one corner, but all of the restoration is easily reversible if ever desired. The French restoration left the nearby outhouse untouched! Now the little schoolhouse is used as a kind of family clubhouse. I am thankful that at least one of our county’s one room schoolhouses survives in its original configuration. If you know of any others, please let me know through the contact information provided in the SCHS website.

You can find the location of many rural schoolhouses in Shenandoah County by looking carefully at the maps in Lakes Atlas of Shenandoah and Page Counties, Virginia, published by D. J. Lake and Company, Philadelphia Pennsylvania, 1885 and reprinted by SCHS in 2009. Reflections, Early Schools of Shenandoah County, Virginia, published in 1995 by the Shenandoah County Historical Society, is a fascinating source of information about our schools. Both Reflections and Lake’s Atlas – 1885 are available for purchase from the Historical Society. You can find them in our printed book list, at the County Courthouse Visitor Center, or on-line at our website: www.shenandoahcountyhistoricalsociety.org

New Genealogy Series debuts on Public Television

“Finding Your Roots”, with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. is a new genealogy series that premiered on Tues., Sept. 23rd at 8 PM on PBS and it will appear every Tuesday through November. You will join Mr. Gates as he takes some of his favorite personalities on a journey to find their roots. They’ll discover champions, trailblazers, and more as they connect with their ancestral pasts. A different celebrity will be featured each week.

The series is supported by Ancestry.com, and you will be able to view full episodes that you may have missed by going to the www.ancestry.com web site after the a program has aired on TV.
Rediscovering the
James E. Taylor Sketchbook

A visual and interpretive guide to James E. Taylor's best stories of Gen. Phillip Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley will be presented on Thursday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM.

The Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester, VA, in partnership with Cedar Creek & Belle Grove National Historical Park, will present this program on James E. Taylor, an artist hired by 'Leslie's Illustrated' magazine to cover the movements of Gen. Phillip Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley. Taylor created an invaluable resource of drawings and writings documenting that campaign. This program will provide a visual and interpretative guide to some of the best stories from Taylor's original sketchbook.

A multitude of events, from day-to-day, mundane encounters with the people and places to dramatic stories of combat, to the aftermath of battle, will be presented by Dennis Frye, chief of interpretation, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park and Dana MacBean, curator of exhibits, Parris Island Museum, USMC.

Dennis E. Frye is the Chief Historian at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Writer, lecturer, guide, and preservationist, Dennis is a prominent Civil War historian. He has numerous appearances on PBS, The History Channel, The Discovery Channel, and A&E as a guest historian, and he helped produce Emmy award-winning television features on the Battle of Antietam, abolitionist John Brown, and Maryland during the Civil War and is co-founder and first president of the Save Historic Antietam Foundation, and co-founder and a former president of today's Civil War Trust. Dennis also is a well-known author, with 92 articles and eight books. He has also served as an Associate Producer for the Civil War movie Gods and Generals, during which he recruited and coordinated nearly 3,000 reenactors for the film. Dennis resides near the Antietam Battlefield in Maryland, and he and his wife Sylvia have restored the home that was used by General Burnside as his post-Antietam headquarters.

Free to all; Tickets will be available at the Visitor Information Desk beginning at 10 a.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The Lecture begins at 7:00 PM.

Edinburg Heritage Foundation Plans
4th Annual Art Show at the Edinburg Mill

The annual fundraiser will be expanded to over a week this year, from Oct. 11th through the 19th. The free show will cover multiple types of art on display, all for sale, and there will be a reception with the artists on Saturday evening from 6-8 PM. For more info, go to: www.edinburgmill.com or call: 540-984-8400.

New Market Historical Society Announces DC Tour

SCHS members are invited to participate in this day-long tour to Washington, DC on Thursday, October 9th. In addition to New Market, there will be a pick-up at 7:20 AM at Lowe's in Woodstock, with a return at 7:30 PM. Limited space is available. For information and to make a reservation, call Carol Douglas at 540-740-2740, or by e-mail at nmhs@newmarkethistoricalsociety.org.
Bowling Alley Offers a Glimpse into the Past

By Brad Fauber  [Reprinted with permission from the Northern VA Daily, 8/14]

MOUNT JACKSON -- Even as you approach Shenandoah Bowling Lanes along Main Street in Mount Jackson, you get the sense that you're about to take a short trip back in time.

An old bowling pin sign -- outlined with a cord of flickering neon lighting -- hangs on the outside of the building, serving as a perfect precursor for what awaits inside.

The bowling alley itself -- one of the few duckpin lanes left in the state -- is nestled on the building's second floor, sitting comfortably above a thrift store and locksmith shop, and a trip up a flight of stairs is required once inside the alley's main entrance on the side of the building. When the wooden door at the top of the stairs is opened, it reveals a scene straight out of the 1950s. It appears that not much has changed since the state's oldest bowling alley was opened in 1948.

A pool table sits just to the left of the entrance, illuminated by a low-hanging stained glass lamp. Even further left of the entrance, two rows of wooden benches, arranged in a stadium-seating style, look out upon the alley's six bowling lanes, which are still made of the original rock maple surface. Old Coca-Cola signs adorn the walls, as do black and white photos that pay homage to the alley's rich history.

"A lot of times when people go bowling, they're just bowling. But when people walk in here and it's their first time they're like, 'Whooa,'" said current Shenandoah Bowling Lanes owner Scott Asbell, a 22-year-old resident of Harrisonburg. "They walk around everywhere and take pictures of everything and they're real excited. It's definitely fun to work in a place where people aren't just bowling for fun -- they're excited to be here and they're kind of blown away."

It doesn't look as though much has changed over the course of the bowling alley's 66-year history because not much really has. That's the alluring part about the town landmark.

"Keeping the nostalgia is part of, when I took over, what I wanted to do," said Asbell, who took over ownership of the lanes during his junior year at James Madison U. in April 2013 after purchasing it from former owners Randy and Jeannette Gibson. "... I found a bunch of old pictures and hung them up. ... There was just different stuff I found when I was cleaning out the lanes during his junior year at James Madison U. in April 2013 after purchasing it from former owners Randy and Jeannette Gibson. "... I found a bunch of old pictures and hung them up. ... There was just different stuff I found when I was cleaning out the lanes during his junior year at James Madison U. in April 2013 after purchasing it from former owners Randy and Jeannette Gibson. "... I found a bunch of old pictures and hung them up. ... There was just different stuff I found when I was cleaning out the lanes during his junior year at James Madison U. in April 2013 after purchasing it from former owners Randy and Jeannette Gibson. "... I found a bunch of old pictures and hung them up. ... There was just different stuff I found when I was cleaning out the lanes during his junior year at James Madison U. in April 2013 after purchasing it from former owners Randy and Jeannette Gibson. "... I found a bunch of old pictures and hung them up. ... There was just different stuff I found when I was cleaning out the lanes during his junior year at James Madison U. in April 2013 after purchasing it from former owners Randy and Jeannette Gibson. "... I found a bunch of old pictures and hung them up. ... There was just different stuff I found when I was cleaning out the lanes during his junior year at James Madison U. in April 2013 after purchasing it from former owners Randy and Jeannette Gibson. "... I found a bunch of old pictures and hung them up. ... There was just different stuff I found when I was cleaning out the lanes during his junior year at James Madison U. in April 2013 after purchasing it from former owners Randy and Jeannette Gibson.

Shenandoah Bowling Lanes has undergone a few paint jobs over the years (the current color scheme contains hues of red and yellow), but most of the alley is intact in its original form.

There are no electronics to automatically total a player's score -- all of the math is done by hand. Scores are written on a transparent sheet, which is placed under a projector that produces an image of the scorecard on a screen located above each lane.

Fallen pins are cleared mechanically, but players are required to step on a pedal on the floor to trigger the machine's operation. To reset the pins altogether, players push a small white button located on the ball rack at the end of the gravity-fed retrieval system.

"The technology has just never been invented for duckpin to keep score automatically," Asbell said. "The machines you have to operate manually, too. So if you have pins lying down you have to step on the pedal to get your dead wood to sweep. And then when you need 10 new ones you need to hit the button just because they don't have electronic sensors or anything to find all that stuff out."

The alley's pin-setting machines were installed in 1959, and those original machines are still in operation today.

Ironically enough, it was the installation of those pin-setting machines that likely saved Shenandoah Bowling Lanes.

"I ran it eight years with pin boys. If I had to put up with them any longer I was going to quit," said 89-year-old Roland Walters, who owned and operated the lanes from 1950 to 2005.

During the early years of Shenandoah Bowling Lanes, Asbell said the alley featured both duckpin and standard 10-pin bowling, and the lanes were open mainly for league play for much of its existence. The alley now exclusively features duckpin bowling and is one of just four such lanes left in Virginia, two of which are located nearby in Luray and Shenandoah, Asbell said.

Duckpin bowling, a smaller variant of the traditional 10-pin, is played with a ball that is generally around 5 inches in diameter and weighs anywhere between 3 pounds, 6 ounces to 3 pounds, 12 ounces, making it easily manageable for children and adults alike. But at the same time, the smaller pins used in duckpin bowling make the game a challenge.

"I think one reason that it's becoming less popular is duckpin bowling is pretty hard. No one has ever bowled a 300 ever in the history," Asbell said.

The highest duckpin game bowled at Shenandoah Bowling Lanes is 238. The women's record at the alley is 232.

"There was a good bit of 200 games bowled there while I was there. That's a feat for a duckpin game," said Walters, who was inducted into the National Duckpin Bowling Congress' Hall of Fame in 2004.

Asbell said he is frequently visited by customers who have past ties to the bowling alley, either through relatives or their own personal experiences at the lanes. Shenandoah Bowling Lanes also still plays host to several duckpin bowling leagues, which meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week.

It's that steadfast community support has driven Asbell to continue to try to capture the true essence of the longstanding business.

"The hope is to keep it alive," Asbell said. "People in the community really like it a lot and would hate to see it die. My goal and hope is just to keep it alive a little bit longer.

"It would be really cool just to know that when I leave eventually it will exist forever and you won't have to worry about it ever going out of business," he added. "It'd be a shame to see that happen."
This popular book — new to our book list — remains the essential introduction to the history of Virginia Indians from the earlier times to the present day. It is full of stories that represent the full diversity of Virginia’s Indians, past and present.


This interesting little book of facts and figures about Shenandoah County has been around for a few years but is new to the SCHS book list. It is 138 pages of interesting and sometimes little-known tidbits about the County, its people, its history and what makes things go.

SCHS: $9; Members: $8]

Written by Caroline E. Janney, who hails from Luray, VA, and who is now a history professor at Purdue U., this book examines how the war generation - men and women, black and white, Unionists and Confederates - crafted and protected their memories of the nation’s greatest conflict. She explores the subtle yet important differences between reunion and reconciliation.

[SCHS: $37; Members: $36]

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Historic sites on the Shenandoah River, its Forks and the North River are featured. River mileage system indicated on map pages. Spiral bound to allow for easy opening and page turning. By Wm. Trout, Ill, for Va. Canals & Navigation Society. $27 / $26

The two books above by Robert Lee Bowman are histories of the early settlements with a focus on Swiss-German families in the context of other early Virginia historical highlights. Pictures.

Christian Bowman and The Sabbatarian

From Strassburg to Strasburg

The exhibit will change on November 1st to one provided by The Museum at The Edinburg Mill
Friday, Oct. 3 — 7:00 pm  
The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society will commemorate **The Burning** with a lecture by Dr. Irvin Hess at the Heritage Center at 382 High St., in Dayton VA. Call 540 879 2616 for details.

Thursday, Oct. 9 — 4:00 PM  
“**On This Day**” Battle of Tom’s Brook Anniversary Tour. A car caravan tour, led by Ranger Eric Campbell, will examine the clash between Union and Confederate cavalry forces, which resulted in a lop-sided victory for Union troopers and became known as the “Woodstock Races.” The tour will cover key areas such as Spiker’s Hill, Tom’s Brook, Round Hill and others. Meet at the Shenandoah County Park, 380 Park Lane, Maurertown, VA.

Monday, Oct. 13 — 4:00 PM  
“**On This Day**” Battle of Hupp’s Hill Anniversary Tour. Historian Richard Kleese will describe this engagement and its impact on the Battle of Cedar Creek less than a week later. A Confederate reconnaissance of the Union positions along Cedar Creek resulted in some sharp fighting on the slopes of Hupp’s Hill, just north of Strasburg. Some moderate walking is involved. Meet at the Hupp’s Hill Civil War Park, 33229 Old Valley Pike, Strasburg, VA 22664.

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 18 & 19 — 9 to 5  
**Reenactment of the Battle of Cedar Creek** - 150th anniversary. On US-11 at Middletown VA. Info: (540) 869-2064

Thursday, Oct. 23 — 6:00 PM  
**Woodstock Museum’s Docent Dinner** at the American Legion Post 199 in Woodstock. The musical duo “Me & Martha” will entertain with Old Time Mountain Music. $25 per person for non-docents. Checks payable to Woodstock Museum should be mailed to PO Box 741 (Attn: Treasurer), Woodstock 22664. Reservations due by Oct. 15th. Call Barbara at 459-3946 for information.

Sunday, Nov. 1st — 10 to 4 PM  
**Antiques Appraisal & Traditional Crafts Fair** at Belle Grove Plantation in Middletown. Bring family treasures and heirlooms and a panel of experts on textiles, furniture, documents, Shenandoah Valley and Civil War artifacts, and more offer detailed appraisals and explanations of each items story and value.

November 5 — 6:30 PM  
**Colonial Migrations In and Out of the Shenandoah Valley** by Victor S. Dunn. Sponsored by the Shenandoah Valley Genealogical Society, the lecture examines the ethnic and religious groups who traveled from the Northern states as well as eastern Virginians who crossed the Blue Ridge into the Valley, County-by-county origins are examined. Held at the Handley Regional Library in Winchester VA.

Saturday, December 6 — 10 AM – 4 PM  
**Christmas on the Farm** at New Market Battlefield Park’s Bushong Farm. Call 540-740-3101 for details. Family traditions.

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**Upcoming Events of Interest**

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**Join the SCHS**  
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Lifetime (Individual): $200  
Lifetime (Family): $300  
Send Fee to address above.

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