

HISTORY PROGRAMS — CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

History of Chesterfield



Chesterfield County has nearly 270 years of history to welcome visitors. Explore Henricus Historical Park, the second permanent settlement in the New World. Experience colonial history at Eppington Plantation and the Historic Courthouse Complex. Tour beautiful Magnolia Grange and experience life of the 19th century. Visit the Chesterfield County Museum and the Historic Jail

to discover the diverse history of Chesterfield's past. Visit Civil War sites and learn about the Bermuda Hundred Campaign of 1864. Learn about some of the "firsts" that the county has to offer from commercial coal mining, to the first iron furnace and the first incorporated town in North America at Bermuda Hundred.

HISTORY LECTURE SERIES

This Saturday program series offers a variety of lectures, craft seminars and special events at both Magnolia Grange and the Chesterfield County Museum.

Magnolia Grange Topics

Saturdays, noon-1 p.m.

Details: LeeAnne Ball, 748-1498.

May 27 Planters Day Festival - See Special Events

June 3 DuVall Family Day, Speaker: TBD

June 10 Tracing the History of Baseball in Richmond

July 8 Winfree Family Day, Speaker: TBD

August 5 Cogbill Family Day, Speaker: TBD

Free

Chesterfield County Museum Topics

Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Details: Pat Roble, 768-7311.

May 6 Yarn Dolls Day - drop in anytime activity

June 24 The History of Jail and Prison Life. Lecture by Brandon Amsel

July 29 Home Chores and Crafts of the Past

Aug 12 Toys and Games of the Past

Free

CHESTERFIELD MUSEUM PROGRAMS

50 + Senior History Programs NEW

Chesterfield County Museum, 6813 Mimms Loop

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-noon

Register at least one week in advance at 804-768-7311

Free

May 10 Heirloom Tomatoes: A Taste of the Past

June 7 What's in a Name? The Origins of Plant Names

July 12 Remembering the Old Days

County Museum Children's Program NEW

Fun with Yarn!

Learn about yarn, make a yarn doll and do other yarn-related activities. For ages 7 and up. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Wednesday, Aug. 2, 11 a.m.- noon

Free

Register at least one week in advance, 768-7311

HISTORIC FACILITIES

Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia, invites you to visit the Chesterfield County Museum, 1892 Historic Jail and Magnolia Grange located in the county government complex.

Hours of operation are Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Chesterfield County Museum

The museum serves as a replica of the first colonial courthouse built in 1750. Museum exhibits include Powhatan Indian culture, artifacts from America's first iron furnace and coal mines, historic Civil War relics and artifacts from early Chesterfield colonial life. Explore a reproduction of an early 20th century General Store and view the new changing exhibit "Chesterfield's Picture Postcard Past" on display till August 31.

For details, call 768-7311. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$2/person suggested donation.



1892 Historic Jail

This historic jail precedes several earlier jails that once stood on the Courthouse Green. It has been restored and is currently open to the public for group tours which start at the County Museum next door. View a new exhibit focusing on the centennial commemoration of Fort Lee opening in May. Take a tour of the original jail cells and learn about some of the historic trials that took place. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$1/person suggested donation. Details: 768-7311



Magnolia Grange

This Federal-style plantation house built in 1822 was named after the circle of Magnolia trees that once graced its front lawn. The house museum is noted for its distinctive architecture. Explore the histories of the Winfree, Duvall and Cogbill families who each made important contributions to life in Chesterfield County. Encounter historical programming and special events offered at the house museum throughout the year. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information or to schedule tours call 748-1498. Admission charge.



Historic Trinity Church

Historic Trinity Church originally built in 1855 and later replaced by another chapel in 1887, presently serves as the administrative office of the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia and its archival library with genealogical records, maps and photograph collections. Its mission is to collect, preserve, interpret and promote Chesterfield County's past for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations. Library is open to the public. Office and library hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For details on upcoming special events, visit www.chesterfieldhistory.com



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www.chesterfieldhistory.com.
Registration and payment are required for all
programs in advance.

SCOUT PROGRAMS

Activity pins and merit badge workshops are offered for Cub Scouts, Webelos and Boy Scouts. For details regarding Girl Scout merit badge workshops call 751-4946. Boy Scout merit badge workshops will be offered by a merit badge counselor certified with the Heart of Virginia Council. Preregistration and payment required for these workshops. To register, visit www.chesterfieldhistory.com. Cost of program does not include badge. Details: Bryan Truzzie, 804-751-4946 or truzzieb@chesterfield.gov

Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge Workshop

This program will allow scouts to understand their rights, liberties and freedoms as a citizen by discussing important historical documents, learning the branches of government and examining important historical speeches. For ages 11-17. Call for prerequisites.

Historic Trinity Church, 10111 Iron Bridge Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832
Saturday, June 17, 2-5 p.m. \$10
Saturday, Aug. 19, 2-5 p.m. \$10

Citizenship in the Community

This program is for boys looking to fulfill their merit badge requirements addressing rights, liberties and cultural heritage. For aged 11-17. Call for prerequisites.

Historic Trinity Church, 10111 Iron Bridge Road
Saturday, July 8, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$10
Saturday, Aug. 26, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$10

Citizenship in the World

This program is designed for boys looking to fulfill their merit badge requirements addressing rights, duties and citizenship around the world. Learn about international law, world trade, how governments function, foreign relations and forms of government. For ages 11-17. Call for prerequisites.

Historic Trinity Church, 10111 Iron Bridge Road
Saturday, May 6, 1-4 p.m. \$10
Saturday, July 29, 1-4 p.m. \$10

American Heritage Merit Badge Workshop

This program is geared for Boy Scouts, ages 11-17, looking to fulfill their merit badge requirements addressing history and cultural heritage. Call for prerequisites.

Historic Trinity Church, 10111 Iron Bridge Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832
Saturday, July 15, 2-4 p.m. \$10
Saturday, Aug. 26, 2-4 p.m. \$10

Archaeology Merit Badge Workshop

This day-long workshop will address all aspects of the archaeological process including site surveys, excavation and artifact repair. For ages 11-17.

Historic Trinity Church, 10111 Iron Bridge Road
Friday, June 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$15
Friday July 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$15
Friday, Aug. 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$15

Cub Scout Bear Adventure: Paws for Action

This program will allow scouts to learn about two famous Americans, visit a place of historical interest in their community, visit a museum, learn about the American flag, its meaning and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Historic Trinity Church, 10111 Iron Bridge Road
Saturday, July 8, 2-4 p.m. \$5

Cub Scout Wolf Elective Adventure: Finding Your Way

This workshop is geared for boys looking to complete this elective. During this program, boys will learn how to orient and read a map, identify a compass rose, how to properly use a compass finding the four directional points, learn how to take a bearing, understand map symbols and learn how to locate an object with a compass.

Historic Trinity Church, 10111 Iron Bridge Road
Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m.-noon \$5

Webelos Arrow of Light Adventure: Building A Better World

Scouts will learn about the history of the U.S. flag, and how to properly display a flag in public. Learn how to describe rights and duties of a citizen and explain how to be a loyal citizen. Discuss the role of a government leader in your community and learn about an important issue facing your community.

Historic Trinity Church, 10111 Iron Bridge Road
Saturday, Aug. 12, 3-5 p.m. \$10

GIRL SCOUT WORKSHOPS

A variety of badge workshops are offered for Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts. We can arrange for a workshop for an entire group. Cost of workshop does not include badge. To request a complete list of badge workshops offered for the Girl Scouts call Bryan Truzzie, 751-4946 or truzzieb@chesterfield.gov

Girl Scout "Inside Government" Legacy Badge Workshop

This workshop is designed for girls looking to achieve the requirements for this badge. Girls will be involved with learning how to be an active citizens, rights, duties and obligations, learn about structure of local government, understand about laws that effect everyday life and learn about issues in your community.

Historic Trinity Church, 10111 Iron Bridge Road
Saturday, Aug. 19, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$10

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CIVIL WAR GUIDED TOURS

Pre-registration and pre-payment required in advance for these tours.
To register, visit www.chesterfieldhistory.com. Wear comfortable
shoes.

Bermuda Hundred Campaign Tour

Learn about the impact of the Bermuda Hundred Campaign in
1864 by visiting some of the county's Civil War sites. Discover why
this campaign was overshadowed by other military engagements
elsewhere. Tour includes stops at Dutch Gap, Battery Dantzler, Point
of Rocks and Drewry's Bluff. Transportation provided from Henricus.
Space is limited. Bring snacks and drinks.
Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus Park Road
Saturday, May 20, 1-5 p.m. \$15

Howlett Line Van Tour

Learn about the Bermuda Hundred Campaign of 1864 by visiting
sites that were part of the Confederate line of defenses known as the
Howlett Line. Constructed in late May 1864, this defensive position
prevented Federal troops from launching further operations and kept
the Army of the James entrenched on the peninsula. This tour includes
stops at Battery Dantzler, Parker's Battery, Ware Bottom Church
Battlefield, Howlett Line Park and Fort Wead. Transportation provided
from Henricus. Space is limited. Bring snacks and drinks.
Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus Park Road
Saturday, June 17, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$15

Historic Point of Rocks Guided Tour

Discover the unique history surrounding this historic site. Experience
Native American history and learn about one of the earliest naval
battles in 1862. Visit Historic Point of Rocks, rarely open to the public,
and learn about the Union hospital where Clara Barton served, and
walk the ground where President Lincoln visited in 1865. View Federal
fortifications and learn why this location played a major role in the
Bermuda Hundred Campaign. Tour meets in Maintenance facility
parking lot at Dodd Park.
R. Garland Dodd Park, 201 Enon Church Road
Saturday, July 15, 10 a.m.- noon \$8

HOME SCHOOL HISTORY PROGRAMS

These programs are designed for children of all ages and grade levels.
Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon. \$5 child/Adults free
Details: Bryan Truzzie at 751-4946 or truzzieb@chesterfield.gov.
To register, visit www.chesterfieldhistory.com

Johnny Reb and Billy Yank

Chesterfield Museum, 6813 Mimms Loop
May 12

Chesterfield Coal

Midlothian Mines Park, 13286 North Woolridge Road
May 5

PARANORMAL PROGRAMS

For ages 8 and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

History of Poisoned Pens and Dueling Pistols

Join Spirited History as they share the fascinating and dark history
about two rivalry Richmond newspaper editors.
Historic 1892 Jail, 6819 Mimms Loop
Saturday June 17, 8-10 p.m. \$15

PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION

Experience what happens when science meets history. Learn
about the methods and techniques that are used by ghost hunters.
Spirited History Investigations will teach participants how to use
digital voice recorders, electromagnetic detectors, temperature
gauges, and how to use history to trigger paranormal activity.

Paranormal Investigation: Historic Trinity Church

Join Spirited History's paranormal investigators to explore the site
for paranormal activity, based on the supernatural encounters
they have documented at Magnolia Grange House Museum. Be
sure to bring cameras, digital recorders and a flashlight. Wear soft-
soled shoes.
Historic Trinity Church, 10111 Iron Bridge Road
Saturday May 20, 7-9 p.m. \$10

Paranormal Workshop: Haunting Tales from Historic Sites

Join LeeAnne Ball, the director of Spirited History, as she delves
in the case files of the historic haunted locations Spirited History
has investigated. Ball and Spirited History investigators will share
their supernatural encounters, haunting EVPs, and video clips of
several of their most terrifying and intriguing cases. At the end of
the workshop, attendees may take photos, record for EVPs and
investigate next to the paranormal investigators.
Magnolia Grange House Museum, 10020 Iron Bridge Road
Saturday July 29, 7-9 p.m. \$10

Public Speaking Requests

We can provide an engaging and educational program for your
next social function. This is a wonderful opportunity for assisted
living facilities, churches, civic organizations, garden clubs and
older adults to learn more about Chesterfield County's history.

We offer a wide range of horticulture and history topics such as
historic trees, medicinal herbs and plants, coal mining, ghost
stories, Civil War history and many other topics.

Presentations are offered Monday-Friday.

Cost: \$35 for non-profits. \$50 for private groups and groups
outside Chesterfield County. For a complete list of programs, visit
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MAGNOLIA GRANGE PROGRAMS

DAYCARE DAYS

Magnolia Grange House Museum, 10020 Iron Bridge Road
Mondays, 10 a.m.-noon \$5
Details: LeeAnne Ball, 748-1498

Marble Madness

Learn the fun-filled history of marbles, games that can be played, and how to make your very own colorful clay marbles to take home during this unique Heritage Craft Class.

Tapping into Tinsmithing

Learn the fascinating history and techniques involved with being a tinsmith. During this Heritage Craft Class, students will make their own tin lanterns and tin ornaments to take home.

Quills, Hornbooks, and Paper

Learn how to write using a quill and ink, what a horn book is and make one of your very own, how to marbleize paper, and how make your own paper during this fun-packed Heritage Craft Class.

HERITAGE CRAFT CLASSES

Magnolia Grange House Museum, 10020 Iron Bridge Road
Pre-registration is required by calling LeeAnne Ball, 748-1498.
Open to all ages.
Saturdays, 2-4 p.m. \$10

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June 24

Make a Zoetrope - Early Animation

Learn about the history of zoetropes and the various inventions of early animation. Make your own Zoetrope to take home during this unique Heritage Craft Class.
July 22

Make Your Own Victorian Toy Theatre

Learn about the history of paper theaters, while making your own to take home. Each participant will make a decorated stage, scenery and actors during this entertaining Heritage Craft Class.
Aug. 19

SCOUTING DAYS AT MAGNOLIA GRANGE HOUSE MUSEUM

Cost of workshop does not include badge.
Magnolia Grange House Museum, 10020 Iron Bridge Road
Saturdays, 2-4 p.m. \$10
Details: LeeAnne Ball 804-748-1498

Junior Scout: Sparkling Jewelry Craft

This workshop is geared for Juniors who are looking to complete the requirements for their Jeweler Craft Badge. Scouts will get to know the tools of the trade, make jewelry with metal, turn everyday objects into sparkling jewelry, create jewelry inspired by other cultures, and make jewelry that make great gifts. A few of the projects that Juniors can look forward to creating are metal embossed love token necklaces, clay bead making, and sparkling wire and stone crafted rings and bracelets.
June 17

Senior Scout: Textile Artist:

This workshop is geared for Seniors who are looking to complete the requirements for their Senior Textile Artist Badge. Scouts will explore the world of textile arts by choosing their projects in the craft that inspires them the most, utilizing tools and materials in their textile craft, making one textile craft that can be utilized every day, and creating a gift or an item for a special occasion. Once this workshop is completed they will have learned the basics of a textile art. A few of the projects that the Senior Scout can look forward to choosing from are making purses, belts, mats, or decorative textile artwork.
July 15

Brownie and Junior Scout: "Mind your Manners" Workshop:

This workshop is geared for Girl Scout Brownies and Juniors who are looking to complete the requirements for their Manners, Making Friends, Social Butterfly, and Etiquette Badges. Scouts will learn through fun and engaging cooperative role playing games; how to make and keep friends, how to make friendly introductions, how to disagree and keep your friends, table manners, when to say please and thank you, and how hold a conversation with style while feeling at ease and being prepared during social events. Tea with mini sandwiches and desserts is served during this socially friendly workshop.
Aug. 26

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HISTORICAL TOURS

Falling Creek Ironworks

Discover the site of the first iron furnace in the New World and explore the industrial history that evolved. Learn about the Virginia Company of London's desire to exploit the vast resources, Archibald Cary's forge and later grist mill that existed. Take a tour of the site and learn about the impact of the industrial achievements. View the most recent site improvements and additions to the park. Tour meets in parking lot at the Falling Creek Ironworks Park.

Falling Creek Ironworks Park, 6407 Jefferson Davis Highway
Saturday, May 6, 10-11 a.m. \$8 Course 32172

Eppington Plantation

Eppington Plantation was a large tobacco plantation built in 1768 by Thomas Jefferson's brother-in-law, Francis Eppes VI. Experience what plantation life was like in the 1700's as you tour the house and grounds. The house features items on display from the Eppes and Hines-Cherry families, who were previous residents in addition to agricultural displays.

Eppington Plantation, 14201 Eppes Falls Road
Saturday, May 13, 10-11 a.m. \$8 Course 32171
Saturday, July 29, 10-11 a.m. \$8 Course 32175

Midlothian Mines Tour

Take a guided tour through the park and learn more about the early coal mining history in Midlothian, one of the first commercial coal mine operations in North America. Learn about one of the earliest railroads, the development of the earliest road system to transport coal and the impact that coal mining had on the region. View a reproduction of the headstock and hear what life was like for coal miners. Program meets at amphitheater. Midlothian Mines Park, 13286 North Woolridge Road

Saturday, June 3, 10-11 a.m. \$8 Course 32173
Saturday, July 22, 10-11 a.m. \$8 Course 32176

"Civil War Along the Appomattox" Van Tour NEW

This guided driving tour will focus on various sites within the village of Colonial Heights that played an important part during the early stages of the Bermuda Hundred Campaign in 1864. Learn about the Battle of Chester Station, visit Fort Clifton Park and view fortifications along the Appomattox, visit the Violet Bank Museum and learn about Robert E. Lee's headquarters during the Petersburg Campaign. Wear comfortable shoes and bring snacks and drinks.

Parks Maintenance Parking Lot, 9200 Public Works Road
Saturday, Aug. 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$15 Course 32178

"HIKING THROUGH HISTORY" WALKING TOUR SERIES NEW

These programs are designed to share the diversity of the history of numerous sites throughout the county. These are easy hikes that share the beauty of nature and history. Bring bottled water and wear comfortable walking shoes.

Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon \$8

Geology "Rock Hounds" Tour

This tour will enable visitors to experience the history of the county's only coal mine park, and discover the geological formations that exist. Learn about the development of coal and discover fossil deposits.

Midlothian Mines Park, 13286 North Woolridge Road
June 9 Course 32179

Industry along the Appomattox

This tour will enable visitors to discover the natural beauty of this new recreational area, while exploring the mill industry that once existed along the river during the 18th and 19th centuries.

Radcliffe Conservation Area, 21300 Chesdin Road
May 26 Course 32180

History of Point of Rocks

This tour will take visitors from the trailhead at the playground to Ashton Creek Marsh to view Federal fortifications and the remnants of a causeway that delivered Civil War supplies. Then, learn about the history of Historic Point of Rocks by touring the site and walking out to the bluff overlooking the Appomattox.

R. Garland Dodd Park at Point of Rocks, 201 Enon Church Road
June 30 Course 32181



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SCOUT PROGRAMS

Pre-registration required. To register, call 748-1623 and request the course number.

Webelos Arrow of Light Geologist Earth Rocks Workshop

This program is geared for Cub Scouts, ages 9-10, looking to complete the requirements for the badge that focuses on geology and rock formations. Scouts will learn about rock types, how coal is formed, history of coal mining and its impact to the region. Program meets at amphitheater.

Midlothian Mines Park, 13286 N. Woolridge Road

Saturday, June 10, 2-4 p.m.

\$10

Course 32174

Saturday, July 22, 2-4 p.m.

\$10

Course 32177

GEOCACHING PROGRAMS

In this program, participants go on a scavenger hunt to uncover clues to historic sites while learning GPS skills. Use our Garmin hand-held receivers to hunt for caches. For adults and youths, ages 8 and older. Youths must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturdays, 2-4 p.m.

\$10

Midlothian Mines

Visit the site of one of the first commercial coal mines in North America. Explore the Grove Shaft and learn about the coal mining history of Midlothian while searching for caches.

Midlothian Mines Park, 13301 N. Woolridge Road

June 3

Course 32170

Eppington Plantation

Explore the grounds of one of the oldest plantation homes in Chesterfield County. View the home where Thomas Jefferson visited on numerous occasions and discover the history.

Eppington Plantation, 14201 Eppes Falls Road

May 13

Course 32169



HISTORY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Chesterfield Parks and Recreation Department offers multi-curricular, engaging SOL-aligned, educational-outreach programming for elementary students that focus on problem-based learning. Consider a program that addresses local Chesterfield history.

Our staff will bring these programs into the classroom for students. We also can accommodate students with a visit to the Chesterfield Museum Complex that includes the Chesterfield Museum, Magnolia Grange and the 1892 Historic Jail. This is a great option for schools that are close to the county complex.

For more information and cost contact Bryan Truzzie, 751-4946 or truzzieb@chesterfield.gov

Traveling Trunk Outreach Programs

Life in Rural Chesterfield – traveling General Store focuses on economics, past and present, and changes over time in Chesterfield County. (Grade 2)

Chesterfield in the Revolution - Virginia leaders, battles and causes of the Revolutionary War. (Grade 4)

Virginia in the Civil War– key battles, soldier life, music and causes of the Civil War. (Grade 6)

The First Iron Furnace – discusses iron production in the New World. (Grade 6)

16 Tons: The First Commercial Coal Mines – addresses impact of coal mining, railroads, historic preservation and a field trip. (Grade 6)

Museum Complex Programs

Settling a New Land – looks at changes over time, and past and present concepts discussing first settlers, colonists and Indians. (Grades 1-2)

English Colonization – covers first settlements, importance of industry and Virginia in the Revolution and Civil wars (Grades 3-4)

Chesterfield: Birthplace of an American Dream- addresses colonial history and religious freedoms, industry of iron and coal mines, evolution of mills and life in the 19th century. (Grade 6-7)