



**2016 SPRING MEETING
TO BE HELD AT
SABOT HILL**

The spring membership meeting of the Goochland County Historical Society will take place at 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at “Sabot Hill” the home of John and Sarah VanderHyde. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.



Lynn Price, our guest speaker will discuss “The Lady of His Excellency’: Martha Washington during the American Revolution.” Lynn is Assistant Editor at the Washington Papers, focusing on Martha Washington and the Family Papers. She is currently co-editor of a new edition of George Washington’s Barbados Diary. Lynn worked on a variety of projects for the Papers before entering this role, including George Washington’s Financial Papers and the Bibliography Project. She has completed her Ph.D. coursework at George Mason University and holds a master’s degree in history from George Mason and a bachelor’s degree in journalism from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Her research includes colonial and U.S. history, focusing on the era of the American Revolution and the Early Republic, with an interest in slavery, manumission, and colonization in early Washington, D.C.



COMMEMORATIVE BRICK CAMPAIGN

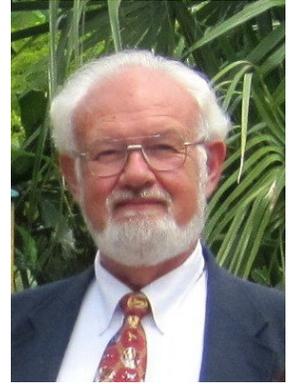
Purchase a personalized engraved brick and have your family history permanently and prominently displayed in a designated area on the Goochland County Courthouse green. The opportunity is upon us to leave an everlasting display of pride and a legacy to future generations. Everyone is invited to help pave the way to a successful outcome. Bricks can honor family members or pay tribute to special occasions such as births, graduations, and weddings. Bricks can also provide a loving memorial for someone special. Visit our website at www.goochlandhistory.org to see additional details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/23/16 - Nature Walk at Tucker Park 3pm
- 4/29 & 4/30 - VGS Spring Conference at LVA
- 5/15/16 - Spring Meeting at Sabot Hill 3pm
- 6/4 & 6/5/16 - Rassawek Vineyard Spring Jubilee

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As we move into spring, we are putting together the Goochland County Historical Society calendar of events and activities for 2016.



- ◆ The primary project remains the Courthouse Green and Stone Jail Project. Restoration of the Stone Jail has begun and the Courthouse Green walking path/trail is under development. The Commemorative Brick fund raising campaign has begun as well.
- ◆ Membership meetings will provide speakers of note addressing issues of broad historical interest.
- ◆ The new lecture series will introduce new topics of interest, as well as general knowledge. In addition, we are investigating interesting new locations for these lectures.
- ◆ The popular History walks will continue, including new locations as well as those locations that were exceptionally well liked last year.
- ◆ The GCHS will continue to participate in community events and partner with organizations with compatible interests, such as last year's "History in the Hallways" project done in collaboration with the Goochland County Public Schools.

This year, there will be an increased effort to grow GCHS membership. Since our founding in 1968 we have grown in both membership and scope of activities. We hope to accelerate that growth as Goochland's population increases and as those with past roots in the county are more accessible through social media. We will be asking you to renew and if possible upgrade your membership level, encourage friends and relatives that may share your interest in Goochland history and heritage, and consider gift memberships to family, friends and acquaintances.

Membership dues remain our most consistent and dependable source of revenue, but dues alone cannot sustain the operation and projects of the GCHS. This year we will increase our efforts to seek grants and gifts, as well as undertake structured fund raising activities that are event driven and long term. Success in these projects will give us a stronger financial basis and provide additional areas for member participation. As always, suggestions, recommendations, and even criticisms are welcome. Our goal is to better serve both our community and you, our members, while making the organization stronger.

You may have noticed our committees are becoming increasingly active with the various initiatives both underway and under development. We have a wealth of talent, experience and knowledge in our membership. Our committees would like to tap into those resources this year. If you are approached by one of the chair persons we hope you will be willing to serve. Your help is both needed and welcome.

Warm regards,

Scott Johnson

ERRATA OCTOBER 2016 CALENDAR WOODVILLE

The earliest house at Woodville, near East Leake, was built around 1735 and was the home of Henry Wood who served as first Clerk of the Court in Goochland from 1728 to 1753. A *second house at Woodville, built in front of the first*, was the home of Brigadier General David Bullock Harris, CSA. Harris, a former engineer on the James River and Kanawha Canal, died of Yellow Fever while serving in the Confederacy at Charleston, South Carolina in 1864.

Edith Seay, whose family once owned Woodville, questioned the location of the pictured house on the property and the order in which the houses were built. She remembers that the second house was built behind the first - not in front of it and the third and current house was built in front of and slightly to the side of the original one.

Local Artist Gives Back to Historical Society

Local Artist Patti Rosner created and painted a series of paintings called the Villages of Goochland. Patti donated a portion of her 2015 sales of the series back to the Goochland Historical Society.



Historical Society Board President Scott Johnson was presented a generous check at the County Board of Supervisor meeting on February 2, 2016.

The Historical Society values the commitment that Patti put into this project to help the community of Goochland.

See it! Share it! And Celebrate it!

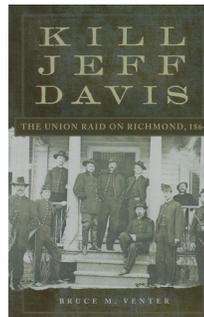
2017 CALENDAR CONTEST



The Goochland County Historical Society is inviting local photographers to submit their photographs as part of the 2017 Society Calendar Contest. The theme for the 2017 calendar will be “Scenic Goochland”. The focus will be on buildings, homes, places or people that are of historic significance. The contest is open to everyone. From the entries we receive, a minimum of 14 photographs will be chosen for use in the annual Historical Society calendar.

Go to our website at goochlandhistory.org and print the [entry form](#) and [contest rules](#). Get started today! The deadline is May 15, 2016.

Dr. Bruce Venter Launces New Book!

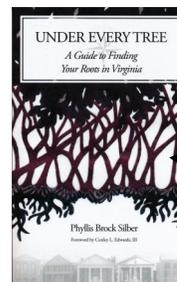


The ostensible goal of the controversial Kilpatrick-Dahlgren Raid on Richmond (February 28–March 3, 1864) was to free some 13,000 Union prisoners of war held in the Confederate capital. But orders found on the dead body of the raid’s subordinate commander, Colonel Ulric Dahlgren, point instead to a plot to capture or kill Confederate president Jefferson Davis and set Richmond ablaze. What really happened, and how and why, are debated to this day. *Kill Jeff Davis* offers a fresh look at the failed raid and mines newly discovered documents and little-known sources to provide definitive answers.

Bruce held a special preview for the Historical Society on March 6, 2016. The event was hosted by Hebron Presbyterian Church.

Under Every Tree *A Guide To Finding Your Roots in Virginia*

By Phyllis Brock Silber



AVAILABLE
NOW!!!



Finally there comes along a true guide to finding primary genealogy resources in Virginia! This little book will dispel the burden of where one should go first: a courthouse, library, or historical society. It provides detailed driving, and parking directions to the most helpful resources in each locality and a suggested visit-here-first for each county in the Commonwealth. The reader will also find valuable suggestions for places to visit in each county. Pack *Under Every Tree* with your essential research materials. Put it in the glove compartment of your car and head out.

Over a three year period, Phyllis visited every Clerk’s Office and Record Room in the Commonwealth as well as Libraries. This book is a result of those travels.

www.goochlandhistory.org or www.undereverytree.com

Visit the Gochland Historical Society
The Society's headquarters are located a half mile east of the Gochland Courthouse at 2875 River Road West (Route 6)

Office hours are:
Wednesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Note: Those travelling long distances should call the society to confirm it will be open that day at (804) 556-3966.

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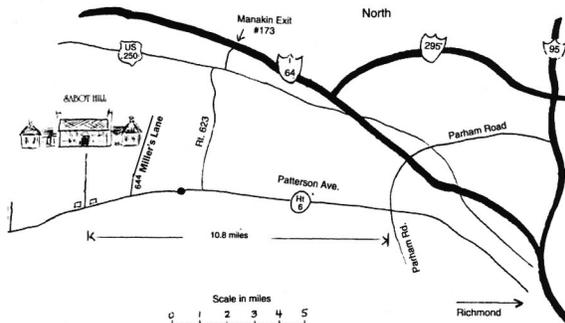
Phyllis Silber, Executive Director

New Board of Directors 2016

- Wayne Dementi, Chair Courthouse Green Project
- Scott Johnson, President
- Bruce Venter, 1st Vice President
- Christina Dunn, 2nd Vice President
- Louise Thompson, Secretary
- Gerald Hagen, Treasurer
- James Richmond, Archivist
- Louise Chapman
- Cheryl Childress
- Andy Donnelly
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WELCOME 17 NEW MEMBERS

- Christie Coleman - Richmond
- Lynn Cruser - Manakin Sabot
- Lucy DeYoung - Woodville, WA
- Megan Donovan - Gochland
- Mr & Mrs Robert Dun II - Williamsburg
- Claire Fortier - Redmond, WA
- Dave Harbaugh - Manakin Sabot
- Tracey Harbaugh - Manakin Sabot
- Mr & Mrs Horace Herndon - Richmond
- E David LeGrande - Moseley
- Robert G McKeand - Huntington, WV
- Laura Meadows - Gochland
- Jason Pierce - Henrico
- Steve Suggs - Gochland
- Patricia Thornton - Bowie, MD
- Richard Toler - Columbia

Have You Renewed Your Membership?

Memberships expired at the end of the last calendar year. If you have not already done so, you can renew for the 2016 calendar year by sending your check to PO Box 602, Gochland, VA 23063. We value your continuing support and look forward to you remaining a member. You may also go to our web-site if you wish to renew online.