

South Boston - Halifax County  
**—MUSEUM—**  
 of Fine Arts and History



Dear Reader,

Halifax County just experienced one of the worst storms in recent memory. Fortunately, the SBHC Museum saw very little damage from wind or water intrusion. Our thoughts with all of our members who were impacted by the storm as our community recovers from this latest weather disaster.

Warm regards,

Your Friends at the SBHC Museum

## An Archaeological Adventure



*Park Explorers Outpost* will be held in the Museum's classroom on Saturday, October 27th. The Wade Site is a Native American archaeological excavation site located at Staunton River Battlefield State Park. Various artifacts have been found over the years including arrowheads, shells, pottery, and fishhooks, just to name a few. What can these artifacts left behind tell us about the people who lived here hundreds of years ago?

Join Park Ranger Ethan Armistead to hear the stories of these inhabitants and view artifacts that they left behind.

## Upcoming Events

October 18 7 PM – 8:30 PM  
*Annual Membership Meeting*

October 19 11 AM – 1 PM  
*Invasive Plants, Insects, and Diseases of Concern – Master Gardener Program*

October 25 11 AM – 1 PM  
*Park Explorers' Outpost: Plantation Life at Mulberry Hill Kids' Class*

October 27 12:30 PM – 1:15 PM  
*Park Explorers' Outpost: An Archaeological Adventure (Kid's Class)*

October 27 2 PM – 3 PM  
*Park Explorers' Outpost: An Archaeological Adventure (Teens and Adults Program)*

## Important Announcement Volunteers Needed!

We now have a complete list of days in which the museum will need volunteers for 5<sup>th</sup> grade tours:

October 18<sup>th</sup>: 12:30 PM – 3 PM  
 October 25<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 AM – 12 PM  
 November 6<sup>th</sup>: 10 AM – 12:30 PM\*  
 November 8<sup>th</sup>: 10 AM – 12:30 PM\*  
 November 13<sup>th</sup>: All Day\*

The dates noted with an \* are days in which we will need extra support due to the size of the tour groups coming. We ask that anyone interested in assisting with the tours to contact museum staff at [info@sbhcmuseum.org](mailto:info@sbhcmuseum.org).

You will be able to participate in our own dig, where participants can grab a trowel and dig just like the archaeologists do – just on a smaller scale. The ranger will have a presentation about the Native Americans that lived in the park and an activity available to children 13 and under from 12:30pm – 1:15pm and for ages 13+ from 2:00pm-3:00pm.

## In Other News...

### Annual Membership Meeting Reminder



#### Election of Board members

Three museum Board of Directors members are up for reelection in the upcoming Annual Membership meeting. Because this is such a vital part of the museum's operations, we encourage everyone to attend. The annual business meeting will be followed by a guest lecture and refreshments.

#### Guest Lecture

##### "Edward Beyer and the Jeffersonian Landscape"

Jeffrey Ruggles, a cultural historian and photographer, will give a presentation on the famed 19<sup>th</sup> century artist Edward Beyer and his impact on Central Virginia.

For more information about upcoming programs and events hosted at the museum, visit us on our website at [www.sbhcmuseum.org](http://www.sbhcmuseum.org)!



## News from the Research Center

### Welcome!

For more than 10 years the Genealogy and Research Center has played a key part in connecting both museum members and visitors to their ancestral roots. In this section, members will now find all the latest updates on acquisitions to the museum's research collection as well as find highlights from the collection.

## New Exhibit Coming Soon!

### The Nutcracker



Coming this November, more details to follow