

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



Dear Reader,

Welcome to the first edition of our bi-weekly digital newsletter. Here, you will be able to find all of the latest announcements about upcoming events and exhibits. We are so happy to have you as a member of our family.

Warm regards,

Your Friends at the SBHC Museum

Upcoming Events

August 8 11 AM – 1 PM
The Art of Pruning

August 11 12:30 PM – 3 PM
*Park Explorers Outpost –
 “Beneath the Surface”*

August 23 10 AM – 6 PM
*Tobacco Exhibit Grand
 Opening!*

August 25 10 AM – 3 PM
Bob Ross Art Class

Museum Partners with Local State Park



Museum Director Jennifer Bryant and Katharine Lipscomb, Manager at the Staunton River Battlefield State Park are proud to announce a new series of new kids' and adults' programs to be hosted over the next few months. The program titled “Park Explorers Outpost” will include a series of lecture and workshops on a variety of topics related to the history and environment of the SRBSP. Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, programs would run from 12:30pm-1:15pm (13 & under) and 2pm-3pm (ages 13+). Kids 13 and under can enjoy a brief class with hands-on workshop while adults and teens can listen to an engaging presentation.

Important Announcement Tobacco Exhibit Set to Open

After years of research and preparation, the “Golden Era of Halifax County” exhibit will officially open to the public. The exhibit encompasses more than 400 years of history, from Native American cultivation to modern day! In recognition of the exhibit's grand opening, the SBHC Museum will have extended hours on August 23rd from 10 AM until 6 PM. Refreshments will be served during the extended hours.

We hope to see you there!

In Other News...

The Art of Pruning

Take a break from the heat on August 8 and join the Southside Master Gardener Association as they learn about pruning. Greg Ward, son of South Boston's own Judy Ward, will be presenting a program entitled "Structural Pruning of Small Trees and Shrubs" at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, August 8.

Many people feel pruning is harmful to plants, like cutting off an arm or leg. However, when done properly and with the correct timing, it is more like clipping your fingernails or cutting your hair. Done incorrectly opens up the plant to pests and disease and can eventually lead to death. Greg will spend some time discussing the south's worst pruning crime – crape murder. You will see that the right pruning methods for crape myrtles are the universal procedures for other trees and shrubs.

This program is open to the public free of charge. Reservations are requested and can be made by emailing ask@ssmga.org or calling the Halifax Extension Office at 434-476-2147, option 0.

Paint a Picture



Bob Ross instructor Kathy Anthony will host a Bob Ross Art Class on August 25th from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Participants of any skill level can learn how to oil paint using the Bob Ross method through step-by-step instruction with certified Bob Ross instructor, Kathy Anthony.

It is a beginner friendly program, so you do not need any prior art experience! Participants are asked to please bring with them a bagged lunch. The course fee is \$75 for members and \$80 for non-members. The cost covers all art supplies and a lesson plan.

Be sure to RSVP right away so we can reserve your spot. You can RSVP by calling (434) 572-9200 during our normal business hours or send us an email at info@sbhcmuseum.org. Registration ends August 18th.



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.

Family Histories

More than 100 surnames can be found in 94 collected volumes of family histories in Halifax County. These volumes cover Halifax and the neighboring counties. Found within many of the compiled works are family trees, copies of original letters, and photographs.

In addition to the Research Center's collected works, we are also home to over seven dozen published books on families from Halifax County.

Surnames for this collection include: Barksdale, Crowder, Dunn, DeJarnette, Estes, Farmer, Lawson, Overton, Ragsdale, Spencer, Weatherford, and Whitlow just to name a few.