

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



Dear Reader,

Staff and volunteers have been working endlessly this summer to provide you with the easiest access to information about the museum. As a result, we have launched a redesigned website that includes an upcoming events calendar! Just follow the events tab on our homepage. As this is a new design, we would appreciate any and all feedback.

Warm regards,

Your Friends at the SBHC Museum

Upcoming Events

- August 23** 10 AM – 6 PM
*Permanent Tobacco Exhibit
 Grand Opening!*
- August 25** 10 AM – 3 PM
Bob Ross Art Class
- September 8** 10 AM – 6 PM
*Park Explorers' Outpost:
 Plantation Life at Mulberry Hill*
- September 15** 9 AM – 5 PM
*Southside Virginia Bottle
 Collectors' Fair*

Plantation Life at Mulberry Hill



Park Explorers Outpost will be on break next weekend as the museum will instead feature a Bob Ross Art Class. Programs will resume on September 8th. Go back in time to the late 19th century and learn how folks during the Antebellum Era lived. Learn about the clothing styles and interesting food options available during this era. The kids' course, ages 13 and under, will last from 12:30 PM to 1:15 PM while the adults' class will run from 2 PM to 3 PM.

Important Announcement Volunteers Needed!

The South Boston – Halifax County Museum is partnering with the Halifax County Tourism office on a video project. A camera crew will visit the museum on August 25th from 8:15 until 9:30. During that time, they will film different area of the museum. The tourism office would like to include children engaging with the museum's exhibits. Unfortunately, the museum is not open to the public at that time. If you and your kids, grandkids, nieces or nephews would like to be in the video, please send us an email to info@sbhcmuseum.org by Wednesday to sign up.

In Other News...

Tobacco Exhibit Opens



After more than four years of planning and careful preparations, we are now ready to open the museum's ninth permanent exhibit: Tobacco and the Golden Era of Halifax County.

The newest permanent exhibit encompasses more than 400 years of history, from Native American cultivation to the modern day! The exhibit also features artifacts used in tobacco cultivation of the 19th and 20th centuries, examples of tobacco products that span 150 years, and visual representations of tobacco barns. At 11:30 AM, a dedication will be held in conjuncture with the Halifax County Chamber of Commerce and the Town of South Boston.

In order to allow as many members of the community to celebrate this special day with us as possible, the museum will have extended hours from 10 AM to 6 PM. Refreshments will be served during the Special Hours of 4 PM to 6 PM. All are welcome to attend, so be sure to invite your friends and family to come.

We would like to give a special thanks to: John and Mary Gregory, owners of Gregory Lumber Inc. of Java, VA, Jim Luedtke owner Custom Wood Creations of South Boston, VA for the construction of our tobacco barn replica, artist Wyatt Ramsey for his rendition of an active tobacco barn, CRI Digital Impressions for their custom signage, and Museum volunteers: Gerald Gilliam, Jean Hunter, Jackie Smoot, Paul Smith, and Gerald Roxbury.



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.

Wall of Faces Exhibit



Between now and the end of September, an additional four former residents of Halifax County: Cora Tucker, Richard and Mary Jennings, and Emma Jane Rice Taylor will join over 140 members of the museum's *Wall of Faces*. It is estimated that less than 1 billion photographs had been taken by the year 1910. If you have an ancestor that you would like to have added, feel free to contact us for more information.

Paint a Picture



Only one day left for signups!

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. 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.

Southside Virginia Bottle Collectors' Fair



Bottle Collectors and antique collectors from all over the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of North Carolina will be able to buy, sell, display and trade cherished vintage bottles, fruit jars, and general glassware at the South Boston - Halifax County Museum of Fine Arts and History. Visitor Admission to this event is \$5 per person. Children under 12 are free with a parent.

Also featured during the show will be a special guest lecture by Anthony Townsend, Vice-President of the Richmond Area Bottle Collectors Association, on the production of soda bottles in Virginia.

Anyone who wishes to participate as a dealer is invited to visit our website at www.sbhcmuseum.org for more information about the event and how to register a booth. Rules and restriction apply.



Fall Appeals Drive Begins!

The staff and volunteers are grateful every time you, a member of the museum, goes above and beyond to assist the museum in our day-to-day operations. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, the majority of our budget is drawn from membership dues, rentals, grants, and generous contributions.

Between September 1st and December 31st, the museum would like to raise \$3,600 from generous contributions to help cover some of the museum's general expenses. Most grants, both public and private, do NOT support these expenses. Donations of any size are always appreciated whether it is \$10 or \$1,000.

Thank you for your support!