

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



Dear Reader,

Please forgive the length of this newsletter. There are many important updates that we wanted to share with all of our dear member. This years' Annual Membership Meeting brought about a lot of significant changes to the museum. It is our hope that these changes will be very positive for the future of the museum as we move into our 2018-2019 Administrative Year!

Warm regards,

Your Friends at the SBHC Museum

Upcoming Events

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)

Important Announcement Volunteers Needed!

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

November 6th: 10 AM – 12:30 PM*
 November 8th: 10 AM – 12:30 PM*
 November 13th: All Day*
 November 27th: 10 AM – 12:30 PM

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.

Big Changes to Museum Leadership

Introducing New Board Members

On October 18th, the South Boston – Halifax County Museum membership elected two new members to the Board of Directors. We are pleased to welcome Richard “Dick” Stoneman and Linda Daniel to the Board. Richard retired from the Virginia State Police and served on the Halifax County School Board of Trustees for a period of time. Richard has been actively involved with the community as a volunteer in his church and at the former Halifax Regional Hospital. Linda Daniel has volunteered at the museum for more than three years now. She played a crucial part in the creation of the popular “Charles Dickens Christmas Tea” and “Downton Abbey” events. She is also actively working with other volunteers on the upcoming Nutcracker exhibit and “Tea with Clara” events.

A Change in Museum Officers

Two Museum Officers have stepped back to allow new members a chance to bring about big changes. First, we want to thank former Museum Vice-President Linda Mercer and former Secretary Shirley McCaleb for the incredible amount of time and energy they have invested in the museum for many years. Linda Mercer and Shirley McCaleb have not stopped playing a key part in the museum's operations. Linda has retained the position of Marketing Committee Chairman and Shirley will remain the Genealogy and Research Committee Chairman.

As for the new electees, Gerald "Jerry" Roxbury has been elected to the position of Vice-President. Mr. Roxbury is new to the museum and the Board of Directors as he was elected in 2017. However, Jerry's generous contributions in time and effort in working with staff and volunteers to provide high quality exhibits cannot be overstated. Carolyn Shortt, who was also elected to the Board in 2017, will now act as the Museum Secretary.

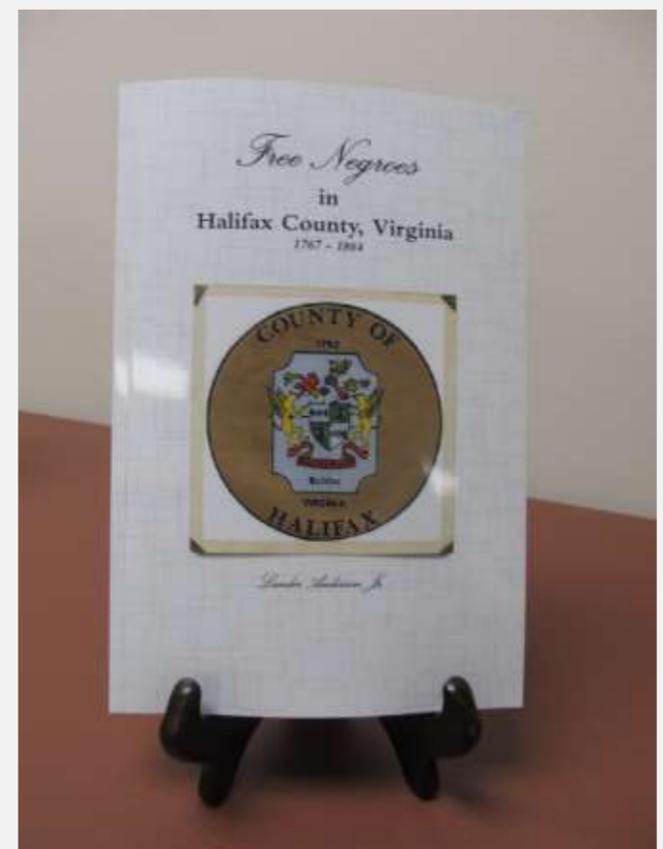
Honoring Thomas C. Leggett

Thomas "Tom" C. Leggett has served on the South Boston – Halifax County Museum Board of Directors for the past 20 years. He was first elected to the Board on October 15th of 1998 and has served ever since. Mr. Leggett has played a big part in helping the museum to fund major projects, the most notable being his contribution to the Genealogy and Research Center expansion fund. If it was not for his support, the museum would not have the high-quality center that we have today.



News from the Research Center

New Research Book



Lander G. Anderson has recently published an important book titled "Free Negroes in Halifax County Virginia: 1767 – 1864". Now, researchers looking for their African American ancestors from Halifax County will be able to use this book as a guide in their search. For many years, information about and documents related to the "Free Negroes" from Halifax County could only be found at the county's courthouse. A copy of this book can be found in the research center and additional copies are currently available for \$25 each in the Museum gift shop.

In Other News...

Last Park Program Until Further Notice



Several visitors to the museum have been able to enjoy a number of high quality programs offered to the Museum by the Staunton River Battlefield State Park. Unfortunately, recent staff cuts to the park has led to the decision by the SRBSP and the SBHC Museum to postpone the remainder of the programs for Fall 2018 until further notice.

The upcoming “*Archaeological Adventure*” workshop will still be held this Saturday. 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 a Park Ranger to hear the stories of these inhabitants and view artifacts that they left behind. 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.



The Nutcracker

November 7 – January 19



This winter, families can look forward to a “*Tea with Clara.*” At this special holiday event, young and old can be whisked away in a magical hour in wonder of The Nutcracker ballet while enjoying tea and cookies. Check out the museum’s website for more updates to come!

