

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

Dear Reader,

We would like to thank everyone who came out and volunteered for the Halifax County Tourism Video project.

Warm regards,

Your Friends at the SBHC Museum

## Tobacco Exhibit Now Open



Current President of the museum's Board of Directors, Paul Smith, and the former President, Gerald Gilliam, stand in the completed Tobacco exhibit. Tobacco and the Golden Era of Halifax County officially opened to the public with an official dedication on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Vice Mayor of the Town of South Boston, Tina Wyatt-Younger officiated the opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The evening reception drew dozens of visitors to the museum and has continued to draw large crowds in the following days.



## Upcoming Events

September 8 12:30 – 3 PM

*Park Explorers' Outpost:*

*Plantation Life at Mulberry Hill*

September 15 9 AM – 5 PM

*Southside Virginia Bottle*

*Collectors' Fair*

September 22 12:30 – 3 PM

*Park Explorers' Outpost:*

*Plantation Life at Mulberry Hill*

October 12 11 AM – 1 PM

*The Role Hardscape in the*

*Landscape – Master Gardeners*

## Pictures of the Opening



Museum Director Jennifer Bryant gives a tour to South Boston Vice Mayor Wyatt-Younger and Mitzi McCormick of the Halifax county Chamber of Commerce



Several museum board members participated in the dedication including: Bill McCaleb, Holt Evans, and Gerald Roxbury.

## In Other News...

### Southside Virginia Bottle Collectors' Fair



Vendors continue to sign up for what will be one of the museum's largest events of the year! With a few weeks left until the Southside Virginia Bottle Collectors' Fair, most of the available booth slots have now been reserved by collectors throughout Virginia.

In just two weeks' time, bottle and antique collectors from all over the Commonwealth of Virginia 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. Anyone who wishes to participate as a dealer is invited to visit our website at [www.sbhcmuseum.org](http://www.sbhcmuseum.org) for more information about the event and how to register a booth. Rules and restriction apply.

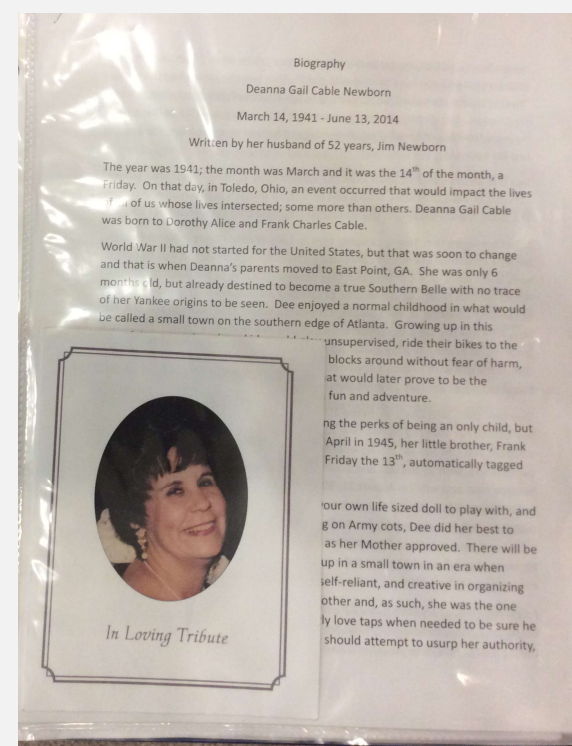
Also featured during the show will be a special guest lecture by Anthony Townsend, Vice-President of the Richmond Area Bottle Collectors Association, on the production of soda bottles in Virginia.

Anthony Townsend has been collecting, digging, and appraising antique bottles and related antiques for more than 50 years. Tony grew up on a dairy farm in Hampton, Virginia, which sparked his interest in antique milk bottles. He was later involved in digging and archeological pursuits during the city's infrastructure and renovation projects in the late 60s and 70s. Tony has been a resident of Chesterfield County since 1977 and has contributed his knowledge and time to the hobby of bottle collecting at both the national and local level. Tony is currently serving as the Vice President of the Richmond Area Bottle Collectors Association, a nonprofit group which has been in existence for over 40 years. The club meets regularly during the year and also sponsors a show in early October. He and his son Phillip enjoy lecturing on the topic together!



## News from the Research Center

### Obituary Collection



Losing a loved one is hard. Many families can find it difficult to sum up the life and meaning of a person in just a few short words. Fortunately, the museum has received the help of several, wonderful volunteers, such as Francis Ward, in compiling as many obituaries as possible into a searchable database for genealogy researchers. To date, our volunteers have spent hundreds of hours organizing a few thousand obituaries and memorial cards.

