Dear Reader,

Due to the potential impact of Hurricane Florence, the South Boston – Halifax County Museum will be closed to the public on Friday, September 14th and Saturday, September 15th.

Warm regards,

Your Friends at the SBHC Museum

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Southside Virginia Bottle Collectors’ Fair and SCSB Art Exhibition Opening and Reception

**POSTPONED**

Due to the potential impact of Hurricane Florence, the South Boston – Halifax County Museum will postpone the Bottle Fair scheduled for Saturday, September 15th. The fair is tentatively rescheduled for November 4th with more details to come. For all of the latest updates on events hosted by the museum, please refer to the Events Calendar on the museum’s webpage.

The Southside Community Service Board’s “A Life Like Yours and Mine” exhibition opening and reception will be delayed until Wednesday, September 19th. Members or the community are invited to come and support a number of artists from the local community who are supported by the SCSB. The reception will last from 1 to 3 PM. Refreshments will be provided.

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Upcoming Events

**September 19** 1 PM – 3 PM
A Life Like Yours and Mine Reception

**September 22** 12:30 PM to 1:15 PM
Park Explorers’ Outpost: Fall Foliage: Kids’ Class

**September 22** 2 PM – 3 PM
Park Explorers’ Outpost: Fall Foliage Teens and Adults Class

**October 10** 10 AM – 6 PM
200th Anniversary of Banister Exhibit Opening

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Important Announcement
Volunteers Needed!

Every October, more than 400 students from Halifax County’s Elementary schools visit the museum. Most of these students are first time visitors, some have never visited a museum. We want to provide them with the best experience possible.

With the annual school tours fast approaching, staff and volunteers of the museum humbly asks for your support!

If you are interested in learning how to give a guided tour or assisting staff and docents with communications support, please send an email to Museum Director, Jennifer Bryant at jennifer.bryant@sbhcmuseum.org by to sign up to volunteer.
In Other News…

Park Explorers Outpost: Fall Foliage Program

It is no doubt that fall is the best time to view the leaves around us. But why or how do they change color? Take a closer look at one of nature’s many wonders. Staunton River Battlefield State Park Ranger, Ethan Armistead will give two presentations on how many different types of leaves adopt the colors that they do in fall. The first presentation will last from 12:30 PM until 1:15. This course will be for kids ages 13 and under and will provide a hands-on workshop. From 2 – 3 PM, Ranger Armistead will give a detailed presentation for all attendees ages 14 and older.

News from the Research Center

Microfilm Reader
After several years of service, the microfilm reader and printer of the Museum’s Genealogy and Research Center is no longer in service. This reader is the only way for visitors to browse the museum’s Halifax County newspaper archives as most newspapers were donated to the Library of Virginia for conservation. In 2005, many newspapers dating as far back as 1896 were gathered and printed on microfilm. Efforts will be made to replace the reader as soon as possible; however, the cost to replace the reader is in excess of $3,000. If any museum member would be willing to give a donation for a replacement reader, we encourage you to contact the Genealogy and Research Committee Chairman, Shirley McCaleb by sending an email to research@sbhcsmuseum.org.