

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



Dear Reader,

It is almost time for the museum's annual membership meeting. This meeting has been held on the Third Thursday of October for the past 37 years. The Annual Membership meeting serves an important role in the museum's operations as it is the meeting in which we elect new board members and/or re-elect current board members. We strongly encourage each and every one of our members to come and show their support!

Warm regards,

Your Friends at the SBHC Museum

**Annual Membership Meeting Coming Soon  
 with a new VMFA guest speaker!**



Jeffrey Ruggles, a cultural historian and photographer, will give a presentation on the famed 19<sup>th</sup> century artist Edward Beyer and his impact on Central Virginia.

**About the artist**

Edward Beyer came to the U.S. from Germany after the Revolution of 1848. For several years Beyer, a graduate of the Düsseldorf Academy, traveled around the northeast U.S. and Ohio, sketching, painting oil landscapes, and exhibiting a moving panorama. In the mid-1850s, Beyer traveled to Virginia where he made panoramic oils in the western part of the state. For a number of towns, Beyer's

**Upcoming Events**

**October 12** 11 AM – 1 PM  
*The Role of Hardscape in  
 Landscape – Master  
 Gardener Program*

**October 13** 12:30 PM – 1:15 PM  
*Park Explorers Outpost:  
 Kids' Class – "Radical  
 Raptors"*

**October 18** 7 PM – 8:30 PM  
*Annual Membership  
 Meeting*

**October 19** 11 AM – 1 PM  
*Invasive Plants, Insects, and  
 Diseases of Concern –  
 Master Gardener Program*

**Important  
 Announcement  
 Volunteers Needed!**

Over the next month, museum staff and volunteers will provide guided tours to all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students of Halifax County's elementary schools. At least one school will visit the museum every Tuesday or Thursday. If you are interested in providing assistance as a tour guide or assisting with communication, we strongly encourage you to come and participate.

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view remains the best single historical representation. Around 1857-58, he produced *Album of Virginia*, a portfolio of 41 lithographic views. In the *Album*, especially, Beyer's vision was that of a European liberal who saw the world as a Jeffersonian idealist.

### About the speaker

At Virginia Historical Society, Mr. Ruggles was Curator of Prints and Photographs 2002–10. His *Photography in Virginia* (2008) is a companion book to a 2008–09 exhibition at VHS. Other VHS exhibitions included *Early Images of Virginia Indians* (2003), *Organized Labor in Virginia* (2010), and *The Virginia Manufactory of Arms* (2005-15). His current project is "Lithographic Views of Virginia." Mr. Ruggles is an administrator at the Virginia Center on Aging at VCU in Richmond.

## In Other News...

### Three Master Gardener Programs scheduled for October



The Southside Master Gardener Association will once again offer fall gardening programs at the South Boston – Halifax County Museum. These programs are free and open to the public. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the Halifax Extension Office at 434-476-2147, option 0 or emailing [ask@ssmga.org](mailto:ask@ssmga.org).

*"The Role of Hardscape in the Landscape"* by Master Gardener Jean Blanton on Friday, October 12 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Hardscape gives the garden its "bones" or structure. It can be as simple as a birdbath or a bench or more complex such as a pergola or arbor. Hardscape can be used to define a space, hide an eyesore or control a slope. Walkways and patios are also considered hardscape. Jean will discuss how to plan hardscape into your garden and make it functional and enjoyable for garden visitors.



## News from the Research Center

### Research Chairman Speaks at AARP

Outreach is an important part of the daily operations of the Genealogy and Research Center. This past week, Research Committee Chairman Shirley McCaleb spoke before a crowd of more than 45 members of the AARP. The talk and reception were a big success for the museum with many AARP members leaving positive feedback for the museum.

### New Exhibit to open October 10<sup>th</sup>!

## 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of Banister

The town of Banister, now known as the Town of Halifax, was incorporated as a town on December 31, 1817. The small village surrounding the first Halifax County courthouse at its present-day location has grown into one of the largest towns in Halifax County. This year, we are proud to present an in-depth exhibit dedicated to this rich history through a diverse collection of paintings, renderings, and photography.



*“Invasive Diseases and Pests of Concern”* by Jessica Driver, VDACS Plant Inspector, on Friday, October 19 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Driver will talk about for our Virginia landscape plants. Jessica will include a discussion about boxwood blight and spotted lanternfly. Some of these pests such as rose rosette disease can decimate all of the plants in that species very quickly. Therefore, it is important for us to recognize the signs and symptoms so we can take appropriate action.

*“Native Bees of Virginia”* by Tim McCoy, VCE Extension Specialist, on Thursday, October 25 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Honeybees get most of the attention but in the background are the native bees that have been here long before the honeybees were introduced. Native bees are important pollinators and generally their emergence is timed with the plant they best pollinate. Tim will discuss their life cycles, what things are contributing to their decreasing numbers and what we can do to encourage these fascinating creatures to our gardens.

## Southside Community Service Board Art Show Draws a Crowd!



More than 60 turned out for the grand opening of the “Things that make me smile” art exhibit. Light refreshments were served.

A total of eighty-nine individuals served by Southside Community Services Board were represented this year in their annual art show. The art show is meant to empower residents of Brunswick, Mecklenburg & Halifax in addressing the needs of the community in mental health, behavioral health, intellectual and developmental disabilities, crisis intervention and substance abuse as well as partnering with numerous local organizations.

Of these 89 pieces, 1st place and 2nd place winners were chosen along with 12 honorable mention selections to be featured in the upcoming SSCSB 2019 calendar. These 14 pieces comprise a traveling exhibit that will be on display from 19 September 2018 – 10 November 2018.



## Park Explorers Outpost October 13<sup>th</sup>

### Radical Raptors

Large, predatory birds known as raptors can be found all across Halifax County including owls, hawks, and eagles. Oh my! Through history, these birds of prey have adopted a number of adaptations to survive in many different environments. Join Ethan Armistead, Park Ranger of the Staunton River Battlefield State Park, will teach event attendees how to recognize their habitats, diets, and even their droppings. By discovering which raptors call Halifax County their home and how to identify them, you may even spot a radical raptor in your own back yard!”

Kids Class: 12:30 PM – 1:15 PM

Teens & Adults Class:  
2 PM – 3 PM