



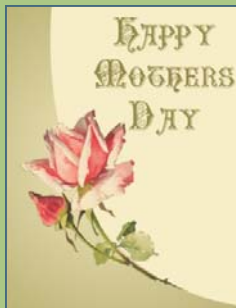
HOMESTEAD HIGHLIGHTS

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On Exhibit

Quilts of the Blue Ridge and the Piedmont. The 17th annual exhibition of quilts crafted by members of the Homestead Quilters Exchange and the Virginia Foothills Quilting Guild will be on display through May 31. One of the most popular exhibits at the Reynolds Homestead, these quilts are beautiful works of art and are not to be missed!



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Welcome Spring at the Annual Frolic!

Spring Frolic is a special occasion at the Reynolds Homestead—a celebration to welcome the warmer weather, admire the beauty of the surroundings, visit with friends and family—and an opportunity to acknowledge the creativity and spirit of Patrick County youth. An annual affair for well over two decades, Spring Frolic 2009 will be held on Saturday, May 2, rain or shine, for students, parents, and community members to enjoy crafts, games, performances, exhibits, and food.

Children's entertainment includes fun with Mr. Pokeeto the Clown and his balloon animals and shapes. Youngsters can explore the children's tents, where such activities as face painting, plant pounding, sand art, scrap crafts, bubble blowing, hoop rolling, a scavenger hunt, and other old fashioned games will be sure to please.

Students also have a chance to enter the Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest and demonstrate their skills from 11:00 to 2:00. Each partici-

pant will be given his or her own square of sidewalk, pieces of chalk, and free rein for creative expression. Nancy's Candy Company treats will be the prizes for winners.

Elementary students throughout the county's schools will perform as an ensemble at 10:15, followed by the Patrick County Dancing Arts students, at 11:15.

For children of all ages, the main stage on the lawn of the historic Rock Spring house will feature a variety of musicians jamming throughout the day, including the Zephyr Lightning Bolts from 11:00 to 1:00, and young bluesman T.C. Carter from 2:00 to 2:45.

Exceptional food abounds at Spring Frolic. Southern Traditions and Backporch Grill will keep the crowd hungry with the aroma of their food roasting on the grill.

Take a ride around the Homestead's beautiful grounds on a horse drawn wagon, visit the Civil War

Living History Exhibit, and enjoy the Homestead Weavers spinning and weaving exhibition. The main gallery features the "Quilts of the Blue Ridge and Piedmont" exhibition, and don't miss the Student Art Exhibition downstairs. Other arts and crafts include intricate bobbin lace making, homemade soaps and lotions, and handcrafted wooden bowls. For those with an historical bent, members of the Patrick County Historical Society and J.E.B. Stuart Birthplace will have booths. Attendees may have their portraits sketched by artist Greg Arens.

The day winds down with the children joining the director of the Homestead in the traditional Maypole Dance. This year the Reynolds Homestead will be supporting National Crime Victims' Rights Week by using the colors of the organization in the ribbons of the Maypole. Come and join the Homestead staff for a day of great fun, then head over to DeHart Park to support "Helping Hands Day in the Park"! Admission is only \$1.00 per person.

Book Donations Accepted Through May

The second annual Book Sale Fundraiser for children's summer programming will be held the second week in June at the Homestead. The staff is accepting book donations throughout the month of May to help make this a successful event.

Last year the fundraiser brought in over \$700 to purchase

materials for summer camps, all thanks to donations by the Homestead's supporters.

If you have books, but no way to get them here, please give the staff a call or e-mail Beth Ford at elford2@vt.edu and arrangements will be made to have someone come by to pick them up!



Mr. Pokeeto the Clown will be back to entertain the kids at Spring Frolic

LEARNING-DISCOVERY-ENGAGEMENT

A Message from Director Kay Dunkley

Starting in September, the Reynolds Homestead Continuing Education Center will be providing short courses, seminars, and workshops tailored to the needs of working professionals. Here is the list of suggested topics we have received thus far:

- Effective Written Communication
- Business Writing
- Setting and Maintaining Priorities
- Running an Effective Meeting
- Conversational Spanish
- Conflict Resolution

If you have additional ideas, give us a call at (276) 694-7181. Also, if you

need a facilitator for a meeting—we can assist. If you are in need of the research capabilities from the Virginia Tech faculty—we will provide.

As an arm of the university, our Center is your source for professional development programs, technical assistance, and access to targeted research for your business or organization. The Reynolds Homestead Continuing Education Center is your link to higher education opportunities and one that strives to fulfill our motto *Ut Prosim—That I May Serve!*



Thanks to all who worked at, donated to, or attended our first annual Hokie Day at the Homestead—it was a resounding success!

Reynolds Homestead Advisory Board

Members of the advisory committee will gather in Critz on May 13th for their spring meeting. The committee is comprised of six members of the Reynolds family, four individuals who represent the interests of the community, four persons who speak for the Virginia Tech Foundation, and other

invited guests who have routine interactions with the Reynolds Homestead.

Financial reports and program updates will be provided by Kay Dunkley, Director of the Continuing Education Center, and by Kyle Peer, the superintendent of the Forest Resources Research Center.

The committee will also review a draft of the Center's strategic plan and will discuss the priorities as identified by the Long Range Planning Committee. Excerpts from the strategic plan and the list of projects from the LRP Committee will be shared with you in the June newsletter.

Dinner and a Movie Night



May's "Dinner and a Movie Night" at the Reynolds Homestead features the 1998 comedy "Life is Beautiful," starring Roberto Benigni. Movie night is Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. The movie is free, but attendees are asked to bring an item to donate to the PC Food Bank.

This Italian film, winner of 3 Academy Awards, is a Chaplinesque fable about the power of imagination set against the stark realities of WWII Europe and its concentration camps. The film features comedy, social commentary, the abrupt

changes brought about by war, and ultimately, is a uniquely moving love story. Rated PG.

For those who would like to make an evening of it, Eydie Clifton will be featuring an Italian menu for dinner. The cost is \$10 per person and reservations are required by May 19. Dinner begins promptly at 6:15. Call the Homestead at 276-694-7181 to reserve a seat. Dinner & a Movie makes a great date night!

Registration Open for Summer Camps

Summer camps at the Reynolds Homestead are a way for children to spend quality time learning more about history, art, drama, nature and science! Always popular, camps fill up quickly, so we encourage you to register as soon as possible. To receive a registration form for any or all of our camps, please call the Homestead at (276) 694-7181. Summer will be here before you know it!

Center Photo: TimeTravelers Campers from 2008. Far Right: Aaron Conner shows off a masterpiece created at Art Camp

The Reynolds Homestead will be hosting four summer camps for youngsters this year.

ACT OUT! Theatre Camp

June 16-19. ACT OUT! Theatre Camp offers youth ages 9-14 the opportunity to immerse themselves in all aspects of theatre performance. Mornings will be spent playing improvisational games and learning the basics of acting, movement, costuming, and much more. Afternoons will be spent in rehearsal for a performance that will be presented to the public at the conclusion of the camp. Come join two of Radford University's finest actresses, Rachel Lang and Rachel Blankenship, for a fun-filled week! Students should bring a bag lunch. 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. each day. \$75.00 for one child; \$65.00 for each additional child in the same family.

TimeTravelers Camp

June 23-25. Back by popular demand, this camp for students ages 9-12 takes them on adventures to Time Travelers sites in the local area. Campers will visit the Carroll County Courthouse and learn about the tragedy that occurred there in the 1920s,

explore science at the Danville Science Center, learn about iron ore mining and the town of Fayerdale at Fairy Stone State Park, watch a theater performance at Ferrum, and much



more—earning their Time Travelers t-shirts and badges by participating. Students should wear comfortable clothes (no flip flops!) and bring a bag lunch and water bottles each day. 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day. \$80.00 for one child; \$70 for additional children in the same family.

Youth Nature Camp

July 6-10. Youngsters ages 5-8 will enjoy this nature camp designed to stir all five senses and teach them to be more aware of the nature around them. Each day campers will participate in learning activities featuring different aspects of the natural world, playing games such as "Seeing

Colors in Nature," "Animal Tracking," and "Animal Pretend." They will also construct animal masks and participate in other art projects related to their learning activities. Snacks will be provided. 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon each day. \$55 for one child; \$50 for additional children in the same family.

Summer Art Camp

July 13-17. Instructor Kayla Ellis will bring the excitement of finding art in everyday objects to this summer camp for students ages 9-12. Campers will complete projects each day and the week will culminate in an art show for parents and friends on Friday, July 17 from noon until 1:00 p.m. Camp is from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon each day. Refreshments provided. \$65 for one child; \$55 for additional children in the same family.



Dessert & Coffee with....Georgia Wenzel



Georgia Wenzel sat down to write a story about her grannie—a woman who had great influence in her life. She soon realized that grannie stories abounded in her family, including her own tales as a grandmother herself.

Join Georgia at the Reynolds Homestead on Sunday, May 3 at 3:00 p.m. for the monthly "Dessert and Coffee

with...." program. She will read from and discuss writing her newly published book "The Grannie Stories" and the themes of her book, including deception, infidelity, strong personal loss, and humor. Each person who hears these stories will find similarities in their own history, and simply enjoy the heartwarming family tales.

The event is free and open to the public. Dessert and coffee will be provided.



May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	4 Spring Frolic 10 am to 3 pm
3 Dessert & Coffee Georgia Wenzel 3:00	4 Teen Advisory Board 4:00 Photo Club 6:30	5	6 History Around Us: Shirley Plantation 12 noon to 1 pm	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day 	11	12 Great Books II 6:30 to 8 pm	13 Postcard Club 7 pm	14	15	16 "Color My Quilt Beautiful" Luncheon & Seminar 11:30 am to 2 pm
17	18 Decorative Painters 9:30 am	19	20	21 Dinner & Movie 6:15/7:00 pm	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day RH Closed 	26	27	28	29	30
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Do Not Miss!

The History Around Us

The latest program in "The History Around Us" series at the Reynolds Homestead will feature the **Shirley Plantation** from Charles City, Virginia, on Wednesday, **May 6, from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m.** The program, co-sponsored by the Patrick County Historical Society, is a "bring your own lunch" event, so take a lunch break from work and come down to the Continuing Education Center and learn more about the historical sites of Virginia and surrounding states.



The Shirley Plantation is not only the oldest plantation in the Commonwealth, it is also the only one to be owned and operated by the same family through eleven generations. Established only six years after John Smith's

settlement in Jamestown in 1613, Shirley became one of the first economic engines of the New World. During its long history and under the leadership of one family, Shirley Plantation has survived the Indian Uprising, Bacon's Rebellion, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, and the Great Depression.

Today, Shirley continues to be a working plantation, a private family home, a growing business, a National Historic Landmark, and a direct link between the past and the present. It shares a kinship with the Reynolds Homestead by serving as a research facility for Virginia Tech. Located on the banks of the James River, the plantation functions as a soil science research site and sits on the forefront of successful reclamation of mined land into agriculturally viable earth.

Bring a bag lunch and enjoy this presentation about a very significant historical landmark which features some of the only remaining examples of specific colonial architecture. Groups are welcome. The program lasts one hour and is free and open to the general public.

"Color My Quilt Beautiful" Luncheon and Seminar with Linda Fieldler

Linda is a prize-winning quilt maker, teacher, author, and judge from Meadows of Dan, Virginia, who teaches on a local, regional and national level. One of the strengths of her work has always been her innovative use of color which helps her quilts make a strong presentation.

This seminar will cover basic color theory and emphasize the concepts which are most important for quilters to understand in order for their quilts to be colored beautifully. It presents color as a study in contrasts, rather than as color schemes, and gives quilters an understandable base to use in coloring their own quilts. Linda will illustrate the lecture with examples from her own work.

The cost is \$15 per person, which includes lunch, and the program runs from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Register by calling (276) 694-7181.