Homestead Celebrates 400 Years of William Shakespeare

Make plans to attend one of the three performances of “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)” for a fun romp through the Bard’s plays.

William Shakespeare, the Bard of Avon, has been delighting audiences for over 400 years, and the Reynolds Homestead is pleased to be participating in the celebration as part of the Virginia Shakespeare Initiative.

Take a fantastic trip through all 37 of William Shakespeare’s plays in a 97-minute performance. An irreverent, fast-paced romp through the Bard’s plays, “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)” was London’s longest-running comedy having clocked nine years in London’s West End at the Criterion Theatre. Join the madcap Virginia Tech Players in tights as they weave their wicked way through all of Shakespeare’s comedies, histories and tragedies in one wild ride that will leave audiences breathless and helpless with laughter!

Tickets for the performances are $12 for adults and $6 for students. There are three opportunities to see “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)”: Friday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. and a Sunday matinee on October 25 at 2:00 p.m. Seating will be in the round and is limited, so reservations are encouraged. Call 276-694-7181.

In anticipation of the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare’s death in April 1616, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (VFH), Virginia Commission for the Arts (VCA), Washington and Lee University (W&L), and the American Shakespeare Center (ASC) announce the launch of the Virginia Shakespeare Initiative, a statewide celebration of Shakespeare that will take place from September 2015 until December 2016. Stay tuned for more Homestead events as part of this initiative.
Jazz on the Lawn

Our last outdoor concert of the season features Le Hotclub de Biglick on Sunday, October 11 at 3:00 p.m. on the lawn of the historic Rock Spring Plantation.

In the 1930’s Gypsy Jazz was made famous by the legendary Django Reinhardt and Le Hotclub de France.

In Roanoke, VA, a group was formed called Le Hotclub de Biglick (Biglick, being the old name for Roanoke, VA).

Now today, this music is kept alive by a group known as Le Hotclub. This music paints a picture that takes you back in time. Come listen to the seductive sounds of Le Hotclub. Tickets are $12 for adults and $6 for students.

History around Us

The Patrick County Historical Society and the Reynolds Homestead welcome Greg Arens, local artist and curator of the Patrick County Historical Museum, for a presentation on Wednesday, October 7th, at noon.

Arens will be speaking on artist John E. Costigan, who painted the mural in the Stuart, VA, post office. Costigan was one of thousands of artists and crafters employed by the Federal Arts Project, a New Deal program from 1935-1943. These artists painted murals, as well as completing a variety of art projects, in public buildings across the United States.

Greg will talk about our local post office mural, as well as other Depression era WPA art. He will also show a video depicting the life and works of John Costigan. We encourage participants to bring a bagged lunch and spend their lunch hour learning some of the History around Us!

Dinner & A Movie: “The Dresser”

In a touring Shakespearean theater group, a backstage hand - the dresser, is devoted to the brilliant but tyrannical head of the company. He struggles to support the deteriorating star as the company struggles to carry on during the London blitz. The pathos of his backstage efforts rival the pathos in the story of Lear and the Fool that is being presented on-stage, as the situation comes to a crisis. Lisa will be preparing a meal of colorful corn chowder, honey-baked ham, sweet potatoes, and peas with pearl onions. She’s even going to surprise you with homemade pumpkin pecan cobbler with ice cream! Dinner is $14 per person and reservations are required. The movie is FREE and you do not have to attend dinner to attend the movie. 6:00 p.m. (Movie at 7:00 p.m.)
Techniques of Oil Painting

Celebrated local artist and instructor Pepper Martin will host a six-week “Techniques of Oil Painting” class at the Reynolds Homestead on Tuesdays beginning October 13. The classes will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each week.

According to Martin, “This class will introduce basic oil painting techniques and art fundamentals. Learn to simplify oil painting so that you can enjoy the process. This class is for all levels - even advanced painters will learn a thing or two! We will cover techniques and fundamentals, will do a class painting, and you will also work on a painting of your choice.”

The cost for the 12-hour course is $75.00.

Attendees will provide their own materials: two canvases no smaller than 9x12, reference photographs, oil paints, brushes, and mineral spirits. The basic paint list includes: white, red, blue, and yellow (may be yellow ochre), plus any additional paints that participants want. Paints can be purchased from Michael’s, Hobby Lobby, or online at Blick.com. Contact the Reynolds Homestead to register.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Caring for Bed Bound Patients

Legacy Hospice of the Piedmont to offer free program for caregivers, families, and professionals on Tuesday, October 27.

When illness forces us to bed and limits our activities, the body revolts. Muscles stiffen and contract, skin breaks down, and lungs become less able to breathe effectively. Sometimes small blood clots form in blood vessels and can cause severe complications. Even the fluffiest, most comfy mattress in the world becomes a most uncomfortable prison if you can never escape from it.

Caring for a bedbound patient can be a stressful experience, but there is information available to make the experience easier and more effective for both patient and caregiver.

Learn how to manage a bedridden patient and understand techniques for bedmaking, bathing, preventing and caring for wounds, feeding and physical exercise.

The program is being co-sponsored and presented by Legacy Hospice of the Piedmont, whose mission is to provide passionate care to patients, families, and caregivers facing life-limiting illnesses through services suited to their unique physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs. The program is offered free and is recommended for both family and professional caregivers. To register, please call the Reynolds Homestead.

On site registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and there will be light refreshments, coffee and tea available for participants. The program will begin at 10:00 and last until approximately noon.
Outreach Effort Needs Your Help!

Help us gather items to assist Patrick County High School with starting a weekend backpack program and be entered to win special prizes!

Backpack Program

Patrick County High School has contacted the Reynolds Homestead for assistance with its efforts to begin a backpack program for its students. Previously, only the elementary schools have supplemented low income students with weekend backpacks that are filled with foods to help the students who may face hunger issues. For many, the meals they receive at school are the only hot and nutritious meals they receive.

Getting the program started means needing lots of donations - both of food and money, and for the months of October and November, the Homestead will be collecting both.

Recommended are non-perishable foods that do not have to be heated to be eaten. High fiber and protein items are good. Fruit cups, tuna packs, protein bars, cereal bars, juice boxes and items like these are the best.

For every item you bring to the drop off station, you will receive a ticket. In December we will draw winners who will receive free passes to events like Dinner and A Movie Night, the American Music Series, Victorian Christmas and more. The more you bring, the more chances you have to win!

October 10: Hike to the Buffalo
The Homestead Hikers will be taking their October hike to the top of the Buffalo, a fun short hike with great views and quite a bit of unique native flora. $2 guest hiking fee. Stop by the Woolwine Fall Festival after. 10:00 a.m.

October 14: Ribbon Cuttings
Join us to celebrate the new Challenge Course and hopefully our new 14-passenger bus with a ribbon-cutting following our semi-annual Advisory Board Meeting. 1:00 p.m.

October 28: COA Brunch
Our chance to gather together and share one last fellowship before the end of COA this year starts at 10:30 a.m. Along with French toast casserole, scrambled eggs, quiches, sausage and fruit, share time with friends and make suggestions for future programming.

October 30: Senior Health Fair
Visit the Reynolds Homestead booth at the Senior Health Fair held at Rotary Field. Breakfast and lunch are served for attendees and you can register for door prizes. 8:30-1:00.

The Reynolds Homestead has activities for everyone - too many to list here! Please visit our website or follow our Facebook page to learn more about clubs, meetings and other programs.