Reynolds Homestead Calendar of Events
March – April 2016

March

1-2—Tuesday-Wednesday—Fast Track 2016. Be sure and stop by our booth at Fast Track 2016 in Martinsville at the former Sears building at the Village of Martinsville. VIP Business Night will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This opening night is by invitation only, which promotes networking among business-to-business contacts. On Wednesday, March 2, 2016, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Fast Track is open to the public to allow for business-to-consumer contacts.

2—Wednesday—The History Around Us. Last month’s presentation of Patrick County Now and Then, Part II was interrupted by a power outage. Marvin Keene has agreed to come back and finish the program and share his extensive collection of photos of Patrick County’s heritage and past. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy the program. 12:00 noon.

2—Wednesday—Monthly Volunteer Meeting. Join us and find out all of the great opportunities to assist the staff in fulfilling the mission of the Reynolds Homestead. RSVP to Lisa or Beth and we’ll have a lunch ready for you. Also, for any docents who would like to have your own 19th century costume to wear for events, Shirley Keene will be there to measure you. 1:00 p.m.

4—Friday—1st Reynolds Homestead Student Art Show Opening and Awards Ceremony. Meet the young and emerging artists in Patrick, Henry, Stokes, Surry, Carroll, Franklin and Floyd counties and browse the show. Enjoy refreshments and see who wins the prizes. Local artist Greg Arens is serving as the judge. Awards will be made in the categories of painting, drawing, photography and three-dimensional art. Support our young artists. 6:00-8:00 p.m.

6—Sunday—Volunteer Recruitment Luncheon. If you’ve ever considered how much fun it might be to become a docent in a 19th century home on the National Historic Registry, come out to our luncheon and find out more about what is involved. Beth Ford will also be talking about other opportunities to get involved in children’s programming, gardening and landscaping, fundraising, and other opportunities. There is no obligation by attending the meeting, just come and learn more about what fun you can have at the Reynolds Homestead. 1:30 p.m.

6—Sunday—Hook-in-Hand Exchange. 2:00 p.m.

7—Monday—Patrick Henry Photography Club. Open to anyone interested in photography. 6:30 p.m.

9—Wednesday—Postcard and Collectibles Club. 6:30 p.m.
**10—Thursday—Trip to VMFA for Rodin Exhibition.** Our trip to Richmond to visit the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and tour the amazing Rodin sculpture exhibition is currently SOLD OUT, but we are taking wait list names. We’ll get a personal tour of the museum’s permanent sculpture collection, have lunch at Amuse Restaurant, and enjoy the 200 pieces of Rodin’s sculptures. On the return we’ll be stopping at Ernie’s Restaurant in South Boston to enjoy their famous buffet. $85.00 per person.

**13—Sunday—American Music Series Concert: The Jeff Little Trio.** National Public Radio stated: “Jeff Little is a remarkable musician, steeped in the tradition of his native Blue Ridge, yet also a virtuosic and eclectic innovator.” With few exceptions, the piano does not play a prominent part in Appalachian or Americana music, and is rarely the lead instrument. But Jeff Little is an exception – and a remarkable one. His distinctive two-handed style, much influenced by the mountain flat-picked guitar tradition, is breathtaking in its speed, precision and clarity. A professional musician since the age of 14, Jeff is conversant with traditional old-time country, bluegrass, rockabilly, and blues. $12.00 adults, $6.00 students. 2:30 p.m.

**17—Thursday—Dinner and a Movie Night: “Saving Mr. Banks” (2013).** When Walt Disney's daughters begged him to make a movie of their favorite book, P.L. Travers' Mary Poppins, he made them a promise - one that he didn’t realize would take 20 years to keep. In his quest to obtain the rights, Walt comes up against a curmudgeonly, uncompromising writer who has absolutely no intention of letting her beloved magical nanny get mauled by the Hollywood machine. Dinner will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with corned beef, cabbage and carrots, potato casserole, and assorted chocolate desserts. Dinner is $18.00 per person and is served promptly at 6:00 p.m. The movie is free and begins at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are required.

**19—Saturday—An Evening with Danú at Virginia Tech.** Take a rousing musical journey through Ireland with Danú, one of today’s leading traditional Irish ensembles. Hailing from historic County Waterford, Danú’s standing room-only concerts feature high-energy performances and a glorious mix of ancient Irish music and new repertoire. For two decades, Danú’s virtuosi players on flute, tin whistle, fiddle, button accordion, bouzouki, and vocals (Irish and English), have performed around the globe and recorded seven critically acclaimed albums. Winners of numerous awards from the BBC and Irish Music Magazine, Danú has toured throughout Europe, the Middle East, and North America.

The evening includes transportation to and from Blacksburg, a private tour of the newly-opened Moss Center for the Arts, and tickets to the concert. The group will also dine at Blacksburg’s #1 rated restaurant, The Cellar, with the meal being on your own ($6 – $16). Their selection of draft beers is unrivaled in the area. Call the Reynolds Homestead at 276-694-7181 to register. Full payment of $38 per person is due within 7 days of making a reservation. Only 13 seats available, so call today!

**20—Sunday—Homestead Weavers Exchange.** 2:00 p.m.

**20—Sunday—David Oliver Presents Blessed Lives: Dietrich Bonhoeffer.** Most would agree that ours is a turbulent time of fast-moving developments in science and technology, from genetics
to robotics. Meanwhile, war, terrorism, and tides of refugees driven by overpopulation overflow many parts of the world. How is one to live fruitfully in the midst of such times?

According to retired professor David Oliver, one way is to follow the lives of those who came before and were facing similar troubled times. In this second lecture in the series he will discuss Dietrich Bonhoeffer a German Lutheran pastor, theologian, anti-Nazi dissident known for his staunch resistance to the Nazi dictatorship, including vocal opposition to Hitler's euthanasia program and genocidal persecution of the Jews. 3:00 p.m.

21—Monday—Decorative Painters Exchange. 9:30 a.m.

22—Tuesday—The Successful Gardener: When Can I Plant Tomatoes? Garden Planning for the Complete Beginner. When to plant is as important as how to plant and what to plant. Join us for a primer on how to plan your garden for healthier plants, more food, and more fun! $10.00. Please call to register.

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5—Wednesday—The History Around Us. Join us this month and meet Larry Hopkins, local resident and author of a new book on the Danville and Western Railroad. Fascinated with its history, Larry has spent more than a decade collecting facts, photos and memorabilia pertaining to this local legend and will share that information in this fascinating program. Bring a bag lunch. 12:00 noon.

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10—Sunday—American Music Series: Dance and Old Time Music featuring the Slate Mountain Ramblers. Hear Slate Mountain Ramblers play the tunes that were enjoyed by many of the old-time icons and you'll dance because your feet won't stay still! The Ramblers are a family band from Mt. Airy, NC. They formerly lived in Ararat, VA, a small community at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Richard Bowman plays fiddle, his wife Barbara the bass, and daughter Marsha Bowman Todd plays claw-hammer banjo. Ted Ashe of Lowgap, NC enjoys dancing when not playing guitar. $12.00 adults, $6.00 students. 2:30 p.m.

13—Wednesday—Homestead Postcard and Collectibles Club. 6:30 p.m.

14—Thursday—1st Annual Patrick County Healthcare Forum. Sponsored by the Reynolds Homestead, Mountain Valley Hospice, Pioneer Community Hospital, Liberty HomeCare Services, and Ashbrook Audiology, this forum is designed to help you take charge of all of your family's
healthcare needs. FREE to the public. Register by calling 276.732.7872 or e-mail kchitwood@mtnvalleyhospice.org. 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

16—Saturday—3.2 for 32 Run in Remembrance. This 3.2 mile run through the beautiful property of the Reynolds Homestead is to honor the victims of the shooting at Virginia Tech. There is no cost to participate, but we ask each runner to bring a donation for the Patrick County Food Bank. Registration forms available. Each runner will receive a commemorative t-shirt.

18—Monday—College for Older Adults Spring Term Begins. Our sixth year of classes for those ages 50 and over who have a love of lifelong learning begins. Enjoy the camaraderie of old friends, make new friends, learn more and have adventures as part of a group of enthusiastic learners.

18—Monday—Homestead Decorative Painters Exchange. 9:30 a.m.

19-22—Tuesday-Friday—Springtime in Historic Charleston Trip. Join Julie Walters Steele on a trip to her very favorite southern city, Charleston, South Carolina. Depart at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19 from Reynolds Homestead to travel to Charleston, checking into Hyatt Place Charleston, located in the Historic District adjacent to a trolley stop. Enjoy dinner at Hyman’s Seafood Restaurant and the theatrical production, By the Way, Meet Vera Stark, a comedy about an African-American maid and her white movie-star employer in the Golden Age of Hollywood.

Wednesday, April 20, delight in a Charleston Tea Party, hosted by natives Laura Whichman Hipp and June McNight, featuring presentations on the history of Charleston during breakfast at the Palmer Mansion, followed by a tour of private homes and gardens in the city’s historic district, with a grand finale of high tea served at the guide’s private home. Optional tours available Wednesday afternoon.

Thursday, April 21, visit Middleton Place plantation for guided tours and lunch at the Middleton Place Pavilion. Thursday evening savor a four-course dinner while cruising around the Charleston Harbor on the Spirit of Charleston. Spend Friday morning exploring the Historic Charleston Market before returning to Virginia.

Call 276.694.7181 extension 21 to reserve your place. Travel fee is $885 per person/double occupancy or $1,225 for single occupancy. A deposit of $200 required by March 4, 2016. Balance due by April 4, 2015. For more information call 276.694.7181 extension 23.

20—Wednesday—Introduction to Weaving: Rugs Rugs Rugs! Weaving, the ancient art of making cloth, is alive and well!! Both traditional and contemporary fabrics are being produced by a growing number of people interested in creating the unique and unusual. Challenge your creative side and be prepared to surprise yourself by what you can achieve. Students will be immersed in the process of designing and making their own creations. Introduction to Weaving is designed to give the basics of using a loom and hand weaving a project. Some interests that may grow from this class include working with interior designers to create one-of-a-kind fabrics, rugs, and curtains; weaving and designing clothing; and even building looms for other weavers. A great class for anyone
interested in those areas. Continues on consecutive Wednesdays through May 18. Instructor: Celie Cassady. 6:30-9:30 p.m. $89. Call for registration information.

21—Thursday—Dinner and a Movie Night: “Awakenings” (1990). A new doctor finds himself with a ward full of catatonic patients. He is disturbed by them and the fact that they have been catatonic for decades with no hope of any cure. When he finds a possible chemical cure he gets permission to try it on one of them. When the first patient awakes, he is now well into his 50s having gone into a catatonic state at 20 years of age. The film then delights in the new awareness of the patients and then on the reactions of their relatives to the changes in the newly awakened. More information about the dinner menu will be posted closer to the date. Dinner is $18.00 per person and begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. The movie is free and starts at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are required.

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According to retired professor David Oliver, one way is to follow the lives of those who came before and were facing similar troubled times. In this third lecture in the series he will discuss the life of Etty Hillesum, a young Jewish woman whose letters and diaries, kept between 1941 and 1943, describe life in Amsterdam during the German occupation. They were published posthumously in 1981. 3:00 p.m.

26—Tuesday—The Successful Gardener: The Family Food Garden: More Fresh Food from the Home Landscape. Never planted a garden before? Want to add more variety to your garden? This class will show you the basics of creating a garden for season-long fresh fruits and vegetables. $10.00. Please call to register.

27—Wednesday—Administrative Professionals Day. Treat your administrative professional to a day of pampering at the Reynolds Homestead. The day will feature a delicious 3 course luncheon followed by an inspirational and instructional presentation (to be announced). Door prizes and other fun! $25.00 per person. Call to register.