Volunteer Meeting
December 9

Due to the busy first week of Victorian Christmas events, our monthly volunteer meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9 at 1:00 p.m. To celebrate the season, we will have a potluck luncheon to share fellowship and food. Bring a covered dish and join us to find out how you can assist the Reynolds Homestead staff in fulfilling our mission to the community.

Please remember to bring your Volunteer Time Logs so we can keep up with all of the great things you do for us!

Inclement Weather Policy

We’re getting to that time of year when inclement weather may affect our programming. If there is falling snow or ice, or the imminent threat of such, we will be closed. We do not base our closings on the school system’s schedule, as the weather may be fine here for events and programs.

Notifications are sent out via e-mail, the local radio stations, and on Facebook. If you are planning to attend an event, please check. And as always, keep safety first and foremost in your mind.

Victorian Christmas is a 40-year tradition here at the Reynolds Homestead, with events throughout the holiday season sure to delight you and your family.

Jane Franklin Dance – “Mouse in House” December 1

Bring the whole family for a wonderful performance from Jane Franklin Dance as they perform Mouse in House, adapted from the book by Elizabeth Spires, explores a friendship between reclusive 19th-century poet Emily Dickinson and a lively mouse. Moved by Emily’s evocative words, the mouse becomes determined to be a poet herself. 7:00 p.m. $5 for adults and $3 for children.

More events listed on page 2.
Chamber of Commerce After Hours  December 3

This will be our 7th year of hosting the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce After Hours event at Victorian Christmas. All members of the Chamber and their guests are invited to attend this networking event. Enjoy delicious refreshments, a tour of the decorated historic home, and holiday entertainment on Thursday, December 3 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Polar Express Pajama Party  December 5

Children of all ages enjoy this pajama party, dinner and movie experience. Get your ticket punched and climb aboard for an evening of holiday fun at 6:00 p.m. Call the Homestead for ticket information. This event is SOLD OUT, but we can take names for a waiting list.

Victorian Christmas Open House  December 6

Join us on Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for the Victorian Christmas Open House at the Rock Spring Plantation. Invite friends and family to visit as costumed guides will lead you on a tour the plantation home decorated in Victorian Christmas splendor, enjoy hot apple cider and old-fashioned Christmas cookies in the plantation kitchen, and create your own Victorian Christmas card or ornament. This event is free to the public.

The American Music Series Presents:  The Fringe Band in Concert  December 13

Get in the holiday mood with the Fringe Band, the opening concert in the 2015-16 American Music Series on Sunday, at 2:30 p.m. The Fringe Band is an acoustic variety band originally formed in 1987. Currently the band gets together for two or three performances each year.

The band consists of Ron Pendleton on mandolin, lead and harmony vocals; Tony Cockram on guitar, lead and harmo-
The Successful Gardener Series

We might be hunkering down for winter, but now is the perfect time to start planning and preparing for that spring garden! This series will teach you everything you need to know to get started right on your windowsill.

The Successful Gardener classes are designed to get you the information you need to enjoy spending time in your garden, whether you garden in your backyard or on a 1/2 acre. Learn to solve problems, identify plants, and generate new ideas, and generally get more information than you could find on a website or at a garden center.

Beginning in January, classes will be held the 4th Tuesday evening of each month, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served at 5:30 for those who might be coming from work. You are also welcome to bring something to eat with you.

Participants can take individual sessions throughout the year for only $10.00 per session. You can also earn a Certificate in Home Gardening from the Reynolds Homestead and Virginia Tech by taking all 10 classes for the discounted rate of $80.00 – a savings of $20!

Registrations are due by January 15, 2016, but seating is limited so you are encouraged to register early. In the event of inclement weather during the winter, we will work to find a make up date that will suit everyone.

About the Instructor

Jeffrey Rieves is an Educator, Consultant, Agripreneur, and owner of Threefold Company. He teaches at several community colleges in North Carolina and offers seminars and instruction to farm and food businesses on topics concerning business planning, marketing and food safety. In addition he teaches home gardening classes and workshops at area venues.

Jeff has a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration from UNC-Greensboro, and his work experience includes serving as Agricultural Extension Agent for North Carolina Cooperative Extension, training Master Gardeners, and much more.

To learn more about Jeff and the many programs he has designed, visit his website at www.jeffrieves.com.

Remember to enjoy your garden. Because THAT’S what makes you a Successful Gardener!

To download a complete class schedule and registration, please visit www.reynoldshomestead.vt.edu.

Register today!
Classes begin January 26