

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY/MANASSAS SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

★ 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS ★

JANUARY 2011

16 ★ *Mosby in Manassas and Prince William*

2:00 p.m.; Free

Author Don Hakenson returns to The Manassas Museum to speak on the many sites with a Mosby connection in the area. He has published four books about Colonel John S. Mosby and his men.

The Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William Street, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 368-1873,
www.visitmanassas.org

27 ★ *Lecture Series—“There Stands Jackson”: The Life and Times of General Thomas Jonathan Jackson*

7:00 p.m.; free, donations appreciated

Speaker tbd.

Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110 (703) 367-7872

FEBRUARY 2011

6 ★ *Back of the Big House and the Planters’ Prospect*

2:00 p.m.; free

Author John Michael Vlack, Professor of American Studies and Anthropology at George Washington University, visits The Manassas Museum to talk about his book on slave life during the Civil War.

The Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William Street, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 368-1873,
www.visitmanassas.org

9 ★ *Daily Life of the Freed and Enslaved in and around Chapman’s Mill*

10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; \$5.00

Recent archaeological evidence and census records shed new light on daily life of the freed and enslaved in the 18th and 19th centuries in and around Chapman’s Mill. This insightful presentation will be held at the Afro-American Historical Association’s museum in The Plains, VA (snow day February 16). The exhibit will be there the entire month of February. Interested schools should call the AAHA. The event is co-sponsored by the Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County and the Turn the Mill Around Campaign at Chapman/Beverly Mill.

Afro-American Historical Association Museum, 4243 Loudoun Avenue, The Plains, VA 20198, 540-253-7488

12 ★ *The Underground Railroad Network to Freedom*

11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.; \$5 per car

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Leesylvania will celebrate its connection to local black history and the Underground Railroad network. A band of runaways informed Union soldiers of Confederate activity at Freestone Point in September, 1861. Come to the park to learn about all aspects of the park's rich and diverse history as we celebrate Black History Month.

Leesylvania State Park, 2001 Daniel K Ludwig Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22191 (703) 730-8205

12 ★ *A Slave's Life at Liberia Plantation*

2:00 p.m.; \$15/person purchased in advance at www.manassassmusuem.org

On the eve of the Civil War, Liberia was one of the largest and most successful farms in western Prince William County. With the labor of 90 slaves, the plantation produced grains and vegetables sold commercially in Washington City. The Weir Family also raised a large herd of Merino sheep as well as horses, cattle, and hogs. A Slave's Life will offer visitors a rare glimpse into the historic 1825 plantation home and use music and stories to tell the life of the slaves that worked there.

Liberia Plantation, 8601 Portner Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 368-1873,
www.visitmanassas.org

19 ★ *Casanova Hunt Point to Point Race*

Information to come.

Buckland Farm, 6342 Pleasant Colony Lane, Warrenton, VA 20186, (703)754-4000

24 ★ *Lecture Series—Plantation Culture from Those Who Built It: A View of Slavery through Architecture and Art*

7:00 p.m.; free, donations appreciated

Join nationally renowned historian Dr. John Michael Vlach as he explains the culture and life of slaves through their places of work and rest. There are very few depictions of slaves in 19th century plantation images and there are even fewer remaining examples of the buildings they spent their everyday lives. Through stories and images, Dr. Vlach will bring a different view of life on a plantation, from the perspective of the people that gave plantations their power, the slaves. Dr. Vlach is a Professor of American Studies and Anthropology at The George Washington University and Director of the university's Folklife Program. He has also authored two books on plantation and slave life, *Back of the Big House* and *The Planter's Prospect*.

Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110 (703) 367-7872

MARCH 2011

19 ★ *Dinner with General Beauregard at Liberia Plantation*

6:30 p.m.; \$25/person purchased in advance at www.manassasmuseum.org

Join General P.G.T Beauregard and the Weirs for a candlelight dinner before the Battle of First Manassas. Liberia was built in 1825 by William James Weir and it served as the headquarters for the General and his officers until the winter of 1861 when he abandoned it to Union General Irvin McDowell who used it for a headquarters prior to the Battle of Second Manassas.

Liberia Plantation, 8601 Portner Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110; (703) 368-1873,
www.visitmanassas.org

27 ★ *Manassas: Legends and Lies*

2:00 p.m.; free

John Hennessy, Chief Historian/Chief of Interpretation of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National NMP, will be at The Manassas Museum to present Manassas: Legends and Lies. After

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the program, he will sign copies of his book *Return to Bull Run*, noted as one of the more definitive accounts of Robert E. Lee's triumph over Union leader John Pope in the summer of 1862.

The Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William Street, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 368-1873, www.visitmanassas.org

31 ★ *Lecture Series—They Fought Like Demons: Female Combatants in the Civil War*

7:00 p.m.; FREE, donations appreciated

On July 18, 1861 north and south clashed at Blackburn's Ford. Each army had at least one soldier who held a secret; their gender. On the Union side Sarah Emma Edmonds and on the Confederate side Loretta Velázquez, both women disguised as men, would fight against each other. In honor of National Women's Month, join historian Joyce Henry as we explore the lives of these "Patriots in Disguise" and their contributions to the Civil War.

Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110 (703) 367-7872

APRIL 2011

★ *Civil War Education Day – Henry Hill*

10 A.M. to 1 P.M. **FREE ADMISSION**

Military and Civilian demonstrations to describe life of the Civil War era, and the experience of the soldier. Musketry and Artillery firing.

Manassas National Battlefield Park, 6511 Sudley Road, Manassas VA 20109 (703) 361-1339

1-2 ★ *Buckland Village and Buckland Farm Historic House and Garden Tour*

Admission tbd

Village of Buckland, US VA #29 in Gainesville

Buckland Farm, 6342 Pleasant Colony Lane, Warrenton, VA 20186 (703) 754-4000

9 ★ *Park Day*

9:00 a.m. – noon; free

Join the staff at Bristoe Station Battlefield, the Civil War Preservation Trust and the History Channel for Park Day 2010. Park Day is a nationwide event that encourages Civil War enthusiasts to help maintain, restore and preserve Civil War sites through volunteerism. Come out and join us for a fun and rewarding day of work at Bristoe Battlefield. We will work on grounds maintenance projects throughout the 133-acre site. Wear sturdy work shoes and bring gloves and sunscreen. Tools and snack will be provided. Meet in the parking lot off Iron Brigade Avenue. Please, no pets.

Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, 10708 Bristow Road, Bristow, VA 20136 (703) 792-5546

10 ★ *Civil War Trails: Walking Tour of Old Town Manassas*

2:00 p.m.; \$15/person purchased in advance at www.manassassmusuem.org

Tour Old Town Manassas with interpreters in period dress as they discuss the importance of the railroad junction to both Confederate and Union forces, military strategies, and the importance of fort locations on this walking tour of Civil War trail markers.

The Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William Street, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 368-1873, www.visitmanassas.org

18 -19 ★ *Taking the Lead in Preserving Virginia's Battlefields Conference*

2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; \$100 registration, \$20 dinner on Sunday

This two day conference, sponsored by The Virginia Department of Historic Resources and the Prince William/Manassas Sesquicentennial Committee will explore local leadership in the preservation of Virginia's Battlefields. The conference will include panel discussion by experts in the preservation field, tours of the Manassas National Battlefield Park, Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, and Old Town Manassas.

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Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, 10708 Bristow Road, Bristow, VA 20136
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Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110 (703) 367-7872

19 ★ *They Rode From Brentsville: Faces of the Prince William Cavalry*

(through June 26, 2010)

Tuesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Manassas Museum tells the story of the Prince William Cavalry in preparation for the Brentsville Sesquicentennial Civil War Weekend and Cavalry Ride on April 30th with genealogy, photographs, and artifacts and interactive exhibits for adults and children. Exhibit Opening Reception on April 30th at 5:30 pm with the riders of the Prince William Cavalry.

The Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William Street, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 368-1873,
www.visitmanassas.org

23 ★ *Blue and Gray Ball*

Admission tbd

The Buckland Preservation Society will host the Blue and Gray Ball at Cerro Gordo which will include period ball dancing, period entertainment, the Black Horse Cavalry, and a silent auction.

Cerro Gordo, 8001 Cerro Gordo Road], Gainesville, VA 20155, (703) 754-4000

28 ★ *Lecture Series—Keeping Time*

7:00 p.m.; free, donations appreciated

April is the month we usually prepare to turn our clocks forward for daylight savings time. Time is kept on a standard today that simply did not exist in 1861. Join Historian and author Art Candenquist for a unique and informative lecture centered on how time was kept during the American Civil War.

Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110 (703) 367-7872

30 ★ *Prince William Cavalry Rides Again! Brentsville Sesquicentennial Civil War Weekend and Cavalry Ride to Manassas*

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

In April 1861, residents of Prince William County met in Brentsville and voted to endorse Virginia's secession from the United States. That same month, several military units were formed in Brentsville to prepare for the defense of Virginia. On the 150th anniversary of this event, come to Brentsville to relive and learn about this tragic time in our history. Witness a debate over secession in the Courthouse, watch the citizens of Brentsville present the Prince William Cavalry a new flag and watch loved ones say good bye to those going off to war. Explore the camps and watch military demonstrations throughout the day. Then at 3 p.m., watch the Prince William Cavalry ride off to the Manassas Museum. Then welcome the riders at the Manassas Museum and see the unveiling of the museum exhibit on the Prince William Cavalry. This program is co-sponsored by the Manassas Museum, the Prince William County Historic Preservation Division

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and the 4th Virginia Cavalry, Inc.

Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, 12229 Bristow Road, Bristow, VA 20136, (703) 365-7895

The Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William St., Manassas, VA 20110, 703-368-1873

MAY 2011

6 ★ *Manassas Gallery Walk*

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Free

Local artists unveil a season's worth of creative work incorporating Civil War locations, sites, themes and artifacts. Hosted by Old Town Merchants.

Old Town Manassas, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 361-6599, www.visitmanassas.org

7 ★ *Potomac Blockade Boat Tour*

10:00a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; \$10.00 per person; reservations preferred. Tours will leave from the dock at Leesylvania State Park at 10, 12, 2, and 4.

Cruise along the Potomac River shoreline and view sites that were critical to the Confederate forces' successful blockade of Washington D.C. from September 1861 through March 1862. Local historians will discuss the significance of the Blockade and of the gun batteries and camps that supported the Confederate efforts. The cruise will include the preserved batteries at Freestone Point and Possum Nose, as well as Evansport and Shipping Point.

Please call (703) 499-9812 for more information and to make reservations.

Leesylvania State Park, 2001 Daniel K Ludwig Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22191 (703) 730-8205

7 ★ *Park Restoration Day*

10:00 am – noon.

Join the Prince William County's Historic Preservation Division staff in our ongoing efforts to restore Bristoe Station Battlefield. Come dressed to get dirty as we remove invasive plants, plant native species, and maintain the trails. Wear sturdy work shoes and bring gloves, sun screen and bug spray. Tools will be provided. Meet in the parking lot off Iron Brigade Avenue. Please, no pets.

Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, 10708 Bristow Road, Bristow, VA 20136
(703) 792-5546

7-8 ★ *Bristoe Station Battlefield Tours*

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; \$5 per person, free for children under six

Bristoe Station Battlefield staff and volunteers will provide guided tours of the battlefield. Learn about Camp Jones and the two battles that took place here in 1862 and 1863. Tours begin on the hour and depart from the kiosk in the parking lot on Iron Brigade Unit Avenue. Last tour at 3 pm. Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. No pets please.

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20-22 ★ *Opening of the Pringle House Hospital Exhibit*

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Friday through Sunday; \$5 per person

Join us as we re-open the newly refurbished Ben Lomond Historic Site as the Pringle Hospital. The house has undergone a transformation back to July of 1861 when it became a Confederate hospital after the battle of First Manassas in July, 1861. The new exhibits will chronicle the hectic and traumatic experiences of the medical staff, soldiers, and civilians that occupied the hospital.

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Ben Lomond Historic Site, 10321 Sudley Manor Road, Manassas, VA 20109 (703) 367-7872

21- 22 ★ *Bristoe Station Battlefield Tours*

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26 ★ *Lecture Series—First Blood, Battle of Blackburn’s Ford*

7:00 p.m.; free, donations appreciated

Before the more renowned battle of First Manassas, the Northern and Southern armies would fight a few days before in a small battle five miles from the more famous battlefield. This battle, at the time, was one of the bloodiest days in American history. It was seen by the Confederates as a resounding “victory” and a “bungle” by the Union. The impact of this battle would set the stage for the Battle of First Manassas. Speaker tbd.

Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110 (703) 367-7872

28 ★ *In Memory: Luminaries on the Lawn*

Dusk; free

The Manassas Museum Lawn is bathed in candlelight on Memorial Day Weekend as casualties of the Civil War and all wars are remembered and honored.

The Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William Street, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 368-1873;
www.visitmanassas.org

30 ★ *Memorial Day Observance at Groveton Confederate Cemetery and New York Avenue.*

12:00 a.m.- noon; free

Musketry and Artillery salutes in memory of war dead including the decoration of monuments with state flowers and flags. The ceremony will be held at the Groveton Confederate Cemetery.

Manassas National Battlefield Park, 6511 Sudley Road, Manassas VA 20109 (703) 361-1339

JUNE 2011

3-5 ★ *Manassas Heritage Railway Festival & Civil War Weekend*

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; FREE outside activities, \$1 museum admission

Step into a military encampment on the Manassas Museum lawn as living historians from Confederate and Union regiments demonstrate wartime medicine, musket and artillery fire, and camp life. Free crafts for children, tours of historic caboose, music, and model railroad displays a community celebration of Manassas Railway heritage throughout Old Town, Historic Manassas Inc & The Manassas Museum

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11 ★ *Adult's Night Out at Chapman/Beverley Mill*

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.; admission \$15.00 per person

Enjoy an evening of candlelight tours of the historic Chapman/Beverley Mill, 19th century entertainment, and living history interpretations of Civil War era life. This will all be accompanied by hors d'oeuvres and wine offered by the glass or bottle from the Winery at LaGrange. There will be a presentation on the history of this two-hundred-sixty-nine-year-old industrial, architectural, and historic treasure. This adults-only evening at the Chapman/Beverley Mill has a Civil War history emphasis. Reservations appreciated. For reservations or for further information, call Turn the Mill Around Campaign (TTMAC) at 540-253-5888, or visit chapmansmill.org.

Chapman/Beverley Mill, 17504 Beverley Mill Rd., Broad Run, VA 20137, (540)-253-5888

11 - 12 ★ *Bristoe Station Battlefield Tours*

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; \$5 per person, free for children under six

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18 ★ *The Campaign of First Manassas Sesquicentennial Van Tour*

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; \$85, reservations required

Join local historians for an exciting day learning about the events leading up to the Civil War's first major battle. Tour includes sites such as Centreville, Blackburn's Ford, Mitchell's Ford, McLean House Site, Signal Hill, and Manassas National Battlefield. Cost includes transportation, entrance fees to all sites, and a boxed lunch.

Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, 12229 Bristow Road, Bristow, VA 20136, (703) 365-7895

25 ★ *Cannon Branch Fort Dedication*

Time tbd; free

The City of Manassas dedicates the interpretive markers and trail at the Cannon Branch Fort at Manassas Landing with military interpretations.

The Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William Street, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 368-1873,
www.visitmanassas.org

25 - 26 ★ *Bristoe Station Battlefield Tours*

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30 ★ *Lecture Series—United States Marines at First Manassas*

7:00 p.m.; free, donations appreciated

Abraham Lincoln, in describing the soldiers of the armies both north and south, said, “you are green yes but so are they. You are all green together.” This would be a very good description of the U.S. Marines from Washington Barracks who marched into battle as infantry on the 21st of July 1861. Many of these men were to experience combat for the first time on the plains of Manassas and several were only weeks into training when the battle of 1st Manassas was fought. How would they perform? Join Gunnery Sergeant Thomas E. Williams of the United States Marine Corps Historical Company to explore the answers to these and other questions.

Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110 (703) 367-7872

JULY 2011

9-10 ★ *Bristoe Station Battlefield Tours*

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; \$5 per person, free for children under six

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11-15 ★ *Basic Civil War Summer Camp*

9:00 a.m. – noon; ages 8 – 13, \$90 per child; reservations required

Children will participate in activities designed to develop a better understanding of soldier life during the American Civil War. Activities include “Enlist in Virginia’s Army”, “Life in Camp”, “Infantry Drill”, “Did Civil War Soldiers Really Eat that Stuff?”, “Civil War Medicine” and a field trip to Manassas National Battlefield Park.

Ben Lomond Historic Site, 10321 Sudley Manor Road, Manassas, VA 20109 (703) 367-7872

16 ★ *Virginia’s Civil War*

(through September 4)

Tuesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This exhibition, traveling to eight museums throughout Virginia starting with The Manassas Museum, will challenge visitors to interpret events from the Union, Confederate, and African-American perspectives; to evaluate the war from both the battlefield as well as the home front; and to better understand the social and cultural legacies of the war. Sponsored by the Virginia Civil War Commission. Opening Reception at 7:pm on Friday, July 22, 2011.

The Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William Street, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 368-1873,
www.visitmanassas.org

21 ★ *Sesquicentennial Event*

While a number of ancillary educational events will occur, the main focus of planning by the Virginia Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, NPS staff, and officials in Manassas and

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Prince William County, is on the July 21 program at the battlefield and courthouse. A tentative outline is below.

9:30 a.m. Media event

10:30 a.m. Special battlefield tour for dignitaries,
Living history and hands-on demonstrations for the public all day
Civil War 150 HistoryMobile
Civil War 3-D photography exhibit

4:00 p.m. Prince William County and Manassas participate in a full recreation of the 1911 Peace Jubilee for the 100th Anniversary with vintage automobile's, flags, colorful bunting, peace maidens and a production of the ceremony on the courthouse steps with President Taft and Civil War soldiers. Media event at Prince William County Courthouse, to be followed by a parade and period music at the Harris Pavilion in Old Town Manassas.
Old Town Manassas, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 361-6599,
www.visitmanassas.org
Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110

6:00 p.m. Period Music
Harris Pavilion, 9201 Center Street, Manassas, VA 20110

21 ★ *Color in Freedom: Journey along the Underground Railroad*

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday
African-American artist Joseph Holston brings a fresh and invaluable perspective to an important American story in this fresh interpretation of the journey along the underground railroad.
Center for the Arts (Candy Factory), 9419 Battle Street, Manassas, VA 20110-5438,
(703) 330-2787

21-24 ★ *Confederate Headquarters at Liberia*

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
The program will focus on General Beauregard's occupation, spy activity, and battle plan.
Liberia Mansion, 8601 Portner Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 368-1873

21-24 ★ *Defending the Junction at Mayfield and Cannon Branch Forts*

9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; free
Confederate interpreters at Mayfield and Union interpreters at Cannon Branch discuss military strategy during First Manassas.
Mayfield Fort, 8401 Quarry Road, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 368-1873
Cannon Branch Fort, Gateway Blvd, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 368-1873

21-24 ★ *Life after the War*

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
In 1893, former slave Jennie Dean, after almost a decade of charismatic fundraising, chartered the Manassas Industrial School. The site interprets the Manassas Industrial School for Colored Youth on October 7, 1893. Learn about the life of former slaves after the war and this unique woman.
Jennie Dean Historical Site, 9601 Wellington Road, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 368-1873

22 ★ *Battle Reenactment (skirmish)*

2:00 p.m.

On the day before 1st Manassas, Union and Confederate scouts skirmished in present-day Yorkshire. The reenactment community prepares for First Manassas with this skirmish in Old Town Manassas.

Old Town Manassas, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 361-6599, www.visitmanassas.org

22 ★ *Civil War Military Parade*

10:00 a.m.; free

Civil War reenactors from around the country are invited to camp in Manassas at several historic sites and to join the local community to commemorate the First Battle of Manassas and participate in a military parade through the streets of Manassas in preparation for the battle reenactments on Saturday and Sunday.

Old Town Manassas, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 361-6599, www.visitmanassas.org

22 ★ *Virginia's Civil War Exhibit Opening Reception*

7:00 p.m.

Official opening of state exhibit.

The Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William Street, Manassas, VA 20110 (703) 368-1873

22 ★ *Music*

7:00 p.m.

Description to come

Harris Pavilion and Battle Street, Manassas, VA

22-24 ★ *150th Anniversary of First Manassas.*

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Commemoration of sesquicentennial of First Manassas continues, with special ranger tours of the battlefield; military demonstrations of musket and artillery firing; soldier life encampment; living history impressions of Union and Confederate soldiers; music. Henry Hill, "Manassas's Own" Artillery (representing Union Battery D, 5th U.S.) and infantry troops portray Union and Confederate soldiers. The annual commemoration of the first battle with special tours, living history demonstrations, and historic weapons firings reveals military tactics and portrays soldier life.

Manassas National Battlefield Park, 6511 Sudley Road, Manassas VA 20109 (703) 361 - 1339

22-30 ★ *Pringle House Hospital*

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Sunday; \$5 per person

Discover how the Pringle House—also known as Ben Lomond—was used as a Confederate hospital after the battle of First Manassas in July 1861.

Ben Lomond Historic Site, 10321 Sudley Manor Road, Manassas, VA 20109 (703) 367-7872

23 ★ *John Chapman's Civil War Nightmare*

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; admission \$5.00, children under 12 free

Take a guided tour through historic Chapman/Beverley Mill and learn about the Civil War history of the mill and the family who operated it in that era. Hear the fascinating history of Chapman's Mill during the Civil War from a "living historian" interpreting Ellen Chapman, the widow of John Chapman. Learn the impact of the war on this important 19th century industrial center and the man who operated it. Additional reenactments will take place. This event is also available upon request at your site. For

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further information, call the Turn the Mill Around Campaign (TTMAC) at 540-253-5888, or visit chapmansmill.org.

Chapman/Beverley Mill, 17504 Beverley Mill Rd., Broad Run, VA 20137, (540)-253-5888

23 ★ *Civil War Baseball Game*

2:00 p.m.; free

Enjoy a game of America's National Pastime as far more than just a mere sporting event, baseball has become a major part of the American culture and has often been responsible for bringing people together in times of crisis. Therefore, it somehow seems fitting that the origins of modern baseball can be traced back to a divided America when the country was in the midst of the Civil War and both sides sought relief by playing baseball.

Jennie Dean Elementary School, 9601 Prince William Street, Manassas, VA 20110

Old Town Manassas, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 361-6599, www.visitmanassas.org

23 ★ *Twilight Manassas City Cemetery Tour*

8:00 p.m.; ticketed event

Interpreters in period dress lead guests on a lantern tour of the City Cemetery with special stops Confederate gravesites, the resting place of a Union Medal of Honor recipient and the occasional ghost.

City Cemetery, 9027 Center Street, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 368-1873

23 - 24 ★ *150th Anniversary of First Manassas Reenactment.*

7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. \$20 per person

This two day reenactment will include 12,000 to 14,000 re-enactors and will feature historically accurate battle reenactments on both days. Displays and exhibits will include artillery firing demonstrations, lectures, book signing, a sutler's row, living history vignettes, and children's activities.

Site to be determined For more information contact the Prince William County/Manassas Convention and Visitors Bureau at (703) 396-7130.

23 ★ *Sesquicentennial Blue and Gray Ball*

8:00 p.m.; ticketed event

Period dress, music and food under the stars at Liberia Plantation, headquarters Confederate General P.G.T. Beauregard and his officers before the Battle of First Manassas.

Liberia Mansion, 8601 Portner Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 368-1873

23-24 ★ *Bristoe Station Battlefield Tours*

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; \$5 per person, free for children under six

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Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, 10708 Bristow Road, Bristow, VA 20136, (703) 792-5546

24 ★ *Inter-faith Service on the Lawn*

10:00 a.m.

Manassas concludes its Sesquicentennial commemoration with a church service with the weekend's participants on the Manassas Museum lawn in Old Town Manassas.

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Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William Street, Manassas, VA 20110 (703) 368-1873

24 ★ *United Daughters of the Confederacy Wreath-Laying Ceremony*

Time tbd

The UDC remembers their veterans at the Manassas City Cemetery following the church service.
City Cemetery, 9027 Center Street, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 368-1873

25-28 ★ *Historic Brentsville Summer Camp*

9:00 a.m. – noon daily; ages 8-13; \$90 per child; reservations required

This camp will include activities associated with the various periods of history at Brentsville. Children will conduct a historic mock trial in the 1822 Courthouse, cook a snack and create historic crafts in the ca.1850 Haislip Farm House, learn about a school day in the one-room schoolhouse and engage with nature as they identify animals and plants along the Brentsville Nature Trail.

Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, 12229 Bristow Road, Bristow, VA 20136
(703) 365-7895

AUGUST 2011

6 ★ *Family Night at Chapman/Beverley Mill*

4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; admission \$15.00 per family or \$5.00 per person

Visitors on Family Night will enjoy an evening of family fun and entertainment, including the First Virginia Cavalry Confederate reenactors depicting Civil War camp life and the role of cavalry units in the Civil War. Families can participate in a variety of activities from the 19th century for kids of all ages. There will also be 19th century music and interpretive tours of Chapman/Beverley Mill. For further information, call the Turn the Mill Around Campaign (TTMAC) at 540-253-5888, or visit chapmansmill.org.

Chapman/Beverley Mill, 17504 Beverley Mill Rd., Broad Run, VA 20137, (540)-253-5888

13 - 14 ★ *Bristoe Station Battlefield Tours*

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; \$5 per person, free for children under six

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(703) 792-5546

13 ★ *Occupied Land: Civilian Civil War Sites In Prince William County Van Tour*

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; \$85 per person. Space is limited, reservations required.

Prince William County witnessed three major battles and many skirmishes, but the impact of the war reached far beyond the battlefields. Homes, businesses and towns were ravaged by the armies. This tour will highlight the plight of citizens in the County and share their stories of hardship and survival. Sites and activities include visits to Civil War camp sites across the County, Brentsville, Liberia Plantation, Haymarket and Chapman's Mill. Cost includes admission to sites and a boxed lunch.

Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, 12229 Bristow Road, Bristow, VA 20136,
(703) 365-7895

20-21 ★ *“Hard Tack and Coffee” Brentsville Civil War Soldier Camp*

10:00 am Saturday until 10:00 am Sunday; ages 16 (with adult) and older only, \$125 per person; reservations required.

150 years ago, Prince William County citizens came to Brentsville to learn how to be soldiers. These farmers, shopkeepers and laborers brought few skills that would prepare them for life in the army. Step into the past and discover the military and daily life skills of Civil War soldiers. Activities of this overnight intensive camp include military drill, firing demonstrations, camp life, cooking and building a soldier hut. Meals are included.

Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, 12229 Bristow Road, Bristow, VA 20136
(703) 365-7895

22-25 ★ *Advanced Civil War Summer Camp*

9:00 am – noon Ages 8 – 13, \$110 per child, reservations required

Children will participate in activities built on fundamentals that they learned during the Basic Civil War Summer Camp (see July 19-22). Participants will drill their peers, learn an artillery drill, explore non commissioned officers’ administrative responsibilities, spend a day with Confederate General Robert E. Lee and take a field trip to Manassas National Battlefield Park. Participants MUST have attended the Basic Civil War Summer Camp.

Ben Lomond Historic Site, 10321 Sudley Manor Road, Manassas, VA 20109 (703) 367-7872

27 ★ *Battle of Thoroughfare Gap Commemoration at Chapman/Beverley Mill*

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. with tours at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.; admission \$5.00 per person, children under 12 free

Tour the ground in the Bull Run Mountains where the Federal defeat led to the dramatic Confederate victory at Second Manassas. Tour guides include noted Civil War historians Childs Burden, Jim Burgess and Bruce Slawter. Experience the First Virginia Cavalry Confederate re-enactors. Also, meet a Union survivor of the Battle of Thoroughfare Gap as interpreted by another “living historian.” For further information, call the Turn the Mill Around Campaign (TTMAC) at 540-253-5888, or visit chapmansmill.org.

Chapman/Beverley Mill, 17504 Beverley Mill Rd., Broad Run, VA 20137, (540)-253-5888

27 - 28 ★ *Bristoe Station Battlefield Tours*

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; \$5 per person, free for children under six

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27 ★ *Battle of Kettle Run Special Tours*

9:00 a.m. – noon \$5 per person, free for children under six

On August 27, 1862 Federal and Confederate forces clashed for the first time at Bristoe Station. Join local historians on the 149th Anniversary for in-depth tours of the battle that served as a prelude to the Second Battle of Manassas. Where comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. No pets please. Tours begin on the hour and depart from the kiosk in the parking lot. The parking lot is located off of Iron Brigade Unit Ave.

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27- 28 ★ *149th Anniversary of Second Manassas.*

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Special ranger tours of the battlefield, military demonstrations of musketry and artillery firing, cavalry demonstrations, living history portrayals of soldiers in an encampment of Union and Confederate troops, cavalry demonstrations of maneuver and carbine firing, and music will mark this anniversary event at Brawner Farm and various locations throughout the park. "Manassas's Own" Artillery (representing Confederate battery) and infantry troops will portray Union and Confederate soldiers.

Manassas National Battlefield Park 6511 Sudley Road, Manassas VA 20109 (703) 361 - 1339

SEPTEMBER 2011

3-4 ★ *Battle of Buckland Races Reenactment*

Schedule to be announced; admission \$10.00 per person, \$5.00 for students, and free for children under 5 years.

A reenactment of the Battle of Buckland Races will commemorate the October 19, 1863, battle at Buckland Farm. The cavalry demonstrations and battle will be organized by the Black Horse Cavalry.

Buckland Farm, 6342 Pleasant Colony Lane, Warrenton, VA 20186 (703) 754-4000

10 ★ *Park Restoration Day*

10:00 a.m. – noon; free

Join Prince William County's Historic Preservation Division staff in our ongoing efforts to restore Bristoe Station Battlefield. Come dressed to get dirty as we remove invasive plants, plant native species, and maintain the trails. Wear sturdy work shoes and bring gloves, sun screen and bug spray. Tools will be provided. Meet in the parking lot off Iron Brigade Avenue. Please, no pets.

Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, 10708 Bristow Road, Bristow, VA 20136
(703) 792-5546

10 ★ *Adult's Night Out at Chapman/Beverley Mill*

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.; admission \$15.00 per person

Enjoy an evening of candlelight tours of the historic Chapman/Beverley Mill, 19th century entertainment, and living history interpretations of Civil War era life. This will all be accompanied by hors d'oeuvres and wine offered by the glass or bottle from the Winery at LaGrange. There will be a presentation on the history of this two-hundred-sixty-nine-year-old industrial, architectural, and historic treasure. This adults-only evening at the Chapman/Beverley Mill has a Civil War history emphasis. Reservations appreciated. For reservations or for further information, call the Turn the Mill Around Campaign (TTMAC) at 540-253-5888, or visit chapmansmill.org.

Chapman/Beverley Mill, 17504 Beverley Mill Rd., Broad Run, VA 20137, (540)-253-5888.

10-11 ★ *Bristoe Station Battlefield Tours*

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; \$5 per person, free for children under six

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11 ★ *Tour to Highlight Civil War Manassas*

Visit Old Town Manassas and take a **Tour to Highlight Civil War Manassas**. On Manassas sidewalks and streets where commuters and shoppers now tread, 24,000 Confederate soldiers built a camp and earthwork forts in 1861, transforming what was once a sleepy railroad junction into a strategic battleground of the Civil War. The Civil War Trails Old Town Walking Tour, sponsored by the Manassas Museum, takes place on Saturday, September 11 bringing to life these and other stories about the transformation and destruction of the area during the war. The tour, offered at 2 p.m. for a \$15 admission fee, promises a walking narrative of what the city looked like during the Civil War, and will follow signs on the popular state-wide Civil War Trail. The tour will emphasize earthwork construction in Old Town, how the railroad was used during the war for military purposes, life in area military camps, raids on stores, and the landscape that remained after forces withdrew. Tickets for the tour are \$15 and advance tickets are required. Tickets are nonrefundable, unless the event is cancelled by the museum. The rain date is September 25. Call 703-368-1873 or visit www.manassasmuseum.org to purchase tickets.

17 ★ *Beyond the Battlefield: Civil War Sites In Prince William County*

Van Tour

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; \$80 per person. Space is limited, reservations required.

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Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, 12229 Bristow Road, Bristow, VA 20136
(703) 365-7895

24 ★ *Commemoration of Warrenton-Fauquier Heritage Day*

Schedule to be announced; admission \$10.00 per person, \$5.00 for students, and free for children under 5 years.

A reenactment of the Battle of Buckland Races will commemorate the October 19, 1863, battle at Buckland Farm. The cavalry demonstrations and battle will be organized by the Black Horse Cavalry.

Buckland Farm, 6342 Pleasant Colony Lane, Warrenton, VA 20186 (703) 754-4000

24–25 ★ *Anniversary of the Potomac River Blockade 1861*

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; parking fee.

Join Living Historians as they camp at Freestone Point, the preserved site of the Confederate Gun Battery during the Blockade of the Potomac. Discover the story of the Battery and see artillery demonstration, camp life, and talk to historians as they discuss the lives of the soldiers and the women and children left behind. Living History events are planned for the Town of Dumfries as well. Drills and demonstration will be held. Various Confederate units, including the 10th Alabama Volunteer Infantry Reg. Reenactors group from Fredericksburg, will have an encampment in Merchant Park offering demonstrations of how a soldier spent his time in camp. Authentic camp life demonstrations, drills, cooking, entertainment and general living conditions will be exhibited. A headquarters camp will be set up at Williams Ordinary in which a Confederate officer and his staff will explain the blockade situation.

Leesylvania State Park, 2001 Daniel K Ludwig Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22191, (703) 730-8205

Weems Botts Museum, 3944 Cameron Street, Dumfries, VA 22026, (703) 221-3346

Williams Ordinary, 17674 Main Street Dumfries, Virginia 22026, (703) 792-4754

24 - 25 ★ *Bristoe Station Battlefield Tours*

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; \$5 per person, free for children under six

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OCTOBER 2011

8 ★ *Restoration Day*

10:00 a.m. – noon; free

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8 - 9 ★ *Bristoe Station Battlefield Tours*

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15 ★ *Battle of Bristoe Station Anniversary Tour*

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; \$5 per person, free for children under six

On October 14, 1863 Federal and Confederate forces met once again at Bristoe Station. Join local historians for in-depth tours of the Battle which ended General Robert E. Lee's last offensive of the war. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. No pets please. Tours begin on the hour and depart from the kiosk in the parking lot. The parking lot is located off of Iron Brigade Unit Ave.

Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, 10708 Bristow Road, Bristow, VA 20136 (703) 792-5546

22 - 23 ★ *Bristoe Station Battlefield Tours*

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NOVEMBER 2011

12-13 ★ *Camp Jones Encampment Sesquicentennial Event*

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday (camp area); 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Saturday for candlelight tours. Camp area free; Candlelight tours \$5 person, children under 6 free.

Candlelight tours on Saturday, November 12th from 5pm – 9pm

In 1861, thousands of Confederate soldiers were encamped in the fields around Bristoe Station. This large encampment was called "Camp Jones". Here for several months, Confederate soldiers from all over the south would endure hard winter conditions and be exposed to numerous illnesses and diseases. Nearly 1,000 men died and were buried at Bristoe during this time. This living history program will demonstrate Civil War camp life and the hardships that soldiers faced during the war. Camps will be open to visitors during the day with special candlelight tours offered on November 12th.

Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, 10708 Bristow Road, Bristow, VA 20136, (703) 792-5546

DECEMBER 2011

10-11 ★ *Civil War Santa Visits Ben Lomond*

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Sunday; \$5 per person

In December 1862 Artist Thomas Nast drew one of the earliest images of Santa Claus giving gifts to soldiers. Santa will dust off that old suit he wore then and visit Ben Lomond. See the house decorated in true Victorian style by the Prince William County Garden Council and make period decorations to take home.

Ben Lomond Historic Site, 10321 Sudley Manor Road, Manassas, VA 20109 (703) 367-7872

17 ★ *Civil War Christmas at Brentsville*

3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; \$5 per person

During the winter of 1861, Prince William County was home to nearly 70,000 soldiers who spent Christmas here instead of in their homes. Step back 150 years to see how soldiers and civilians celebrated Christmas time during the Civil War. Walk through camps by candlelight and interact with the soldiers and learn about Christmas customs of the past. Enjoy hot cider and join in on caroling or enjoy a musical performance in the historic Union Church.

Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, 12229 Bristow Road, Bristow, VA 20136,
(703) 365-7895

17-18 ★ *A Civil War Christmas at Leesylvania State Park*

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; parking fee \$5.00.

Join us at the Park's Visitor Center and tell Santa what you want, enjoy light refreshments, help decorate the park's Christmas tree, and make some 19th-century decorations for home.

Leesylvania State Park, 2001 Daniel K Ludwig Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22191 (703) 730-8205