

# Coming this October to Prince William County Historic Preservation Division

Get outside and come and see us! Our sites are open for guided tours Thursday – Monday from 11AM-4PM, and the grounds are open daily from dawn until dusk. Join us for special programs, tours, or request a private program for your group! For more information, please call the sites or our main office at 703-792-4754. We hope to see you soon!

## October 5 Fireside Ghost Stories at Ben Lomond

7 p.m. - 8 p.m., \$5 per person, children 2 and under are free. Ben Lomond has a diverse and grim history serving as a Civil War hospital and to the home of countless slaves. Over the years, many local residents claim to have seen ghosts and other spooky happenings at the site. This has led to reports that the site is haunted. Join us for an exciting and eerie evening around the campfire to hear some of the ghost stories associated with the historic site. **Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA . 703-367-7872.**



## October 6 Waterways Clean-up at Julie J. Metz Neabsco Creek Wetlands Preserve

Beginning at 8 a.m. Trash is dangerous to natural environments. Join us as we clean-up the Neabsco Creek Wetlands, protecting the area and its natural resources and wildlife. Equipment and beverages provided, but we recommend all participants to bring their own gloves, safety goggles and wear appropriate clothing and boots. Please call 703-499-9812 to register you or your group. **Julie J. Metz Neabsco Creek Wetlands Preserve, Woodbridge, VA. 703-499-9812.**

## October 6 Overnight Stay in Brentsville Jail

8 p.m. - 8 a.m.; \$75 per person. Reservations are required. From 1822 to 1893, the Brentsville jail housed numerous people awaiting trial and their fate. - Prisoners were accused of crimes from theft to poisoning and even murder. In 1872, a prominent Prince William resident was gunned down in his cell while awaiting his trial. Join us around a bonfire while we talk about the nearly 200 year-old building and the stories of many of the people imprisoned here. **Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, Bristow, VA. 703-365-7895.**



## October 13-14 Battle of Bristoe Station Anniversary Weekend and Luminary

11 a.m.-4 p.m. daytime demonstrations, Evening Luminary begins at 7 pm; Free, \$5 suggested donation  
Join Battlefield Park staff for the 155th Anniversary of the Battle of Bristoe Station. Tour a Civil War encampment, watch artillery firing demonstrations, and visit the site of the third and final battle that took place in Prince William County. Park historians will lead tours of a section of the battlefield never open to the public before! On Saturday evening, visit the battlefield to see nearly 1,000 luminary candles for every soldier who died at Bristoe Station. Guided tours will lead visitors to meet the men and women who made history here. **Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, Bristow, VA. 703-366-3049.**



## October 13 Scary B-Movie Night at Rippon Lodge

Movie starts at 7:30 p.m. \$5 suggested donation. Enjoy one of the top 1950s B horror movies, *The Thing from Another World* at Rippon Lodge. This classic horror movie features a U.S. Air Force crew and scientists who find a crashed flying saucer and a body frozen nearby in the Arctic ice. When the creature is accidentally re-



vived, the crew must defend themselves against this malevolent, plant-based alien. Movie may not be suitable for children under 6 years old. Bring blankets, chairs, and wear warm clothes as you sit on the lawn in the dark watching this great horror film. Popcorn and beverages available for purchase. **Rippon Lodge Historic Site, Woodbridge, VA. 703-499-9812**

## October 19-20 Spirits at Brentsville

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.; \$10 per person, children under 6 free. Brentsville has a diverse history and it served as the county seat for nearly 100 years. During this time, many strange and scary events have happened here, and it is said that ghosts of long dead men and women still haunt the area. Come experience a unique opportunity to tour the historic buildings and grounds by candlelight, meet several historical characters along the way and hear their tales of sadness and triumph. Guided tours on the hour. Not recommended for children under 12. Reservations strongly recommended. **Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, Bristow, VA. 703-365-7895.**



## October 20 Potomac Blockade Boat Tour

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; \$45 per participant, lunch included. 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 the gun batteries and camps. Call 703-792-5618 for more information and to make reservations. Prices are subject to change without notice. **Boat tour departs from the boat dock at Leesylvania State Park, 2001 Daniel K Ludwig Drive, Woodbridge, VA.**

## October 20 Haunted Campfire at Rippon Lodge

7p.m. and 8:15 p.m.; \$10 per person, advanced reservation strongly recommended. The best spooky stories are told by campfire. Join Rippon Lodge's Haunted Campfire and hear long lost, ghostly tales of Virginia while surrounded by the darkness. Arrive at the Lodge's front porch and be escorted by candlelight down to the amphitheater to listen to terrifying, unnerving stories of yore. This program is not recommended for children under six. This is an outdoor event, therefore dress appropriately and wear close toed shoes. **Rippon Lodge Historic Site, Woodbridge, VA. 703-499-9812.**



## October 27 Hospital Horrors

7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.; \$10 per person, advanced registration strongly recommended. Ben Lomond has a grim history as serving as a Confederate Field Hospital after the Battle of First Manassas. Come experience a unique opportunity to tour the house and grounds in the recreated hospital and hear the stories of soldiers, doctors, and loved ones who were forever changed during the Civil War. Guided tours every fifteen minutes. Advanced reservations strongly recommended since spaces fill quickly. Some sights and smells may not be suitable for young children. **Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA. 703-367-7872.**

## October 27-28 Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park Tours

11 a.m. - 3p.m.; Tours leave on the hour; Free. Join Bristoe Station Battlefield historians for guided tours of the hallowed grounds that contain camps, cemeteries, and battlefields. **Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, Bristow, VA. 703-366-3049.**



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The sites are currently closed or regular tours until May 1st, but you can still come and see us! We are open for special programs and for tours by appointment, just give us a call. The grounds are still open daily from dawn until dusk.



**November 3**

## Cockpit Point Tours

Tours take place at 10 a.m., 1p.m., and 3 p.m., \$20 per person; **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Join us on a special tour of Prince William County's newest historic park, Cockpit Point Civil War Park. Site includes rare Civil War era fortifications that were part of the Confederate Blockade of the Potomac River in 1861-1862. Please note that tours include difficult terrain and off trail style hiking. **For reservations, call 703-792-4754.**

**November 10**

## Early Days of Prince William County at Rippon Lodge

11am- 4pm; Free, donations accepted

Rippon Lodge, one of the County's oldest homes, welcomes you to Early Days of Prince William County. Founded by the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1731, Prince William County has a diverse and renowned history. Experience living history demonstrations, military encampments, tours of the house, games and crafts for throughout the day. **Rippon Lodge Historic Site, Woodbridge, VA. 703-499-9812.**



**November 10**

## World War I and Prince William County Bus Tour

8:30a.m.-4p.m.; \$70 per person, lunch is included.

One hundred years ago, on November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Great War (World War I) came to an end. The fighting forever changed the United States and Prince

William County. Join local historians for a special bus tour to explore sites of military training, factories, and monuments in Prince William County and more.

**Brentsville Courthouse Historic Center, Bristow, VA. 703-365-7895.**



**November 10**

## Candlelight Tour of Ben Lomond

8 p.m. - 9 p.m.; \$10 per person, advanced registration required.

Ben Lomond has a grim history as a Confederate field hospital after the Battle of First Manassas. Come take a special candlelight tour and have a truly immersive Civil War hospital experience, where you will see, smell, and hear an active field hospital. **Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA. 703-367-7872.**



**November 17**

## Prince William County African American History & Culture Bus Tour

9a.m.-4p.m.; \$70 per person, lunch is included. Reservations Required.

Join local historians as we travel the county, stepping back in time from the 1800s to the 1960s; stopping at many special (and some frequently forgotten) sites, to talk about lifestyle, challenges, and focus on the power of education. **Brentsville Courthouse Historic Center, Bristow, VA. 703-365-7895.**



**November 30**

## History by Campfire: Civil War Soldier's Life

6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; \$5 per person, free for children 2 and under.

Enjoy a warm campfire and roasted marshmallows at Ben Lomond Historic Site and learn how soldiers lived during the American Civil War. See a musket firing demonstration and learn about the rations given to soldiers compared to what we eat today. **Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA. 703-367-7872.**



**November 30 - December 1**

## Rippon Lodge Holiday Candlelight Tours

Gates open at 5:00, tours from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; \$7.00 per person, reservations recommend, not required.

For two nights only, view Rippon Lodge by candlelight at Christmas-time. Beginning with a special tree lighting ceremony decorated by local students on Friday, visitors will marvel at beautifully lit historic grounds and buildings. Tours of the house will take place every 15 minutes to see our special Holiday through the Ages exhibit by candlelight. Interact with living historians, listen to music, enjoy making seasonal crafts, a warm beverage and shopping. Light refreshments on both nights. **Rippon Lodge Historic Site, Woodbridge, VA. 22192, 703-499-9812.**



**December 1-2, 7-9, 14-16, and 21-22**

## Holidays through the Ages at Rippon Lodge

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; \$5.00 per person, children under 6 are free.

Stroll through seasonal celebrations of the past at Rippon Lodge. With interiors the house and grounds decorated for the holidays, guests view seasonal festivities to depict the holidays from the Colonial period though the 1940's as well as reflect different religions. Light refreshments, a warm beverage, and shopping for unique Rippon merchandise round out a wonderful holiday experience. Tours begin on the hour on the front porch. **Rippon Lodge Historic Site, Woodbridge, VA. 703-499-9812.**

## Annual Tree Lighting at Historic Lucasville School

4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; FREE

Kick off the holiday season with a tree lighting at Lucasville School! The event will feature a musical performance, refreshments, holiday shopping, and an appearance by a very special guest! We will also be accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots program. **Lucasville School, Manassas, VA. 703-367-7872.**



**December 8**

## Civil War Christmas at Bristoe Station

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Free, donations accepted

Four wartime Christmases occurred during the Civil War. Separated from loved ones on a holiday about families being together, these Christmases were hard on both the soldiers and the civilians back home. Join living historians at Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park and experience a Civil War Christmas. **Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, Bristow, VA. 703-366-3049.**

**December 8**

## Historic Yule Tide Dinner at Old Manassas Courthouse

6 p.m. - 7:30p.m.; \$75 per participant, ages 21 and over.

Did you know that in early Virginia, Christmas had more for adults than it did for kids? Experience the holidays of years past with a historic Yuletide Dinner at the Old Manassas Courthouse, where you can smell taste some of the unique food and beverages of the time, and partake in some of the delightful traditions of 18th century Virginia. **Reservations are required for space is limited; call 703-792-4754 for reservations.**



**December 8**

## Santa Comes to Rippon Lodge

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.; \$3.00 per child

You better watch out! You better not cry! Santa Claus is visiting Rippon Lodge for one afternoon only! Be on your best behavior and keep your name on the "Nice" list. Parents will be given special "Things Santa Should Know" cards upon arrival. Bring your camera for pictures and dress appropriately for weather as some activities are outside. **Rippon Lodge Historic Site, Woodbridge, VA. 703-499-9812.**



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