

Coming this November & December to Prince William County Historic Preservation Division

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

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 11th, 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 kids under 2.

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 of 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

Historic Yuletide 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.**



Call for Papers: Journal of Prince William County History

Historic Prince William and the Prince William County Historic Preservation Division are partnering to create a scholarly research journal featuring original articles dealing with the history of Prince William County. Any topics on local history will be considered including biographies of individuals, history of events, and histories of institutions or businesses.

Deadline: December 1st

Submit To: Bill Backus, Preservationist • bbackus@pwcgov.org • 703-792-5619



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