

2019 Prince William County History Lecture Series

Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110

History Unfolded in Your Own Backyard. Join us as we explore the significance of our past.
Lectures being at 7 pm.; no reservations required; lectures are FREE, donations accepted

January 24

The Last Days of the *USS Monitor*

Christmas Day 1862 was a joyful day for the crew of the *USS Monitor*. That evening their thoughts turned serious as Capt. John Payne Bankhead told them of the order sending *USS Monitor* south. They all knew their ship was not seaworthy, and some feared passing Cape Hatteras. *Monitor* left Hampton Roads on December 29th. It encountered a fierce storm on the afternoon of December 30th. Heavy seas overwhelmed the ironclad with the full crew of 63 men on board. Historian John V. Quarstein, Director Emeritus, *USS Monitor* Center as he takes us through the final days of the *USS Monitor*.



March 28

Doughboys from Prince William County in the Great War

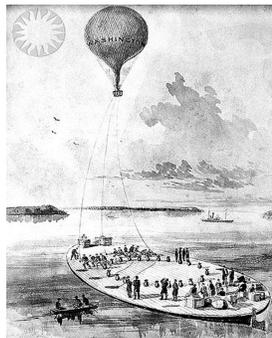
Prince William County sent hundreds of men off to serve in World War I. The “Great War” had a severe impact on the men that served and the community they left behind. Join us as Bill Backus, Preservationist for Prince William County, shares their stories that have long been forgotten.



February 28

Professor Thaddeus S.C. Lowe & Civil War Aeronautics

Join Balloonist and Historian Kevin Knapp as we explore Aeronautics during the American Civil War and the life of aeronaut Thaddeus S.C. Lowe and other key members of the fledgling Balloon Corps. Mr. Knapp will also address the use of Professor Lowe’s balloon which was launched from the deck of the *George Washington Parke Custis*, a balloon barge used during the Potomac River Blockade of 1861-62. How did these aviation marvels of the era work? What did it take to keep them operational in field conditions? These and other logistics and science questions will be answered during the presentation.



April 25

The History and Science of Bee Keeping

Louise Edsall, the Founder and Educator of Bees In Schools, LLC will introduce us to the history of bee keeping and the science needed to keep them alive and thriving today. During this unique presentation participants will get an up close and personal look at an observation hive to see how bees function to produce honey.



Inclement Weather Policy:

*If Prince William County Public Schools are closed, or after school activities are cancelled on a day of a lecture, then the lecture is cancelled as well.
Updates will also be posted on our social media outlets.*



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