

Coming this February

Prince William County Historic Preservation

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.

Weekends in February

Lucasville School Open House

11 a.m.- 4 p.m.; FREE, donations welcome.

Join us as we celebrate African American History Month at historic Lucasville School with an open house in February. Visit the reconstructed 19th century school used by the community of Lucasville. Learn surprising facts of African American history in Prince William County and throughout the Northern Virginia region.

Lucasville School, Manassas, VA 703-365-7895.



On February 9th, join us for a special musical celebration at Lucasville featuring the Ebenezer Baptist Church Men's Choir and more!

February 9

Historic Barnes House Open House

11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Free, donations accepted.

Get a behind the scenes tour of Prince William County's newest "old" building. The Barnes House was the home to an African American family after the Civil War. Learn about the family's amazing history during the Reconstruction-era and about the restoration of the building. Tours will take place at 11am, 1pm, and 3pm.

Barnes House is located at the Montclair Community Library, 5049 Waterway Drive, Dumfries, VA.



February 16

Everyday Full of Work: The African-American Experience at Ben Lomond

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$5 per person, children 6 and under free.

Ben Lomond Historic Site is proud to present special guided tours in recognition of African-American History Month. Explore the historic home and the original slave quarter to learn about the enslaved population living at Ben Lomond in the years before the Civil War. Visit spaces not ordinarily open to the public and participate in hands-on activities to learn about some of the chores that enslaved men, women, and children, were expected to complete.

Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA. 703-367-7872.



February 16

The History and Science of Cooking: The Cupboard is Bare!

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. \$15 dollars per family up to 4.

February was historically a difficult month in years past because after a long, cold winter, fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, and more were either in short supply, or no longer available. Join us at Ben Lomond Historic Site as we prepare foods reflective of what common people would have eaten toward the end of winter in the 19th century. The menu will consist of hoecakes and butter, beef and dumplings, potatoes, and apple pie. Reservations are required.

Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA, 703-367-7872.

February 23

African American History at Brentsville Courthouse

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.; \$10 per person, free for children under six.

Explore the lives of African Americans in 19th century from the perspective of Brentsville Courthouse. As we tour the site, learn about how they lived, their experiences, and how they were treated in the community. Hear about the hardships they faced, such as enslavement and a lack of rights, and the triumphs they achieved before the county seat moved in 1893.

Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, Bristow, VA. 703-365-7895.



February 28

Old Manassas Courthouse Lecture Series: Professor Thaddeus Lowe & Civil War Aeronautics

7 p.m.; FREE, donations welcome.

Join Balloonist and Historian Kevin Knapp as we explore Aeronautics during the American Civil War and the life of aeronaut Thaddeus S.C. Lowe. Learn about 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? These and other logistics and science questions will be answered during the presentation.

Old Manassas Courthouse, Manassas, VA. 703-792-5618.



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NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD NETWORK TO FREEDOM

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March 9

Women's History at Brentsville Courthouse



1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; \$10 per person, free for children under six.

Explore the role women played in the 19th Century from the perspective of Brentsville Courthouse. As we tour the site, learn about the woman's role in the family, in society, how they lived. Hear about the different types of hardships they faced, such as during childbirth, a

lack of rights, and more.

Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, Bristow, VA. 703-365-7895.

March 16

Wedding Expo at the Old Manassas Courthouse

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; \$5.00 per person with advanced registration; \$10 at the door.

If you need assistance in finding vendors and unique locations, such as historic Rippon Lodge, for your special day, then attending our Bridal Expo is a must! Enjoy an afternoon of gathering ideas, watching demos, meeting local wedding professionals, acquiring free samples, and much more!

Advance reservations recommended, space is limited.

Old Manassas Courthouse, Manassas, VA. 703-499-9812.



March 16

The History and Science of Cooking: Happy St. Patrick's Day

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. \$15 dollars per family up to 4, reservations required.

Throughout Virginia, early settlers consisted largely of English Scottish, and Irish immigrants who continued their cultural traditions in their new home. For St. Patrick's Day, join us at Ben Lomond as we make traditional Irish cuisine as it would have been made in the days before electricity and pasteurization. The meal will consist of potatoes, cabbage, and ham, an Irish coddle (Irish sausage and



potatoes dish) Irish soda bread with homemade butter. Space is limited. Please dress for the weather.

Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA. 703-367-7872.

March 21

Brews and Brains with Tucked Away Brewing Company

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.; FREE; donations welcome.

Northern Virginia has a rich history from the 18th century to today. Grab a pint and join the Historic Preservation Division and Tucked Away Brewing Company as we examine the gruesome, scandalous, and exciting little-known history of the area. In March, join local historians as we explore *Stories of the Civil War*.

Bring some food and join us at **8420 Kao Circle, Manassas, VA. For more information, call 703-365-7895.**



March 28

Old Manassas Courthouse Lecture Series: Doughboys from Prince William County in the Great War

7 p.m. Free donations accepted.

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.



Old Manassas Courthouse, Manassas, VA. For more information, call 703-792-5618.

March 30, 2019

If I Were Today a Virginian: 5th Annual Prince William County/Manassas History Symposium
Explore our rich and diverse local history.

Saturday, March 30 at the historic Old Manassas Courthouse Learn about

- ★ *Prince William County's Own: The 3rd Virginia Regiment in the American Revolution*
- ★ *Taylor Iron Works of Neabsco*
- ★ *Jennie Dean and the Manassas Industrial School*
- ★ *Prince William County at the Battle of Gettysburg*
- ★ *Virginia vs. Lorena Bobbitt Looking Back 25 Years Later*

After the sessions, attend a Hands-On Reception with the Curator at the Manassas Museum to further explore one of the day's engaging topics.

Sunday, March 31: Enjoy an exclusive optional Bus Tour of Historic Private Homes (includes lunch) for \$50

\$10 registration fee

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