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CONFEDERATE ARTISTS WILL BE TOPIC AT QUARTERLY MEETING



Pat Lattin

On Sunday August 18, 2013, Pat Lattin, local artist, will speak at the quarterly meeting of the Madison County Historical Society. The subject of her presentation will be "Confederate Artists." Ms. Lattin will present five artists whose works may be recognized by Civil War buffs but whose names are not usually on the tip of the tongue. She will tell us that the work of the artist/journalist who extensively recorded the Civil War was overshadowed by the work of

photography. Ms. Lattin will give background on the evolution from battlefield sketch to newspaper print. Backgrounds will be given on the featured artists: William Ludwell Sheppard, Allen Christian Redwood, William D. Washington, John Adams Elder, Frank Vizatelly and Conrad Wise Chapman with selections of their work in slides.

Pat Lattin, a Texan by birth, describes herself as a military "brat" as her father was career Air Force which resulted, as in most military families, in living in numerous locales while maturing. She received her BA in fine arts from Saint Leo University and her Masters of Education at the University of Florida with a degree in Educational Media and Instructional Design, and has taught art in every grade except eighth. She became enamored of history when asked to teach history to all tenth graders in Savannah, Georgia. Pat has also worked in the corporate world and in the year 2000 moved to Culpeper with husband, Chris, and began to paint full time. Her accomplishments are almost too numerous to mention but she is a Master Gardener doing community service work in schools and nursing homes in Culpeper and Madison, has presented programs on Civil War battles in Virginia at elementary schools and hopes to be a resource for the schools and to continue painting in the Old Masters technique.

The meeting will be held in the County Administrative Offices auditorium at 2pm Sunday August 18th. Everyone is invited to attend and refreshments will be provided in the Kemper Residence next door following the presentation.

JOHN BLANKENBAKER'S PRESENTATION



John Blankenbaker

The speaker at the May 19, 2013 quarterly meeting of the MCHS was John Blankenbaker and the title for his talk was "The First Settlers of Madison County." Mr. Blankenbaker is a descendant of some of the Germanna settlers and has written books and a newsletter on the subject of these people. He gave an overview of the time frame and work performed by the 1717 settlement and the areas from which they came in Germany. Fifty acres of free land (Head Rights for each immigrant) was one means by which an immigrant's passage was paid, thereby indenturing themselves, and some paid for their own passage. Many waited in England for long periods before acquiring passage and some returned to Germany. Their reasons for coming from the two areas of Germany were not religious but economic.

The first settlers in Madison were predominantly German but there were also English settlers. Utz, Blankenbaker and Clore are some of the German names which have been anglicized. Mr. Blankenbaker said it was difficult to accurately determine the plats of land because of inaccurate surveys and many overlapped. He talked to us about the establishment of Hebron Lutheran Church and acquiring its Pastor. There were Lutheran churches in London at this time because King George was German.

GENERAL KEMPER TO GREET VISITORS



Dr. and Mrs. Daniel DeSantis portray James and Belle Kemper During the Taste of The Mountains street festival on August 31, the Kemper Residence will be open from 10 am until 2 pm. General and Mrs. Kemper (as portrayed by Dr. and Mrs. Daniel DeSantis of New Hope, PA) will be on hand to welcome visitors at that time. Come and hear his interesting stories about the life and history of the General.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT KEMPER RESIDENCE FOR TASTE OF THE MOUNTAINS

We are in need of members to monitor the various rooms in the Kemper Residence from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. during the Taste of the Mountains festival on August 31. No knowledge of the Residence history is required. If you can spare an hour or two please sign up by calling the Society at 948-5488, or Bill Scholten at 948-5055. If no one answers, leave a message and your call will be returned. Thanks in advance to all who volunteer

MEMBERSHIP

If you have not yet renewed for 2013, please keep us in mind. We would like to welcome the following new members to the Society since the last newsletter:

William Von Raab
Phil & Joy Brockman
Kathleen S. Johnston
Richard F. Barnhardt

We are happy to have you with us and hope you have a rewarding membership experience.

GERMANNA REUNION



Germanna reunion attendees enjoy Arcade exhibits

More than forty people visited Madison on Friday, July 19, 2013, on the Germanna Foundation's Second Colony tour, led by John Blankenbaker and Cathi Clore Frost. Highlighting the morning was the drive through the Robinson River Valley to view the lands where the Germans settled back in the early 1700's. These hearty folks left the Kraichgau area of southwest Germany and traveled via Rotterdam and London on their way to Virginia. During these travels, the congregation now known as Hebron Lutheran Church was formed. On Sunday, July 21, the entire 2013 Germanna reunion group attended Hebron for worship, a lecture on the history of the church, and a bountiful lunch.

Other stops on the Friday tour included downtown Madison for visits to the Arcade Museum, Joan Tanner's Store, and the Courthouse. The group also toured a historic home and the EA Clore furniture factory. In the afternoon, local historian Harold Woodward joined the group to tell the story of Madison County's involvement in the Civil War as the bus maneuvered along Blue Ridge Turnpike to Rochelle (Jack's Shop) and Uno, and then back to James City. After a refreshing stop at Prince Michel Winery, the group headed back into Culpeper to join other Germannans for a BBQ at Salubria.

On Saturday, the reunion featured a series of presentations at Germanna Community College's Daniel Technology in Culpeper. Speakers included Harold Woodward whose topic was "Madison County 150 Years Ago" and architect Doug Harnsberger who introduced the group to behind-the-scenes architectural characteristics of the building at Hebron Church. The Madison County Historical Society (Beppy White, Sandy Stowe, Ruth Penn, Bill Scholten), Kemper-Fry-Strother Camp #19 Sons of the Confederacy, and Harold Woodward had displays at the Vendor Hall in the lobby at the Daniel Center. The Germanna Historical and Genealogical Conference cannot happen without Madison County!

FALL LUNCHEON TEA PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 25



Even though it is still mid-summer, plans are underway for the Fall Luncheon Tea scheduled for Wednesday, September 25th. Our chefs are testing recipes so we can soon finalize the menu.

As usual, there will be some new items along with the popular standbys. You'll just have to join us to find out what will be new!

We'll begin taking reservations on Sunday, September 1st, and, if the past is any indication,

the limited spaces will fill rather quickly. So make a note on your calendar to call the first week in September. You may make reservations by e-mailing maryhaught@hughes.net or by calling 540-547-4398 and leaving a message. Either way, you will receive a confirmation.

We look forward to another successful tea to provide funds for the Madison County Historical Society. And we'll look forward to seeing you at 12:30 on Wednesday, September 25 at the Kemper Residence, on Main Street in Madison.

DO YOU KNOW?



We are starting a new column in the newsletter where we will ask if anyone can identify a picture (or pictures) which were given to the Historical Society without identification. These photos show planes with "The Ford Company" written on the side. On the hangar roof are the words "Bowler Field" "Passenger flights and "Esso". Do you know anything about these pictures? Or the gentleman pictured? If so please call the Arcade at 948-5488 and leave a message



FIX-UPS IN THE WORKS AT KEMPER



Charles Carter applies the finishing touches of paint on the bathroom wall

Two fix-up projects are underway at the Kemper residence.

What started out as the application of a new coat of paint on the front porch and stairs turned into the need to replace the stairs when, after scraping off the paint, several patches of beyond-repair rot were discovered. As of this writing new boards have been ordered for the steps and risers. After replacement of the stairs the new coat of paint will finally be applied. We look forward to a great improvement in the appearance and function of the entrance after completion of this work. Thanks are due to Madison County and Facilities Manager Roger Berry for undertaking this project.

Another project includes a partial renovation of the first floor bathroom and kitchen. A large cabinet belonging to the Sons of Confederate Veterans(SCV) has been moved from the bathroom to downstairs, providing additional space for use by the Society. This space will be particularly handy to Mary Haught and her staff in preparation of the semiannual Teas that have proven to be very popular. We are grateful to the SCV for their cooperation. We are also grateful to Charles Carter who, with help from his son Carty Carter and Nathan Jenkins, has repainted the walls and ceiling in the bathroom and the kitchen.

The next phase will be laying a new floor in both rooms. Finally, the sink and counter top in the bathroom will be replaced with a newer and more appropriate model.

MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY GIFT SHOP PRICE LIST

The following items may be purchased at the Society Museum in the Arcade Building (see FACILITIES for operating hours) or by sending an email to the giftshop at madisonhistory@verizon.net.

For all purchases, VA sales tax and Shipping and handling will be added.

ITEM	Price	Tax	Total
Society Ornament – any year	\$5.00	\$0.26	\$5.26
Jamestown Medallion Key Chain	\$5.00	\$0.26	\$5.26
BOOKS			
Images of America: Madison County	\$21.95	\$1.15	\$23.10
Adopted Son By Greg Glassner	\$12.00	\$0.63	\$12.63
Madison County, A Revised History By Margaret Davis	\$15.00	\$0.79	\$15.79
Madison County Land Grants 1722-1865 By Dewey Lillard	\$25.00	\$1.31	\$26.31
Shenandoah National Park and its Neighbors	\$21.99	\$1.15	\$23.14
President and Mrs. Hoover's Rapidan Camp	\$1.00	\$0.05	\$1.05
Ask for Nothing By Maxine Weaver Crane	\$18.00	\$0.95	\$18.95
A Sky-Line Drive by Reed Engle	\$16.95	\$0.89	\$17.84
Everything Was Wonderful by Reed Engle	\$16.95	\$0.89	\$17.84
Light of the Mtn. Moon by Reed Engle	\$16.95	\$0.89	\$17.84
In the Shadow of Ragged Mountain By Audrey Horning	\$16.95	\$0.89	\$17.84
The Dean Mtn. Story by Gloria Dean	\$5.50	\$0.29	\$5.79
Lewis Mountain Man by John Stoneberger	\$8.00	\$0.42	\$8.42
Shenandoah Secrets by C & J Reeder	\$13.95	\$0.73	\$14.68
Shenandoah National Park Undying Past By Darwin Lambert	\$19.95	\$1.05	\$21.00
MISCELLANEOUS			
Driving Tour of Madison County	\$5.00	\$0.26	\$5.26
Madison County Almanac 1907	\$4.50	\$0.24	\$4.74
Madison County Directory 1896	\$4.50	\$0.24	\$4.74
Bicentennial Plate	\$10.00	\$0.53	\$10.53
1776 Map Culpeper, Madison, Rappahannock	\$10.00	\$0.53	\$10.53
Note Cards (Arcade) - per package	\$1.00	\$0.05	\$1.05
Note Cards – Photos by Martha Cornwell	\$1.25	\$0.07	\$1.32
Legacy of the Land note cards, series 1	\$15.00	\$0.79	\$15.79
Legacy of the Land note cards, series 2	\$15.00	\$0.79	\$15.79
Sheet Music – Madison Song	\$1.25	\$0.07	\$1.32
Madison County Calendar - any year	\$2.00	\$0.11	\$2.11
Indian Tribes Puzzle	\$16.00	\$0.84	\$16.84
Twelve Generation Family Charts	\$4.00	\$0.21	\$4.21
Cemetery CD	\$10.00	\$0.53	\$10.53

The Madison County Historical Society is a non-profit organization founded and operated for the perpetuation and preservation of Madison County heritage and traditions. The mission of the Society is to record, preserve, and stimulate interest in the history of Madison County, its families, occupations and way of life.

Memberships expire at the end of the calendar year. Membership and other contributions to the Society are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Types of Membership:

Sustainer.....	\$500 or more	Business	\$50
Benefactor	\$250 to \$499	Family	\$30
Partner	\$100 to \$249	Single	\$20
Friend	\$50 to \$99	Student	\$5

Membership applications are available at the Arcade and the Kemper Residence, and on-line at the Society's web page - www.madisonvahistoricalsociety.org. (*Click on "ABOUT US", and then on "application"*). For more information call the Society Office at 540-948-5488. Please leave a message if no one answers. We will return your call. You can also email us at madisonhistory@verizon.net.

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