

Stratford Hall

HOME of THE LEES of VIRGINIA
& BIRTHPLACE OF ROBERT E. LEE

2011 CALENDAR of EVENTS

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January 15: Family Winter Walk

Join local naturalists and educators as they explore the woods and fields of Stratford Hall's landscape. Enjoy a warm cup of hot chocolate and ginger cookies next to an outdoor fire. Bring a camera, sketch book, and curiosity. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Weather permitting.

January 19: Robert E. Lee's Birthday

Celebrate Lee's Birthday with us. Free admission. Enjoy a tour focused on Lee's early years at Stratford and on his family's contributions to American history.

January 28-30: Robert E. Lee Symposium

Join noted historians Pete Carmichael and Gary Gallagher and spend 3 days learning about the pivotal Battle of Chancellorsville. Visit the battlefield where the South lost one of its greatest strategists..."Stonewall" Jackson.

February 25: The History of the Spirituals: An Evening with Calvin Earl

Calvin Earl, nationally recognized educator and musician, will share his thoughts on the African American Spiritual as a National Treasure. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

March 11: Northern Neck Agricultural Summit

This forum features prominent spokespersons in the Virginia and Northern Neck agricultural community and local farmers already engaged in the local food and sustainability movement. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

March 19: The Women in R. E. Lee's Life

A series of discussions by noted Lee biographer Elizabeth Brown Pryor, historians Matt Penrod, Nora Brooks and other experts as they explore this fascinating and human side to Lee's complex, and sometimes contradictory, life. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch provided.

April 23: Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by the N.N. Lodge 32 of the Fraternal Order of Police, this annual event is free for participants and their parents. Begins 11 a.m. sharp on the Oval. No rain date.

May 7-8: Coaching Weekend

Held every three years, this year's event will include coaching activities, music, entertainment, vendors and artisans. Tailgating spaces available.

May 21: Traditional Trades Fair at Stratford

Join site preservation specialists, members of the Preservation Trades Network, Midwest Tool Collectors, trades and food vendors for a fascinating day of exhibition, demonstration and discussions. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 4: Lees and Independence

Enjoy activities for kids, Revolutionary War reenactors, a book signing from noted author Jim Thompson and an unforgettable appearance from Richard Henry Lee himself. Enjoy an outdoor concert and activities. This free event is in honor of the two Lee brother signers of the Declaration of Independence and their kinsman "Light Horse Harry" Lee. 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

July 12-14: Grandparent/Grandchild Camp

This 3-day summer camp is packed with enjoyable activities for kids 6 to 12 and their grandparents, offering a myriad of hands-on experiences for both children and adults.

July 18-22: Intergenerational Elderhostel Camp

This five-day summer camp is an expanded version of Stratford's grandparent camp. For kids 6 to 12 and their grandparents. Register with Elderhostel, program #16283.

July 28-30: Economic Landscapes of the Tidewater: An Institute for Teachers of Va. and U.S. History

This three-day residential institute will be led by a distinguished group of scholars and will focus on the interplay of economic, cultural and physical geography.

August 2-4: Grandparent/Grandchild Camp

Three days of fun-filled, educational activities offer a memorable family bonding experience for kids 6 to 12 and their grandparents.

August 12: Basic Photography and Yoga

Basic Photography and Yoga Stretch will feature award winning photographer Anne Tate who will share her insights and talents for any interested in learning from one of the best. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

August 13: Introduction to Watercolor

Introduction to Watercolors will feature local artist Holly Harmon and optional yoga stretching by local favorite Kay Hawkins. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

September 24 & 25: 5th Annual Chesapeake Bay Wine & Harvest Festival

Features wine tasting at its best, plus specialty foods, petting zoo, arts and crafts, and live music. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

October 1: Star Party at Stratford Hall

Enjoy an evening of star gazing on the Oval with the Rappahannock Astronomy Club, weather permitting. 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Free admission.

October 8: Psychic Time Travel: History Through the Eyes of Investigative Medium Laine Crosby

Join us for an unforgettable evening with noted paranormal researcher, and journey back in time to days long gone. Learn about the life and times of the spirits of Stratford Hall who find this beautiful estate so difficult to leave. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

October 22-23: Reading the Landscape at Stratford Hall

This is the fourth in a series of cultural landscape seminars offered by Stratford Hall. This year Dr. Eric MacDonald and students from the University Georgia will join a team of noted naturalists as they decode the history of Stratford Hall landscape from the prehistoric to the present. Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. to noon.

October 29: Historical Haunts

Featuring special "ghost tours" of the Great House, Halloween crafts and refreshments. For children and adults of all ages. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

November 4-6: Ghosts of Stratford Hall: An Investigative Weekend

Laine Crosby and her colleagues, America's top experts on the paranormal, will demonstrate techniques and methods and share their mission. An "out of this world" experience! Three-day workshop.

November 24: Thanksgiving Dinner at Stratford Hall

Join us for a traditional southern feast. This event is a sell-out every year, so make your reservations early! Dinner seating at 12 noon and 3 p.m. Dinner and lodging are available by reservation only.

December 10: 1774: A Stratford Hall Christmastide

Experience the Lees' Great House as they might have known it December 10, 1774. This immersive and self-guided experience will offer a deeper insight into the life and times of late 18th-century Stratford Hall. The event will include spirited conversation with living history persons, live music and dance of the 18th century, craft making and refreshments. 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Make dining and lodging reservations early.

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