



# Highlights

2024-3

Sept. 2024

## President's Corner

Our Gala at Lombardy Farm on September 10 was a great success! Eighty members and guests enjoyed the evening as Bob Krick and Art Taylor received Patrick Henry Leadership Awards. Thanks to our hosts, Jake and Emily Martin, and to our Board members who organized this event!

The restoration of Lombardy is a prime example of what can be accomplished with a property that has fallen into disrepair. While his initial impression of the house was discouraging, Jake saw that the structure was sound and worthy of restoration. Preservation of the 18<sup>th</sup>-century home became his priority, and within two years, Lombardy is once again in fine condition.

Plan to attend our Annual Meeting & Dinner on Thursday, December 5 at 6 p.m. at the Hanover Arts & Activities Center in Ashland. We're trying something different this year with a steak dinner grilled onsite! (See page two for details.) Tom Hobbs will speak about his archeological work at Mahixon, an early home site on the 1672 land grant, known today as Summer Hill Farm. Artifacts that Tom has donated to the Society will be on display for the first time. Select books will be deeply discounted and for sale at the event!

*Winter on the Green* at the Courthouse was such a hit last year that we're looking forward to participating in this family-friendly event on December 14. Society member Mike Adams, will bring his antique sleigh once again for photo ops, and the 1835 Jail will be open for tours.

We are participating in Hanover 250 and County events, and we continue to monitor what surrounding counties are doing to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our country. Watch our Facebook page and website for notices of upcoming events.

Our second Thursday tours of the Courthouse and Jail continue to be offered by lead docent Gary Stauffer. Come on out and bring a friend for a tour.

As you can see, we are participating and hosting in multiple events each year! Volunteers interested in representing the Society at our events, curating our collection and helping with our social media are welcome. Please contact me at [hanoverhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:hanoverhistorical@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer.

*Bob Szabo*

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Nature's Bounty      Vol. III of the Bulletin      1850 Hanover Co. Census  
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## 2024 Annual Meeting & Dinner

Thursday, Dec. 5, 6:00 p.m.

Hanover Arts & Activities Center  
500 South Center Street, Ashland

*Archeology at Mahixon*  
Tom Hobbs

Join us to hear Tom Hobbs speak about his archeological work at an early home site on the 1672 land grant Mahixon, known today as Summer Hill Farm. Artifacts that he has donated to the Society will be on display for the first time.

Tom began his archaeology work at sites in Colonial Williamsburg under Ivor Noel Hume and later at Carter's Grove under William Kelso. He was on the team at Flowerdew Hundred under "Lefty" Gregory and the College of William & Mary. Tom taught Virginia and U. S. History as well as archaeology in Richmond and Hanover for thirty years. During that time, he led student groups to excavate two early home sites in Hanover: Mahixon and Broaddus Flats.

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### Menu

Ribeye steak (12-oz., grilled onsite)  
Salad Baked potato Green beans  
Roll Slice of cake Iced tea  
1 Complimentary Wine, Beer or Cider

### Tickets

Members \$45; Non-members \$50  
Make your reservation by Nov. 20!

Select books will be deeply discounted  
and available for sale at the event!



Bob Krick, President Bob Szabo, Art Taylor



2024 Patrick Henry  
Leadership Awardees  
address the crowd of 80  
who gathered at  
Lombardy Farm in  
Montpelier.



Our host, Jake  
Martin, received a  
print by wet plate  
photographer Bob  
Szabo.  
The extensive re-  
storation of historic  
Lombardy is a great  
achievement!

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