



Highlights

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Sept. 2025

President's Corner

We have had three very successful programs this year and will be hosting one more in December! Make plans to join us to hear Tom Hobbs speak about his archeology work at Broaddus Flats and see a number of artifacts that will be on display. As we know from his talk on Mahixon last year, Tom is very knowledgeable and entertaining, so we look forward to his encore presentation!

In April, John Pagano talked about the Gunpower Incident from the perspective of the Royal Governor as well as the Militia Company. If you missed it, the video is on our Youtube channel; see page two for the web address.

In July, Jon Kukla was interviewed by Judge David Caddell about his thoughts on the life and character of Patrick Henry. Highlights of their conversation are included in the Bulletin; to hear the entire exchange, a podcast is available. See page two for the web address. We appreciate the two dozen members and guests who attended a dinner afterward to support the event!

Our Gala was a great success with nearly 90 attending! The Rev. Joy's comments about the influence of place on identity was well-taken. The buffet was incredible, and we had many compliments. We appreciate the hospitality of the homeowners for opening Greenlands!

See the enclosed notice giving your membership status and, if you're due, please renew now for 2026! Thank you to those whose dues are up to date and to our Life Members!

Our long-time docent, Gary Stauffer, has retired; Peter Hempfling will be giving our 2nd Thursday tours of the Courthouse and Jail.

This *Bulletin* is an all-Patrick Henry issue, thanks to authors Jon Kukla and Mark Couvillon who generously shared their thoughts about Hanover's favorite son!



At our Gala on Sept. 9, the Rev. Charles Austin Joy received our Patrick Henry Leadership Award for his many contributions to our knowledge of the early Church in Saint Martin's Parish and its communicants.

We also recognized by Proclamation the literary and artistic achievements of Robert Bolling Lancaster (1907-1993), a Charter member who researched, documented and illustrated many facets of the history of Hanover County.

Both men served as President of the Society.

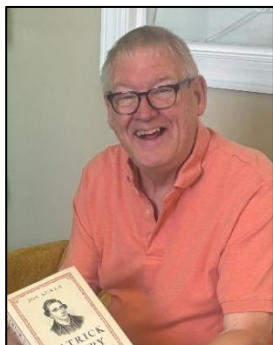


Members & Guests at Historic Greenlands

Thanks to our 2025 Event Sponsors!

Mike Adams, Bill Anderson, Anne & Elmo Cross, Duane Hawthorne, Linda & Norman Marks, Mark Rada, Richard Smith, Hanover Tavern Foundation and the Page Library.

Special thanks to homeowners Gretchen & Tom Toles for opening their lovely home!



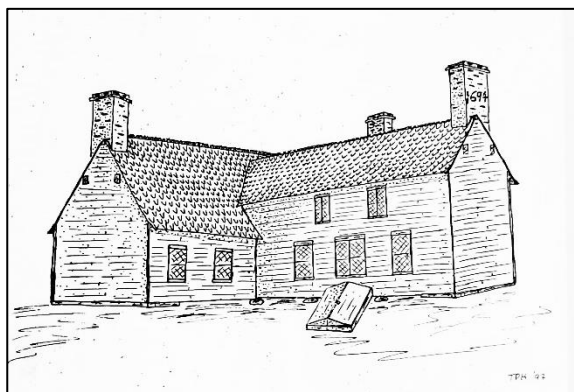
Jon Kukla gave an insightful talk about the life and character of Patrick Henry at our program at Hanover Tavern in July.

See the *Bulletin* for a transcript of highlights of his conversation with Judge David Caddell

where they discuss the political climate of the day and relationships between key figures including Henry, Jefferson and Washington.

You can listen to a podcast of the entire interview at hanoverhistory.podbean.com to hear, among other things, how he would rank Henry among the Founding Fathers!

Dr. Kukla's book, *Patrick Henry: Champion of Liberty*, gives a fresh look and keen observations into this compelling period of our nation's history!



Artist's concept of the rear elevation of Broadus Flats by Tom Hobbs.

Treasurer Needed!

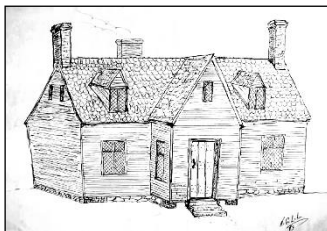
Our long-time Treasurer, Cindy Lowry, is stepping down at the end of this year. She has everything set up on Quick Books and will be happy to help with the transition. Let us know if you or someone you know can help in this important position.

Thanks for your service, Cindy!

2025 Annual Meeting & Dinner

Archeology at Broadus Flats Tom Hobbs

Thursday, Dec. 4, 6:00 p.m.
Hanover Arts & Activities Center



Tom will speak about his archeological work at Broadus Flats. The house, c1690, and the palisade enclosure were

built directly over the remains of a Native American Indian village as suggested by the pattern of post holes found.

[Above: Artist's concept of the house at Broadus Flats by Gordon Lohr.]

Artifacts from the colonial, contact and prehistoric periods were found, and some that have been donated to the Society will be on display. A select group of these artifacts is on exhibit at the stone Jail at Hanover Courthouse.

Tickets: \$50.

Please note that the discount price of \$45 is a benefit for Members in good standing.

Visit Events page at hanoverhistorical.org.

For more, see "Uncovering Hanover's Past: Broadus Flats" (Bulletin No. 82, Summer 2010) on our Archives page.

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