



Highlights

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June 2024

President's Corner

Summer is here, and we just celebrated our country's 248th birthday! Patriotic events and activities will continue as we head toward our Independence Day celebration in 2026. We are pleased to be partnering with the Hanover 250th Commission and look forward to participating in the July 20th county-wide "History Crawl." See our enclosed flyer for details.

We kicked off our 2024 programs on St. Patrick's Day with a talk and book signing by Libby MacNamee, author of *Susanna Bowling's Midnight Ride*. A short clip of her talk is posted on our YouTube Channel. If you have not visited our YouTube Channel, please do so! We have several videos up of past programs including Mark Schneider as Lafayette, John Tucker as Patrick Henry, and Gordon Lohr on the restoration of Patrick Henry's Pine Slash Cottage. While you are there, please like and subscribe!



In May, we offered a repeat performance of Mark Schneider portraying the Marquis de Lafayette. It was such a hit last year, that I knew it would draw a great crowd again, and it certainly did! We welcomed nearly 100 people to the Bradley Theater with the support of our partner, The Hanover Tavern Foundation. After the performance, we hosted a VIP dinner with donors and the Marquis. I would like to thank the donors who made it possible to offer this program free-of-charge: D. E. Hawthorne, Rada & Associates, Dan Boyer, Alastair Macdonald and the Page Library. Mark has been very busy since this year marks the 200th anniversary of Lafayette's return to the U. S. in 1824. We know that our programs have prompted other organizations in the area to have Mark come out to portray the Marquis.

Our upcoming Gala on September 10 will be at Lombardy Farm, a beautifully restored 18th-century home in Montpelier. This year, our Patrick Henry Leadership Awards will be presented to Bob Krick, recently retired Historian at the Richmond National Battlefield Park, and Art Taylor, Past-President of the Society. I would like to thank Jeff and Emily Martin for hosting the event. Please plan to join us!

Our Annual Meeting & Dinner will be on December 3; more details to follow.

Descendants of Nathaniel West Dandridge recently visited Hanover, and I gave a tour pointing out several Dandridge home sites and the 1720s mill site. While here in Hanover, the Dandridge descendants also enjoyed a tour of the Courthouse along with members of the Meriwether Society, hosted by one of our docents, Peter Hempling who is also our Webmaster. On 2nd Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., our chief docent, Gary Stauffer, hosts tours of the historic Courthouse and our headquarters, the Old Jail. The County's Museum of History & Culture is also open at that time in the Old Clerk's Office.

As always, we welcome volunteers who are interested in representing the Society at our events, curating and organizing our collection, and helping with our social media. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me at hanoverhistorical@gmail.com.

Bob Szabo

Join us for our Annual Gala
on Sept. 10 from 5:30-7:30 at
Lombardy Farm
in western Hanover County!

Hors d'oeuvres & 2 complimentary drinks
Tickets: Members \$45; Guests \$50

Visit hanoverhistorical.org/events

or mail your check to
HCHS, Inc., P. O. Box 91,
Hanover, Va. 23069.

Make your reservation by August 28!

Save the Date!

2024 Annual Meeting & Dinner

Plan to join us

Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m.

Speaker & Location TBA.



For the latest schedule of events
celebrating the American Revolution:

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Patrick Henry Leadership Awards

The Society is pleased to announce our
2024 Award recipients:

Bob Krick & Art Taylor

Bob is best known to Society members as
Historian with the Richmond National
Battlefield Park where he served from
1991 until his retirement this year. Thank
you for your service and congratulations!

An avid book collector, Bob has a
number of published works to his credit,
including:

- *The 40th Virginia Infantry* (1985)
- *Staff Officers in Gray* (2003)
- Essays in seven volumes of
"The Military Campaigns of the
Civil War" series
- Other published essays and a great
many forewords and introductions

Art is primarily known for his tenure of
six terms as President of the Society. In
2010, he and Chris Peace initiated the
Patrick Henry Leadership Award
program. He has worked with various
preservation groups, including the
Friends of the North Anna Battlefield.

Art, who considers himself to be a
student of history with a focus on
Hanover County, assisted Bill Winfrey
with family cemetery documentation and
has contributed articles to the Society's
Bulletin. He has also published:

- *Raid on Beaverdam Depot, May 9, 1864*
- *Remembrances of Rev. Thos. W.
Hooper, Joseph R. Haw & Miss Mary
Jane Haw (2019)*