

Manuscript Society Annual Meeting

Williamsburg, VA & Richmond, VA

May 10-14, 2022

Add On – Jamestown, VA

May 15, 2022

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Board meeting. Williamsburg Lodge, Colonial Williamsburg

1:00 – 4:00 PM Registration

6:00 – 9:00 PM Opening Reception and Fun Auction. Williamsburg Lodge, Colonial Williamsburg

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

8:30 AM leave hotel by bus

8:45 AM – 12:45 PM Rockefeller Library and Conservation Labs, 101 Visitor Center Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23185; <https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/locations/john-d-rockefeller-jr-library>

The Rockefeller Library houses the research library of rare books and 18th century manuscripts of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. The Wallace Collections and Conservation Building has nine laboratories for conservation, storage space for collections and curatorial offices. The Bruton Heights School previously a high school for African Americans, has been renovated to provide space for the Executive Offices and classroom and meeting space.

We'll see the birth of Colonial Williamsburg with original blueprints, John D Rockefeller's famous telegram "from David's father" and other documents. At the conservation labs, we will see how Colonial Williamsburg conserves its remarkable collections of documents, fabrics and other treasures.

12:45 -2:45 PM Lunch

2:45 – 4:00 PM Presentation and site visit to Colonial Williamsburg's newest archaeological dig - weather permitting.

Evening Free

Thursday, May 12, 2022

8:15 – 9:00 AM Bus to Yorktown via Colonial Parkway

9:15-- 11:45 AM American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, 200 Water Street, Williamsburg, VA 23185, <https://www.historyisfun.org/yorktown-victory-center/>

The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown replaces the Yorktown Victory Center. This change was made to broaden the focus of the Yorktown experience from only the battle of Yorktown to the entire revolution. Indoor galleries represent the colonies prior to the war, the triggering events leading to the revolution, the battles of Great Bridge, Saratoga, and the War in the South, the Declaration of Independence, the beginnings of our government, and life in the colonies after the war. Several short movies lead up to the Siege of Yorktown film, a 4 D experience where visitors are transported to Yorktown where they can see and feel the battle.

Our visit will include a presentation about the revolutionary period and a special guided tour of the museum to see their collection of Revolutionary War artifacts, including a July 1776 broadside of the Declaration of Independence. Although the war would last for another year, this British defeat at Yorktown effectively ended the war. The outdoor site documents life in the Continental Army and a middling plantation with slave quarters and gardens.

<https://www.historyisfun.org/yorktown-victory-center/new-yorktown-museum/>

11:45 AM- 12:15- Bus to lunch

12:15 – 1:45 PM Lunch in Williamsburg.

1:45 -2:00 PM Bus to Swem library

2:00 – 5:00 PM Earl Gregg Swem Library, William and Mary College, 400 Landrum Drive, Williamsburg, VA 23186, <https://libraries.wm.edu/libraries/departments/special-collections>

At the Earl Gregg Swem Library the members of the special collections team will pull items from the College of William and Mary's unique collection, including a hand-written letter from King William and Queen Mary regarding the founding of the college. The College of William & Mary, established in 1693, is the second-oldest institution of higher education in the United States and the only one of the nine colonial colleges located in the South. Its alumni include three U.S. Presidents as well as many other important figures in the nation's early history.

5:00 PM short bus ride to hotel

7:30 – 9:30 PM – Dinner at a Tavern in Colonial Williamsburg. Not much has changed since George Washington frequented Christiana Campbell's Tavern for its delicious food in the 18th century. Lively conversation and learned discussion still abound, and today's menu items could easily have been ordered by our founding fathers.

This dinner is a gift to the attendees from Society Treasurer Anthony J. Loscalzo and his wife Kathlyn (Kathy).

Friday, May 13, 2022

8:00 – 9:30 AM Bus to Richmond, Virginia

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM **Museum of History & Culture**, 428 N. Arthur Ash Blvd, Richmond, VA, 23220, <https://www.virginiahistory.org/>

The society was founded in 1831. The Virginia Historical Society elected Chief Justice John Marshall as its first president and former president James Madison its first honorary member.

During the early years, between 1831 and 1861, the society acquired valuable books, manuscripts, museum objects, and natural history specimens. During the Civil War, the historical society's collections were moved from place to place, with the result that many valuable items disappeared. The society invested its entire endowment—\$5,000—in Confederate bonds, so it, too, was lost. In 1870, the Virginia Historical Society was reorganized and attempted to reassemble its scattered collections.

In 2018, the Virginia Historical Society announced a new vision and a new name for its headquarters facility—The Virginia Museum of History & Culture so that it could tell a more inclusive story about the Commonwealth of Virginia to a more inclusive audience.

<https://www.virginiahistory.org/about-us/our-history>

The Virginia Museum of History and Culture will open its doors to us to view hand-written documents of our founding fathers and other notables, book collections, museum artifacts and its conservation lab. Presentations and four rotating groups will provide us with an opportunity to see the items specifically pulled for our visit.

12:30PM Bus to lunch

1:00 – 3:00 PM **Hanover Tavern**, 13181 Hanover Courthouse Road, Hanover, VA 23069, <http://hanovertavern.org/>

Lunch will be served at the historic Hanover Tavern. A license for a tavern at Hanover Courthouse was issued in 1733. In 1750, John and Eleanor Shelton bought the tavern. Their son-in-law Patrick Henry greeted and served guests, tended bar, and entertained guests with his fiddle. The proximity to Hanover Courthouse and its guests from the legal profession convinced Henry to try his hand at law. This tavern hosted such notables as George Washington, Lord Cornwallis, the Marquis de Lafayette, Chief Justice John Marshall, Edgar Allen Poe, Charles Dickens, and J.E.B. Stuart. After lunch feel free to take a self guided tour of the tavern.

3:00-4:00 PM We will walk across the street to the Hanover Courthouse where a special presentation awaits us.

4:00 PM Bus ride back to Hotel

Evening Free

Saturday, May 14, 2022

8:30 – 10:00 AM – Breakfast Buffet, Business Meeting, Williamsburg Lodge

10:00 -12:00 PM Presentations

Afternoon Free After the meeting, we will have time to explore Colonial Williamsburg with complimentary passes. The living history museum and art museum at Colonial Williamsburg offer something for everyone, from hands-on activities to guided tours of original 18th-century buildings to our unmatched folk-art collection. <https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/explore>

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Closing banquet with a special appearance and presentation- Williamsburg Lodge

**Sunday, May 15, 2022 – Add On Day
Jamestown, VA**

9:15 – 10:00 AM Bus to Jamestown Settlement

10:00 – 11:30 AM The Jamestown Settlement, sister museum to the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, tells the story of the first settlement at the Jamestown Colony. After reviewing a film on the initial settling of Jamestown there will be a guided gallery tour covering the Powhatan native Americans, slavery in Virginia, women in Virginia, and Bacon's Rebellion. After lunch, there will be free time to tour the museum. <https://www.historyisfun.org/jamestown-settlement/>

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Box lunch at the Settlement.

1:30 -2:00 PM Bus to Historical Jamestowne.

2:00 – 4:00 PM Historic Jamestowne. Visit the actual site of the original Virginia Colony, including the original James Fort, and foundations from the 17th century church where the first representative assembly in America met in 1619. Senior researchers will conduct a tour covering archeology discoveries, the 1607 historic site, the Vault (not available to the public) and the Archaearium which houses museum artifacts. <https://www.historicjamestowne.org>

4:00 PM Bus ride back to hotel

****For those who wish to stay a little longer, your pass will be valid thru Monday ****

Venues and schedule are subject to change.