

Augusta County Historical Society Events that you do not want to miss!

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Mark your calendar!



*Sunday March 18, 3 p.m. (Wilson Memorial High School in Fishersville) ACHS Spring Meeting, "Shenandoah National Park's Next 75 Years" presented by Martha Bogle, Shenandoah National Park Superintendent, Free to all. The Shenandoah National Park just celebrated its 75th anniversary. Learn a little about the history and then find out what might be in store for this national park in the next 75 years.*

*Tuesday March 20, 7 p.m. (Smith Center, 20 S. New St.) "Discovering your Irish and Scotch Irish Roots" by Fintan Mulland and Brian Trainor of the Ulster Historical Foundation. Free to ACHS members, \$5 non members. \$20 for individual genealogical consultations. Consultations must be booked in advance; call ACHS at 540-248-4151. Get tips on how to search for your ancestors in Ireland. If you are interested in a one-on-one consultation with Finton and Brian, then book ahead for time with the experts on Irish genealogy.*



*Tuesday April 24, 6 p.m. Annual Banquet, silent auction, and program (Stonewall Jackson Hotel and Conference Center), "Unearthing Jamestown" by Dr. Bill Kelso. One of America's foremost historical archaeologists in Early American history, renowned author and archaeologist who rediscovered James Fort and reestablished America's roots. Tickets \$50*

*Saturday and Sunday, May 19-20 (Thornrose Cemetery) "Conversations from the Grave: Meet the Residents of Thornrose Cemetery," Saturday tours are 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, and 1:00; Sunday 1:30, 2:00, and 2:30. Come meet Jedediah Hotchkiss, John Brown Baldwin, Eva Clark, Joseph Waddell, Alexander H.H. Stuart, Marguiretta de Crescioli (a famous Charlottesville madam), and others as you are guided through Staunton's own beautiful Thornrose Cemetery. Local costumed actors will tell the stories of the people who made our city their final resting place. Refreshments served following each tour. Tours rain or shine! Tours fill quickly, call ACHS at 540-248-415 for reservations or more information. Tickets are \$20.*



*Sunday, August 5, 6:30 p.m. (Smith Center), "Death by Chocolate." A prominent citizen in Staunton is "murdered" right in the middle of a chocolate and champagne extravaganza being hosted by the Augusta County Historical Society. The festivities in the galleries suddenly turn into a crime scene and murder investigation. Everyone in the room becomes a private eye in an attempt to determine which of the "suspects" did the dirty deed. Join ACHS for an evening of fun and food in this hysterical historical fundraiser. Details later this spring.*

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