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President's Message

Our trips in May focused on Winchester with the Apple Blossom Parade and Third Winchester Battlefield Tour. Many thanks to our neighbor, Tony Moriz, for driving us to the parade and to members, Sam Kerns and Rick Turner, for guiding the battlefield tour, and to John Toliver for writing a comprehensive trip report.

For June we will travel to Berryville for a visit to the Josephine School Museum led by Chris Oxford, then tour Montpelier and the Culpeper area with Corinne Osius, and finally take a Potomac River Dinner Cruise with George and Michelle Darnell. We will be carpooling to Berryville and there is still time to notify Chris Oxford that you want to join her. Read her write-up in this newsletter. We are still waiting for a few checks for people who registered on MTL for the Culpeper trip. Remember: your registration is not complete until we have your check. And we still need more people to reach the minimum for a group discount on the Potomac River Dinner Cruise. I would hate to cancel this one. Ask your friends and neighbors to join you.

Looking farther out: we scheduled a Gentlemen's Brewery Tour with Rich Karis, a Ladies' Wine Tour with Corinne Osius, and a Manassas Battlefield Tour with Rick Turner. Read the bulletins in this newsletter and get your checks in early.

Don't miss our potluck luncheon this month on June 12. Our neighbor, Pete Carroll, will be showing us how to turn our travel photos into a video.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting
Monday, June 12, 2023
Rachel's Kitchen
11:45 a.m.
Please bring a dish to share.

That's it for this month. Safe travels and see you around campus.

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Apple Blossom Parade May 6, 2023 by George Darnell

On May 6, 2023, our neighbor, Tony Moriz, met eight of us at the lodge and drove us in his van to Winchester for the parade. Tony weaved and sweet-talked his way, even in Spanish, around street barriers to get us to the Handley High School Parking lot. Our reserved folding white wooden seats were on the south



side of Handley Boulevard, along the sidewalk behind the parade barrier, between the reviewing stand and the food vendors along Valley Avenue. We were about an hour early, so we spent time people watching and chatting among ourselves. And some of us took advantage of the food trucks to get food and drinks. There were plenty of porta-potties on the school grounds and some medical aid stations.



The Shenandoah Apple Blossom Parade is part of a week-long festival in Winchester that has been going on since 1924. It was interrupted briefly by COVID but started up again in 2022. It is a real hometown parade, with marching bands, floats, firetrucks, antique cars, dignitaries, and a queen's court float. It starts on Cork Street by the pedestrian mall and weaves its way for 1.5 miles to the reviewing stand on Handley Boulevard by the historic high school. We discovered later that it was being broadcast via YouTube. We may just stay home and have a watch party in the Crow's Nest next year.



When the parade ended, we made our way back to the parking lot and Tony's van for the ride home. Along the way we discovered how far people had walked to see the parade. We were back at the lodge about 5:00 p.m., paid and tipped Tony, and said our goodbyes. It was a perfect day for a parade with the sun shining and temperature in the mid 70's.



Thanks to Tony and everyone who joined us for an enjoyable day.

Winchester at War – Third Battle of Winchester Trip May 12, 2023 by John Toliver



May 12, 2023, a squad of 21 Trilogy Travelers left the Shenandoah Club under the command of Sergeant Rick and Debbie Turner in period costume, with our local Guide Sam Kerns.



Situated in a comfortable bus we were off to follow the trace and action of the Third Battle of Winchester from Berryville to Winchester. As we left the gate, both Trilogy members, who are very knowledgeable and familiar with the Civil War Battles, briefed us on the overall status of the Shenandoah Valley Civil War on the day of the battle, September 19, 1864. They pointed out interesting features as we headed to Berryville. For example, the Valley area right across from our entrance at 522, was often a major campground for both the Grey and the Blue. And, in the field to the southeast of Double Tollgate, there was a running fight on Aug. 11, 1864, between Confederates led by Brig. Gen. John D. Imboden and Union cavalry forces commanded by Brig. Gen. George A. Custer.

As we headed to Berryville, we were informed that in September 1864, Confederate General Jubal Early's forces occupied Winchester with Federal General Philip Sheridan's forces encamped along the Shenandoah to the east. For weeks, the two opposing armies probed, marched, and clashed in smaller battles such as Guard Hill (August 16) and Berryville (September 3-4), but avoided major engagements. The situation changed dramatically in mid-September. Thanks to information from a Unionist in Winchester named Rebecca Wright, and information that was smuggled to him by an African American named Thomas Laws, Sheridan learned that General Early had sent a portion of his army east to reinforce Gen. Robert E. Lee at Petersburg. Early had also split his army of some 15,000 soldiers to raid and harass the enemy north of Winchester. This was the opportunity that Sheridan had been awaiting.

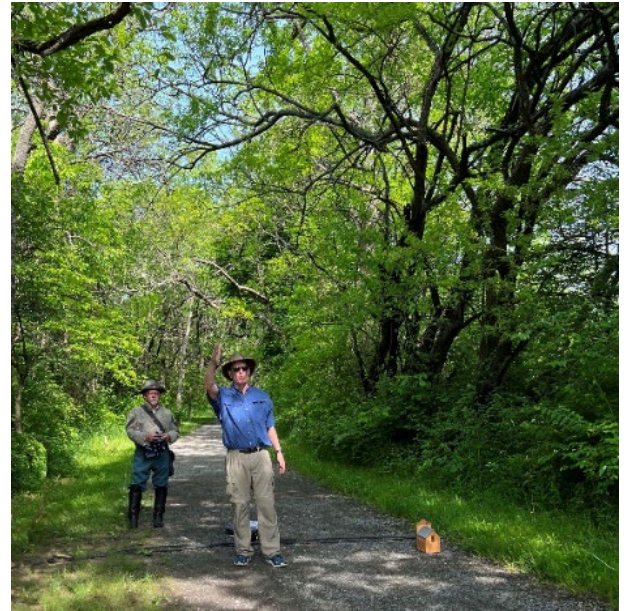
Our first stop was a short roadside stop at a marker on West Main St. (Bus. Rt. 7) near Clarke County High School where we were briefed on the site of the Sept. 3rd Battle of Berryville. Next, we traveled further west on Rt. 7 (Berryville Pike) toward Winchester following the movement of Sheridan's Federal troops early on the morning of Sept. 19, 1864. We made a quick road stop at Opequon Creek, where Sheridan's army started its advance, crossing at 2 a.m. the morning of the battle. Just across the Creek to the SW was the historic Millbank, Daniel Wood red brick house, built circa 1850.



We continued west on the Pike through the narrow Berryville Canyon where Sheridan's army became confused in the dark, clogging the road with men, horses, canon, and supply wagons. The advance virtually stopped. This major delay gave Early time to regroup his 15,514 Confederates and meet Sheridan's 40,000 Federal troops late 11:40 a.m. attack northeast of Winchester on the 600-acre area, north of Berryville Pike and centered around Redbud Run, now established as the Third Winchester Battlefield Park. Here, we disembarked the bus and walked a nice trail out to the Alabama Monument, centered between major features of the battlefield, Middle Field, the West Woods, First Woods to the east and Artillery Knoll to the north.



Sam and Rick treated us to a briefing and demonstration of the entire battle while sitting in the shade of beautiful old Osage Orange trees lining the road to Hackwood House (c. 1777) where Confederate General John B. Gordon's



division fought a valiant but unsuccessful fight trying to stop the Union troops swarming from the west and cavalry which flanked and overwhelmed them from the north. ("They came pouring down upon us like a thousand bricks which of course we could not stand." - Confederate Sgt. Sam Collier on the final Union cavalry charge.)

We continued our ride to the **Winchester Battlefields Visitor Center**, (541 Redbud Road) at the northern edge of the battlefield park, three miles north of downtown Winchester. The Center is the main orientation site for the Civil War in Winchester. It provides information about all of Winchester's battlefields and related Civil War sites and features interpretive exhibits and orientation films that tell the stories of Winchester's rich Civil War history. The gift shop has brochures, driving tours, books, souvenirs, bottled water, and restrooms.

<https://www.shenandoahatwar.org/winchester-visitor-center>

Shenandoah AT WAR

In 1996, Congress designated eight counties as the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District, with a mission to preserve and interpret the region's Civil War battlefields and related historic sites. The effort is led by the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation.

Third Winchester is one of more than 20 battlefields that are part of the Foundation's work.

To learn more about the battle, the Valley's Civil War story, or to support our efforts, go to www.shenandoah-at-war.org. To contact the Foundation, call 540-740-4545 or email info@svbf.net.

Third Winchester Battlefield Park

The Third Winchester Battlefield Park is a 600-acre park that includes 5 miles of trails, interpretive markers, restored battlefield landscapes, and the Third Winchester Battlefield Visitor Center. There are three trailheads for the park, located at the Rothbar Road, West Woods, and Millbrook High School entrances. (Please note that parking is not permitted in the high school parking lot during school hours.)

The Third Winchester Battlefield was preserved by the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District and the Civil War Trust, now owned and managed by the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District.

Regulations on the Battlefield

Battlefield is monitored at all times. Regulations and guidelines include:

- The battlefield is PRIVATE property and opened to our discretion.
- Recreational and bicycle traffic only. Motorized, other non-motorized vehicles, and horses are prohibited on this trail. (This does not include the provision of access to the physically disabled.)
- Bikes are permitted on the gravel trails ONLY.
- No access is permitted to fields that are closed. (Visitors may not open or climb gates.)
- All natural and cultural resources are protected by law.
- No relic hunting. Possession of a metal detector on this property is prohibited. The Battlefield Foundation will prosecute unauthorized artifact collecting, relic hunting, and metal detecting on its land to the fullest extent of the law.
- No hunting without permit.
- No littering.
- No fires.
- No camping.
- No alcoholic beverages.
- Pets must be on a leash and under control of the owner. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.
- All events on the property must be approved by the SVBF.

Persons who engage in any activity on land of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation (SVBF) will hold SVBF licenses for any injury or other damage they may incur while visiting SVBF property.

The SVBF reserves the right to ask persons to leave the property at the SVBF's discretion.

To report any suspicious activity, call the SVBF at 540-740-4545 between 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday. At other times, or in case of emergency, call 911.

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THIRD BATTLE OF WINCHESTER

September 19, 1864 • Sheridan's Shenandoah Campaign

The Third Battle of Winchester

Early on the morning of September 19, Union Gen. Philip H. Sheridan's cavalry divisions crossed the Opequon Creek at three different points—the vanguard of some 39,000 Union soldiers moving on Winchester. Behind the cavalry marched three infantry corps. Sheridan's plan was to surprise and overwhelm Early's scattered forces—but on September 18, Early had realized Sheridan's intentions and hurriedly moved to consolidate his army. In addition, Sheridan's advance through the narrow Berryville Canyon was confused and tangled with men and supply wagons, which gave the Confederates time to prepare.

When the Federals launched their first main attack around 11:40 am, Union Gen. Horatio

September 19, 1864

Union Commander
Gen. Philip H. Sheridan

Confederate Commander
Gen. Jubal A. Early

Forces Engaged
39,240 Union
15,200 Confederate

Estimated Casualties
5,020 Union
3,610 Confederate

Result: Union Victory

Sheridan's 1864 Shenandoah Campaign

During the summer of 1864, Confederate A. Early ran roughshod in and around the defeating Federal armies, burning Chambers and threatening Washington, D.C.—and President Abraham Lincoln's chances for 1864, frustrated Union leaders sent Gen. the Valley with orders to bring an end to

Uncertain of the size of Early's army, Sheridan first. For weeks, the two opposing armies clashed in smaller battles such as **Guard 1 Berryville** (September 3-4), but avoided major engagements. Early mistakenly believed that Sheridan's caution reflected a lack of aggressiveness, and felt safe in dividing his forces. Learning of this, and that one of Early's divisions had left for Richmond, Sheridan moved to attack.

The Third Battle of Winchester (September 19, 1864) became the largest battle ever fought in the Valley, a ferocious see-saw struggle that saw the Confederate into an L-shaped line north and east of Winchester by Federal infantry and cavalry and sent them "whirling through Winche

Third Winchester was one of the pivotal War. Additional northern victories at **Pis 22**), **Tom's Brook** (October 9), and **Cedar** coupled with the devastation of the region "Burning" gave the Union permanent cor Abraham Lincoln's reelection, and helped Robert E. Lee at Appomattox the followi

At the Visitor Center, we learned the Rebel line collapsed about 3 p.m. and men retreated toward Winchester. By 4 p.m., Fort Collier, a north Winchester Confederate stronghold, was overrun by Yanks. <https://www.fortcollier.com/>

The original Stine House was destroyed during the battle and the current private home was rebuilt afterwards. A crushing Federal cavalry attack from the north collapsed Gen. Early's infantry lines. Rebs broke from their positions north and east of Winchester and ran south through Winchester's streets.

In an effort to allow his army to successfully withdraw, General Early formed a final line of defense that ran through

Mount Hebron Cemetery and what are now the Winchester National Cemetery and the adjacent Stonewall

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Confederate Cemetery, our final stop.

We left the cemetery in a solemn mood and rode into Old Town Winchester for a nice refreshing lunch and camaraderie at the new Vibrissa Beer Brewery & Kitchen, located on historic Main Street.

Arrived back at the Club about 2:30 p.m., having had a very nice tour on a beautiful day in the Shenandoah Valley.

Thank you, Rick, Debbie, and Sam!



Trips Planned for 2023

- Jun 16 — Culpeper/Montpelier Wine Tour \$110 (**Sold Out**)
- Jun 19 — Josephine School Museum in Berryville \$20 donation—carpool from Lodge
- Jun 22 — Potomac River Dinner Cruise \$195
- Jul 7-8 — Moses & Dear Soldier in Lancaster, PA; 2 days/1 night/3 meals; \$459 pp dbl, \$538 sgl, R/T coach; \$100 dep by Jun 7- Contact <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Jul 28 — Gentlemen's Brewery Tour \$75
- Aug 18 — Manassas National Battlefield Park & Bull Run Winery Tour \$75
- Aug 25 — Piedmont Area Ladies Wine Tour \$75
- Sep 16 — Harpers Ferry, WV Tour TBD
- Sep 25-28 — Niagara Falls; 4 days/ 3 nights/ 4 meals; \$769 pp dbl, \$979 sgl, R/T coach, \$100 dep by Apr 1 - Contact <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Sep 27-30 — Noah's Ark & Creation Museum in KY; 4 days/ 3 nights/ 3 meals; \$759 pp dbl, \$1009 sgl, R/T coach, \$100 dep by Aug 1 - Contact <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Sep 29 — Oktoberfest Brewery Tour TBD
- Oct 12-14 — Colors of Autumn: Falling-water, Pittsburgh tour & river cruise, Potomac Eagle train ride; 3 days/ 2 nights/ 6 meals; \$839 pp dbl, \$1039 sgl,, R/T Coach; \$100 dep by Aug 1 – contact <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Oct 23 — Camp Rapidan Tour by NPS TBD
- Nov 16 — Night at Charles Town Races TBD
- Nov 28-30 — Longwood Gardens/Miracle of Christmas in PA; 3 days, 2 nights, 4 meals; \$769 pp dbl, \$899; \$100 dep by Sep 15, R/ Coach - contact <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Dec 10-13 — Christmas in Williamsburg TBD
- Dec 16 — Wreaths Across American in Winchester National Cemetery

Please note: Shenandoah Tours fill quickly; make reservations early!

Also note: The cost of vans for day trips is now \$95/hour.

Trip Registration Deadlines for 2023

- Jun 1 — Potomac River Dinner Cruise
- Jun 6 — Culpeper/Montpelier Wine Tour (Sold Out)
- Jun 8 — Moses & Dear Soldier
<https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Jun 12 — Josephine School Museum Trip
- Jul 14 -- Gentlemen's Brewery Tour
- Aug 1 — Colors of Autumn: Falling-water, Pittsburgh tour & river cruise, Potomac Eagle train ride <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
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- Aug 4 — Manassas National Battlefield Park Tour & Bull Run Winery
- Aug 10 — Piedmont Area Ladies Wine Tour
- Sep 2 — Harpers Ferry, WV Tour
- Sep 15 — Longwood Gardens/Miracle of Christmas in PA
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- Dec 16 — Wreaths Across America in Winchester

Montpelier, Culpeper, & Wineries Tour June 16, 2023



Our neighbor, Corinne Osius, has arranged a wonderful tour of the Virginia Piedmont for us. We will start with a guided tour of the Montpelier Estate of President James Madison. Then we will visit Culpeper for lunch at “It’s About Thyme,” and maybe have some time to browse local shops. We will wrap up the day with visits to colorful wineries in the area before heading home.

Schedule:

- 8:00 a.m. Leave Lodge
- 9:40 a.m. Arrive at Montpelier (we are supposed to arrive 20 minutes before the guided tour)
- 10:00 a.m. Tour estate
- 11:20 a.m. Leave for Culpeper
- 12:00 p.m. Arrive at “It’s About Thyme” for lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Head to Old House Winery and Brewery
- 1:45 p.m. Arrive at Old House for tastings of wine and beer
- 2:30 p.m. Head for Mountain Run Winery
- 2:45 p.m. Arrive Mountain Run Winery for tastings
- 3:45 p.m. Leave Mountain Run
- 5:00 p.m. Arrive at Lodge

The minimum for this trip is 10 and maximum is 14.
Registration is \$125 for transportation and guided tour of Montpelier.
Lunch, tastings, and driver’s tip are not included.

Please register on MTL Events and drop off your registration check, payable to “Lake Frederick Travel Club,” with your contact information and the date of the trip, with the lodge concierge **no later than June 6, 2023**.

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Potomac River Dinner Cruise - June 22, 2023



The Washington, D.C. shoreline and skyline are awesome from the Potomac River, especially on a summer night. What better way to enjoy them than on a Potomac River dinner cruise. For this trip we will be cruising on the Odyssey while enjoying a three-course plated dinner and the music of a DJ. A cash bar is on board. Dress is smart/business casual (collared shirts-no jeans or shorts). We will take a van round trip from the lodge to the Maine Ave SW dock.

Please note the early deadline for registration to ensure they have room for us.

Schedule:

- 4:00 p.m. Leave Lodge
- 6:00 p.m. Arrive at dock for boarding
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner and cruising
- 9:30 p.m. Deboard ship and head home
- 11:30 p.m. Arrive Lodge

The minimum for this trip is 14 and maximum is 28. Registration is \$195 for transportation and dinner cruise.

Alcoholic beverages and driver's tip are not included.

Please register early on MTL Events and drop off your registration check, payable to "Lake Frederick Travel Club," with your contact information and the date of the trip, with the lodge concierge **no later than June 1, 2023.**

Menu choices will be provided when registration is confirmed.

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Josephine School Community Museum
CLARKE COUNTY AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

The Josephine School Museum (<https://www.jschoolmuseum.org/>) in Berryville is a tiny gem of a museum that tells the story of the former slaves and free colored people of this community. They built the Josephine City School to provide their children with a grade school education. Under the leadership of Rev. Edward Johnson, a new building was completed in 1930 to provide high school education for Negro students and was called the Clarke County Training School. The original Josephine City School was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 2003 it became the first museum devoted to the history of Clarke County's African-American community.”

In addition to artifacts of the community, there is a timeline of events from the earliest days of Clarke County to the present.

The museum is open on Sunday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. and by appointment. Chris Oxford has set up a trip to the Josephine School Museum (www.jschoolmuseum.org) in Berryville for Monday, June 19th, 10 am – noon. This trip is under the auspices of the Lake Frederick Travel Club but is open to all. The Museum can handle 20-25 people. **Ten people have already signed up.**

This will be an easy carpool trip because it is just 11 miles down the road. Following our Museum visit, attendees can choose to have lunch at one of the restaurants in Berryville or return to Trilogy.

A donation of \$20 to the Museum is suggested and may be made there.

If you have already contacted me (coxford1@aol.com) about this trip and have received an email confirming your reservation, you do NOT need to let me know again.

Please contact me soon if you would like to join the group, keeping in mind that we will carpool. We are limited to 20-25 people so we have space for 10 to 15 additional people and space will fill up quickly. Coxford1@aol.com

Gentlemen's Brewery Tour - July 28, 2023



Many thanks to our member and beer expert, Rich Karis, for doing the planning for this trip. We will visit three local breweries for the men who like beer. Our first stop will be 2 Silos Brewing Company in Manassas. It gets its name from the two farm silos that it repurposed. It is a favorite watering hole for the younger set on weekends. But seasoned beer lovers are also welcome.

Continuing the farm motif, our next stop will be The Farm Brewery at Broad Run, near Haymarket. They have a huge indoor and outdoor area to relax with your choice of beers. We may even find some horseshoe pits and corn hole stations to test our skills. Our last stop will be close to home in Delaplane at Three Fox Vineyard and Brewery. They have a beautiful hilltop outdoor setting on Route 17 to wind down before we return home. If you have tasted enough beer, you can sample their fine wines.

Schedule:

- 10:30 a.m. Leave Lodge
- 11:45 a.m. Arrive 2 Silos
- 1:15 p.m. Leave 2 Silos
- 1:45 p.m. Arrive Broad Run
- 3:15 p.m. Leave Broad Run
- 4:45 p.m. Arrive Three Fox
- 5:45 p.m. Leave Three Fox
- 6:15 p.m. Arrive Lodge

The minimum for this trip is 12 and maximum is 20. Registration is \$75 for transportation. Lunch, tastings, and driver's tip are not included.

Please register on MTL Events and drop off your registration check, payable to "Lake Frederick Travel Club," with your contact information and the date of the trip, with the lodge concierge no later than July 14, 2023.

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Manassas National Battlefield Park Tour - August 18, 2023



For this trip our member and Civil War expert, Rick Turner, will lead us on a tour of the Battlefields of First and Second Manassas. Spoiler alert: the Confederate States won both battles and Rick will tell us why and how.

Schedule:

- 8:00 a.m. Leave Lodge
- 9:00 a.m. Arrive at park to tour First Manassas Battle of July 21, 1861
- 9:00 a.m. Visit the Stone Bridge
- 9:30 a.m. Visit Sudley Church
- 10:00 a.m. Visit Henry House Hill (There are restrooms in Visitors Center)
- 11:00 a.m. Leave Park for lunch
- 11:30-12:30 p.n. Lunch at Golden Corral Buffet
- Return to park for Second Manassas Battle of Aug. 28-30, 1862
- 1:00 p.m. Visit Brawner Farm (restrooms at this stop)
- 2:00 p.m. Visit the Deep Cut
- 3:30 p.m. Visit New York Monuments/ Longstreet's Assault
- 4:00 p.m. Visit Chinn Ridge
- 4:30 p.m. Leave Park
- 4:45 p.m. Visit the Winery at Bull Run
- 6:00 p.m. Leave Winery for home
- 7:00 p.m. Arrive Lodge

The minimum for this trip is 15 and maximum is 28. Registration is \$75 for transportation. Lunch, tastings, and driver's tip are not included.

Please register on MTL Events and drop off your registration check, **payable to "Lake Frederick Travel Club,"** with your contact information and the date of the trip, with the lodge concierge no later than August 4, 2023

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Colors of Autumn, Rails, & Riverboats

October 12-14, 2023

Tour # 23006 Cost of Tour - Per Person

Twin \$839 Single \$1079

3 DAYS * 6 MEALS It's Autumn, and Mother Nature has put on her spectacular coat of many colors. Join Shenandoah Tours for the Autumn Serenade River Cruise in Pittsburgh, and a scenic rail excursion on the Potomac Eagle train in Romney, West Virginia. Rediscover the real America from the rivers and the rails. Visit Fallingwater, the famous home of Frank Lloyd Wright, cantilevered over a mountain waterfall. Don't delay...book today for this scenic journey!

- Day 1 - Thursday - October 12

Travel to Pennsylvania

Fallingwater / Arrive in Pittsburgh

All aboard for our scenic Autumn adventure. This morning we'll make our way into Pennsylvania's beautiful Laurel Highlands for a visit to Fallingwater, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. This architectural masterpiece was built over a waterfall and was used as a mountain retreat by the Edgar Kauffman family. It's a must-see attraction. Continue to Pittsburgh and check into the Drury Hotel for a two night stay. Tonight, enjoy a light dinner at the hotel with fellow travelers. (D)

- Day 2 - Friday - October 13

- Autumn Serenade River Cruise Pittsburgh Sightseeing Tour

- Ride on the Duquesne Incline

An exciting day awaits as we board the Gateway Clipper Autumn Serenade River Cruise. Sit back and rediscover the real America with her scenic vistas and spectacular foliage. Enjoy an included lunch and entertainment while gliding along the river. Afterwards join our local guide for a tour of Pittsburgh's highlights and take a ride on the Duquesne Incline to the top of Mount Washington for the Three Rivers view. Again, dinner is included at the hotel this evening. (B,L,D)

- Day 3 - Saturday - October 14

- Travel to West Virginia,

- Board the Potomac Eagle Train Excursion

- Travel Home

This morning we will head to Romney, West Virginia, to board the Potomac Eagle Autumn Train. This train excursion takes us through narrow valleys and along the South Branch of the Potomac River, offering views of fall's brilliant colors that can only be enjoyed from the rails. Keep your camera ready for magnificent eagles that make their home here among the high valley walls. Later this afternoon, we'll board our coach and head for home bringing with us fond memories of our "Colors of Autumn" adventure. (B,

Wreaths Across America – Saturday, December 16, 2023

<https://www.wreathsassamerica.org>



Remember – Our Fallen U.S. Veterans

Honor – Those Who Serve

Teach – Your Children the Value of Freedom

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 3,700 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

Wreath-Laying Ceremonies at 3,000+ Participating Locations Nationwide. Your \$17 Sponsorship Places a Fresh Balsam **Wreath** on the Headstone of an **American** Hero. We remember their lives. Join us by sponsoring a veterans' wreath at a cemetery near you, volunteering or donating to a local sponsorship group.

WINCHESTER, VA 2023 SO FAR

120 Wreaths Sponsored
2.2% to Goal 5,441 To Go!

We will be taking a group to the Winchester National Cemetery (VAWNCW) to participate in laying wreaths on Saturday December 16th. More information will follow. If you would like to purchase a wreath, go to the website listed above for more details and options. Please indicate that you would like your wreath to go to the Winchester, VA National Cemetery. Thank you so much for supporting Winchester National Cemetery and Wreaths Across America!

If you are interested participating in this event please contact Peggy Sabato @2 540-303-8174 or sabatopk@gmail.com.