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MEETS THE 2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. IN RACHEL'S KITCHEN

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting
Monday, June 10, 2024
Rachel's Kitchen
11:30 a.m.

Please bring a dish to share!

JUNE 2024 ISSUE

President's Message

Memorial Day Celebrations I hope that most of you were able to attend the Memorial Day celebrations/commemorations at the lodge. They were a fitting end to May and unofficial start of summer. Larry Marsh, Adm USN Ret, told me that the Taps Across America ceremony on the lawn had the largest attendance to date.

Mosby Heritage Wine Tours, May 10 & 24 This trip was so popular we had to do two trips, but they were not quite identical. Read the combined trip report in this newsletter.

Exploring the Northern Neck with Two Nights at The Tides Inn, July 9-11 Deadline Extended to June 9 This trip is **confirmed** and will go as planned. We still have space for six more travelers on our bus. So, we extended the deadline for reservation to June 9. All our discounted rooms at the Tides Inn have been booked, and our contact told me that the other rooms are booking fast. If you want to join us, act fast and the club will give you a \$100 discount per room for bus registration. I hope you will join us!

Endless Caverns, Civil War Museum, & Brethern and Menonite Heritage Center Tour, June 7, 2024 This trip is sold out and will go as planned.

Richmond Trip Our founding president, Judy Bogner, sent us information on a trip to Richmond that is being sponsored by the Frederick County Parks and Recreation for newcomers to the area. Check out the announcement in this newsletter.

Schedule of trips updated Please check our Trip Ideas and Deadline V9 for the latest information. We added and deleted some of our trips and those of Shenandoah Travel.

Congratulations to our Shenandoah Days Tournament Winners Michelle and I passed out travel contest forms at our table for the Shenandoah Days opening event. Many people completed our travel contest form. (See copy in this newsletter.) The winners are:

First Prize, \$100 Travel Club Gift Certificate: Wendy Delaney

Second Prize, \$75 Travel Club Gift Certificate: John and Peggy Sabato

Third Prize, \$50 Travel Club Gift Certificate: Mike and Kay Ericksen

They may pick up their certificates at any travel Club meeting.

Check out the cruises that Greg Payonk has scheduled and contact him if you need more information. They may be full already.

I hope to see you around our wonderful campus and at our potluck lunch meeting in Rachel's Kitchen on June 10 at 11:30 a.m. Bring your favorite dish to share. I will have copies of the new membership form that Chris Oxford, our membership chair, designed for new members. Also check out our new website. Pam Toliver has been hard at work. Thanks for supporting our club!

George Darnell, President

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Lake Frederick Travel Club Travel Tournament

Mark the places you have traveled (One entry per family)

INTERNATIONAL		UNITED STATES		LOCAL	
France	<input type="checkbox"/>	Orlando	<input type="checkbox"/>	Museum of the Shenandoah Valley	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Los Angeles	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gettysburg	<input type="checkbox"/>
Portugal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Las Vegas	<input type="checkbox"/>	Antietam	<input type="checkbox"/>
England	<input type="checkbox"/>	New York	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 rd Winchester Battlefield	<input type="checkbox"/>
Italy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Denver	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kernstown Battlefield	<input type="checkbox"/>
Turkey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Atlanta	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jackson's HQs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greece	<input type="checkbox"/>	Phoenix	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fort Loudoun	<input type="checkbox"/>
Germany	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Orleans	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barns of Rose Hill	<input type="checkbox"/>
Russia	<input type="checkbox"/>	Boston	<input type="checkbox"/>	Winchester Walking Mall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Israel	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fort Lauderdale	<input type="checkbox"/>	Winchester Civil War Museum	<input type="checkbox"/>
Egypt	<input type="checkbox"/>	San Diego	<input type="checkbox"/>	George Washington's Surveyor's Office	<input type="checkbox"/>
Australia	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chicago	<input type="checkbox"/>	Apple Blossom Parade	<input type="checkbox"/>
Japan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seattle	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sperryville	<input type="checkbox"/>
Korea	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dallas	<input type="checkbox"/>	Front Royal Gazebo	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thailand	<input type="checkbox"/>	Miami	<input type="checkbox"/>	Milltown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sweden	<input type="checkbox"/>	San Francisco	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rosemont Manor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ireland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Outer Banks	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hiked Appalachian Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brazil	<input type="checkbox"/>	Honolulu	<input type="checkbox"/>	Middleburg	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scotland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Houston	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fox Meadow Winery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Philadelphia	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rappahannock Winery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Netherlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	Atlantic City	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bear Chase Brewery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Switzerland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nashville	<input type="checkbox"/>	Potomac Eagle Railroad	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mexico	<input type="checkbox"/>	Salt Lake City	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frostburg	<input type="checkbox"/>
Iceland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fairbanks	<input type="checkbox"/>	Berkley Springs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canada	<input type="checkbox"/>	Niagara Falls	<input type="checkbox"/>	Belle Grove Plantation	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL =		TOTAL =		TOTAL =	

TOTAL BOXES CHECKED ABOVE: _____

Bonus Points: Names of National Parks you have visited: _____

TOTAL NATIONAL PARKS: _____

How many ocean cruises have you taken? _____ How many river cruises have you taken? _____

TOTAL CRUISES: _____

Add total checked boxes, total National Parks, and total cruises for GRAND TOTAL: _____

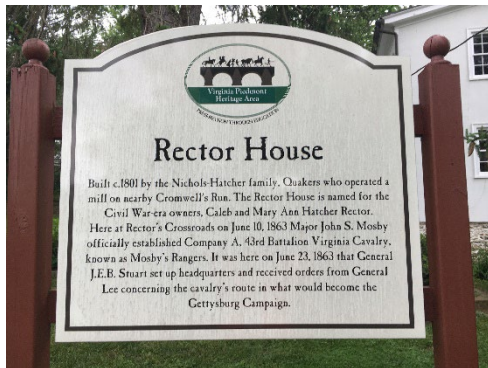
Names of Traveler(s): _____

Mosby Heritage Area Wine Tours May 10 & 24, 2024

By George Darnell



This trip was so popular that Rick Turner agreed to lead it twice. On our way to the first stop along Rt. 50, the Winchester Turnpike from Alexandria to the Valley, Rick described the area known as Mosby's Confederacy in Loudoun, Facquier, Fairfax, Prince William, Rappahanock, Warren, and Clark Counties. These were his areas of operation. As we drove through Upperville, Rick pointed out how little the town has changed since the Civil War and noted the Episcopal Church that the Mellon family funded.



Our first stop was Rectopr House in Atoka, where Mosby formed his group of irregular cavalry made up mainly from young men of the area. He had the support of Confederate General Jeb Stuart, under whom Mosby had served in the cavalry. We had a chance to tour the house and view the many artifacts and pictures of the area. It is maintained by the Piedmont Heritage Association, which had two members to add to Rick's story and lead us through the house.



Our second stop was Mount Zion Church near Aldie. This was a frequent meeting place of Mosby's men and the starting point of his raid into Fairfax City to capture a Union General near the courthouse, which still stands today. Rick described the geography of the area and how Mosby used it to his advantage to harass and evade Union cavalry.



Switching from Mosby to Jeb Stuart, Rick directed our bus up Snickersville Turpike, just West of Aldie. We stopped at a roadside marker commemorating the Union Cavalry Unit that lost their lives in a battle with Jeb Stuart's cavalry. Stuart was trying to screen Lee's movements in the Shenandoah Valley on his way to Pennsylvania. On our first trip Rick directed our bus over some gravel back roads to Rt. 50 on our way to lunch at Hunters Head Tavern in Upperville. It gave us some sense of the terrain during the Civil War. On our second trip Rick used paved roads to get us into Middleburg.

Lunch on our first trip was in a garden pavilion of Hunters Head Tavern in Upperville. The day was chilly and drizzly, but we enjoyed our meals under canopies over our tables. Lunch on our second trip was in the King Street Oyster House in Middleburg. We sat inside at a long table in this former bank building. We arrived just before our reservation time



of 11:30 a.m. and were out by 12:45, giving us some time to browse the streets before boarding the bus.

After lunch, Rick took us to Rectortown, an area that has changed little in almost 200 years. We passed through the falling countryside of Facquier County on our way to this forgotten rail station on the Manassas Gap Railroad into the Shenandoah Valley. Stonewall Jackson's troops boarded a train here to take them to the First Battle of Mannassas. But we were visiting the warehouse that Mosby used as a jail for members of a Union Cavalry unit that had executed members of a Confederate force in Front Royal. The prisoners drew straws to determine who would be hanged and who would be spared the death sentence.

Rectortown wrapped up our tour of Mosby county and our next stops were Slaters Run Vineyard on a gravel road off Rt. 50. Rick pointed out that for the adventurous the gravel road travels through some of the most beautiful countyside in Facquier County. The winery was expecting us and let us do glasses or tastings of their wines. We stayed inside on the first visit because the day was still chilly. But on the second trip some of us ventured outside to sit in chairs overlooking the vineyard. Soon it was time to move on to 50 West Vineyard near Aldie.

50 West Vineyard sits on a hillside overlooking the Bull Run Mountains, which served as a barrier to Virginia pioneers and Union troops. They were also expecting us and let us select and pay for our wine individually. We gathered at tables inside on the first trip, but ventured outside to the patio facing thee mountains on the second visit. After an hour or so we boarded the bus and headed west on Rt. 50 towards home.

On the first trip we stopped at the Stone Bridge where Confederate Cavalry stopped Union Cavalry from crossing the bridge on their way to Ashby's Gap. Some of us walked on a gravel path to the bridge, but there wasn't much to see because of the dense foliage.

On the second trip we bypassed the bridge and took a sidetrip into Millwood, where Mosby was expected to surrender after the war. We parked in front of Locke's Store while Rick explained how Mosby got skiddish and managed to get out of town without surrendering. Unfortunately, the store closed at 6:00 p.m. and we missed an opportunity to visit this country store that has a deli and a good selection of Virginia wines and beers.

We arrived back at the lodge on both trips about 6:30 p.m., tipped our drivers, thanked Rick and said our goodbyes.

WHERE IN THE WORLD DO YOU WANT TO GO THIS YEAR?



Trip Ideas for 2024, V9

- May 27-Jun 8—Scandinavian Cruise w/Greg
- Jun 7—Endless Caverns, New Market Civil War Museum, Harrisonburg Mennonite Center, Muse Vineyard
- July 9-11—Exploring the Northern Neck; Tides Inn for two nights.
- Jul 22-25—Hudson River Valley <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Jul 25-28—Lake Erie Island Adventure <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Aug 5 Midsummer Wine Pairing Lunch at Fox Meadow
- Aug 12-15—New York Finger Lakes <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Aug 18—Flying Circus Air Show & Hot Air Balloon Festival
- Aug 19-31—Japan Celebrity Cruise w/Greg
- Aug 19—Loudoun Wine Tour
- Sep 3-8—Ole Cape Cod <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Sep 6—Trail Ride & Brewery Lunch
- Sep 20-21—Lancaster/ Daniel/ Bird-in-the-Hand Theatre <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Sep 23—Gettysburg Battlefield Tour
- Sept 30-Oct 1—Winchester Newcomers Club Richmond Tour
- Oct 4—Oktoberfest Route 151 Beverage Tour
- Oct 6-12—Autumn in New England – Rails & Sails <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Oct 24—Fall Colors Train Ride in Staunton
- Oct 27-31—Golden Isles of Georgia <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Nov 13-15—Smoky Mountain Christmas <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Nov 29-Dec 2—A Country Christmas at Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN <https://www.shenandoahtours.com/>
- Dec 14—Wreaths Across America in Winchester
- Dec 16—Christmas in Old Town Alexandria
- Dec 20—Holiday High Tea at Rosemont Manor

Trip Registration Deadlines for 2024, V9

- Jun 9—Exploring the Northern Neck; Tides Inn for two nights.
- Jun 25-28—Lake Erie Island Adventure
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Exploring the Northern Neck of Virginia



A MEMBER OF THE

National Heritage Area System

July 9-11, 2024

[The Northern Neck](#) is an historic peninsula between The Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers from Fredericksburg to the Chesapeake Bay. We will explore this area by bus and spend two nights at the Tides Inn in Irvington.

This three-day tour is limited to 20-24 travelers.

Day 1: Travel by bus to [Ferry Farm](#), boyhood home of George Washington, and then to his [birthplace](#) on the Potomac before lunch at [Wilkinson's Seafood](#). After lunch visit [Stratford Hall](#), home of the Lee family, and then enjoy wine at [Ingleside Winery](#) before checking into [The Tides Inn](#) for dinner and an evening of relaxation at this waterside resort.



Day 2: Morning and breakfast on your own before boarding our bus for historic [Christ's Church](#) and the [Steamboat Era Museum](#) in Irvington. Return to the Tides Inn for lunch and an afternoon of leisure on your own before visiting the [Dog & Oyster Winery](#) in Irvington. Afterwards, return to the Tides Inn for dinner and an evening of leisure on your own.



Day 3: Have an early breakfast before checking out and boarding our bus for [Reedville](#). Stroll by the Victorian homes in this historic fishing village on the Bay before boarding our [cruise boat](#) to [Tangier Island](#). Have lunch and tour this quaint fishing village before returning to Reedville. Board our bus for home and arrive at the Lodge in time for a late dinner or just return to your home.



We will be staying overnight, July 9 & 10, at [The Tides Inn](#), a Forbes recommended waterside resort in Irvington, Virginia. They are offering us special rates until May 15 on a limited number of two classes of rooms. A deluxe king-bed room, suitable for a single or couple, is \$459 per night, plus taxes and resort fees. A double queen-bed deluxe room, suitable for two singles sharing a room, is \$519 per night plus taxes and resort fees. Meals, drinks, and other resort services may be charged to your room and paid at checkout. Please make your reservation by June 9 by calling 855-420-9316 and identifying yourself as a member of the Lake Frederick Travel Club.

The cost of bus transportation and all admission fees is \$350 per person. Meals, tastings, and other expenses are not included. The club is offering a \$100 discount per room for anyone who cannot get a discounted room.

Please register for a room at The Tides Inn (see above), register on MTL Events, and drop off a \$350 check (minus \$100 discount if applicable) with the concierge made payable to "Lake Frederick Travel Club" no later than June 9th.

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Winchester Area Newcomers Club Richmond Tour September 30-October 1

The Winchester Area Newcomers Club, in cooperation with Frederick County Parks and Recreation, and with assistance from the Virginia Is for Lovers Tourism, has created the following history and heritage overnight trip to Richmond September 30-October 1. The itinerary and details for signing up are shown below. We would like to invite members of the Lake Frederick Travel Club to participate in this Tour if they are interested. If there are further questions about the trip, please write to:

Paulette Jennis
WANC Travel Club Coordinator
ptjennis@verizon.net

Sightseeing Cost and Included Meals—Book/pay at FCRP website on or after April 15 \$250 per person—includes transportation, all admission tickets (museum, historic home, Lewis Ginter gardens), 3-course lunch at the Jefferson Hotel in the private Valentine dining room (drinks will be extra charge); lunch at Mosaic restaurant (includes entre and soft drink).

Overnight lodging—Book/pay directly with the hotel; instructions with group discount code will be provided after you book the trip at FCPR website.

\$139-\$159 per hotel room (depending on room selected—taxes/fees may be extra) at Hyatt Short Pump Hotel. We're asking you to book directly with the hotel at the discounted group rate, like what you may have done to attend a convention or wedding. This reduces administrative costs and is cost effective for both couples and singles. Breakfast is included in the room rate on day 2.

Sign-up Instructions

You'll be able to sign up on or after April 15 when the Summer Activities Guide for FCPR goes live online. Each individual traveling will need to set up their own account—Newcomer members, husbands, and guests of a Newcomer member. This is a one-time only requirement to be registered in their new software. Here's the link for creating your account. If you're having trouble creating an account or have more questions, call the front desk office at 540-665-5678 or Tanner Lippold's direct line at 540-722-8212. They are happy to help you.

[Catalog - Frederick County Parks and Recreation](#)

ITINERARY— includes two lunches, admission costs and tours from 30-60 minutes long with a good amount of walking.**Day 1 (Monday):**

- Arrive at Tuckahoe Plantation for an 11 am tour (boyhood home of Thomas Jefferson including extensive gardens and one room schoolhouse; the house is a private residence and only open to tours by special arrangement)
- Lunch at Mosaic Restaurant in the vicinity of Tuckahoe and Lewis Ginter Gardens
- Visit Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden (self-guided tour)—voted #4 most beautiful gardens in US by USA Today
- Check in at hotel: [Hyatt House Richmond/Short Pump](#) is connected to Short Pump Town Center, which will make shopping/dinner very convenient; dinner on your own, not included in trip price
- Dinner options at the mall: Lejha (Indian), The Boathouse (seafood), Cooper's Hawk, Cheesecake Factory, Firebirds, Maggiano's; then shop-'til-you-drop or turn in early!

Day 2 (Tuesday):

- Breakfast at Hyatt House Short Pump (breakfast included)
- Drive to Downtown Richmond
- Tour the Virginia Capitol—designed by Thomas Jefferson; first American state capital built after Revolutionary War; first public building in the New World designed in Roman temple style; nominated as World Heritage Site
- Tour the Executive Mansion, home of the governor and family
- Private lunch in [Lemaire](#) restaurant at the Jefferson Hotel—beautiful, historic hotel opened in 1895; built in Beaux Arts/Renaissance Revival architectural styles by businessman and philanthropist Lewis Ginter in honor of his hero, Thomas Jefferson; guests have included 13 presidents and many celebrities, including Dolly Parton, Elvis Presley, Henry James, Sir Anthony Hopkins, the Rolling Stones; for a time live alligators lived in a pond in the Palm Court—now you can see reptilian replicas; the hotel's grand staircase in the lobby was a set model for the grand staircase portrayed at Tara Plantation in the movie version of *Gone with the Wind*
- Tour the Edgar Allan Poe Museum—celebrates his growing up years in Richmond; world's largest collection of his manuscripts, letters, memorabilia, and personal belongings