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REEDVILLE FISHERMEN'S MUSEUM

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Shuck Yeah- It is almost that time! Our highly anticipated Annual Oyster Roast is just around the corner. Our Oyster Roast isn't just about incredible food-it's about celebrating our community.

It takes a village to roast thousands of oysters and RFM will be ready on November 14th! We are always looking for new volunteers, so if you love good food, music and a fun afternoon, call the museum office at 804-453-6529 to volunteer and purchase a ticket. All proceeds benefit the museum mission and its activities. If you are not a fan of oysters- don't worry! There will be plenty of yummy food and cold beverages.

Reminders for the day of:
Bring your ID to purchase your favorite beverages
Bring cash to purchase drink tokens while waiting in line at the gate- (credit cards accepting inside gate)
Bring your favorite oyster knife and glove
Bring an appetite
No outside coolers or alcohol!
No outside chairs
No furry friends- pet free event

Need handicapped parking?
Please call museum office to register (handicap license or tag required).

Whether you are a seasoned pro who brings your own custom shucking knife or a first-timer ready to try your very first oyster, there is a spot at the table waiting for you. Let's make this year's roast the best one yet. See you at the RFM campus on November 14th.

Oyster Roast Committee Co-Chairs
David Huff & Lee Ann Scanlon







THANK YOU
THANK YOU

Thanks to you! Our Volunteers, Community & Trick or Treaters



A TREAT FROM
REEDVILLE FISHERMEN'S MUSEUM
504 MAIN ST
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Vernell
Cheri Kay
Gayle
Becky
Carolyn and Don
Stacy and Mitch
Mindy
Megan
Janet

FROM THE COLLECTION

Stories from the Reedville Fishermen's Museum Collection

A Piece of Reedville's Past:

The Haynie Family Collection

The Reedville Fishermen's Museum is pleased to share two recent additions to our collection, generously donated by David Jett. A historic photograph and a well-loved wooden table offer a glimpse into the lives of one of Reedville's longtime families and the everyday history of our community.



The photograph features Norris Jackson Haynie (1891–1982), son of William Jackson "Jack" Haynie and Lela Haynie. A lifelong Reedville resident, Norris was remembered as a kind, quiet man who worked as an accountant for various local businesses. He also had a deep appreciation for Reedville's maritime heritage, particularly the early watercraft and steamboats that once traveled our waterways. Among his favorites was the steamboat *Piankatank*.

Norris was something of a local historian himself, and many of his memories and recollections were preserved in the book *Reedville*: 1874–1974 and *A Kingdom by the Sea* by Miriam Haynie.

His personal story also includes a charming "chapter," at the age of 76, Norris married his high school sweetheart, Ida Wootteon, who was 74.



David Jett, who grew up next door to Norris at 667 Main Street, remembers him fondly. David acquired the photograph around 2015 at a sale held at Norris's former Reedville home.

Accompanying the photograph is a pine washstand table dating to approximately 1900, believed to have been made by a member of the Haynie family. Originally used in the Haynie home at 649 Main Street, the table likely held a washbowl and pitcher.

Over the years, the table found a second purpose outdoors, where it was used for cleaning fish behind a storage building on the Haynie property. Norris eventually gave the table to David's mother, Alice Jett Butler, likely during the 1970s or 1980s. David's stepfather, Jennings E. Butler, refinished the piece, although traces of its former dark green paint can still be found underneath. Its journey from household washstand to fish-cleaning table and eventually to a treasured family keepsake reflects the practical, resourceful nature of everyday life in Reedville.

The Museum is deeply grateful to David Jett for his thoughtful donation of these two pieces and for sharing the personal memories and family connections that make them especially meaningful.

We look forward to finding a permanent home for both the photograph and the table in the Museum's historic William Walker House. Built in 1875 and recognized as the oldest surviving home on Reedville's Main Street, the Walker House is furnished to represent a typical waterman's home at the turn of the 20th century. These additions, with their local roots and rich history, will be a wonderful complement to that setting.

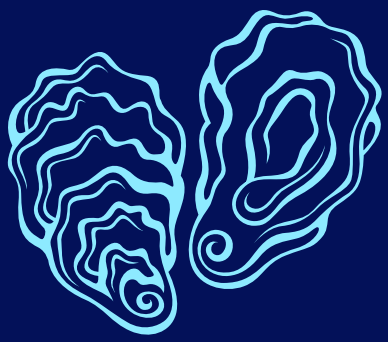
Together, they remind us that preserving Reedville's history is about more than historic buildings and maritime traditions. It is also about remembering the people, families, and ordinary objects that tell the story of life in our community.

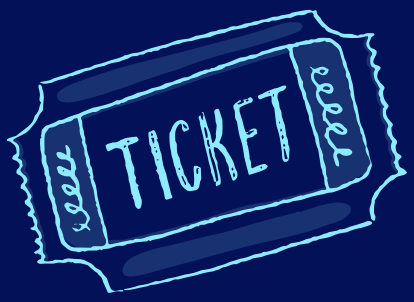
Explore Our Collection

There's more history waiting to be discovered. Explore photographs, documents, objects, and other materials from the Reedville Fishermen's Museum collection through our online archive at https://rfmuseum.org/curatorial or by scanning the QR code.

OYSTER ROAST REMINDERS

Saturday, November 14, 2026 | 1:00–4:00 PM







WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Oysters-roasted or raw
- Hot Dogs
- BBQ
- Chowder
- Soda, Water or Coffee

Beer or Wine sold seperately

TICKETS & ENTRY

- General Admission: $70/person
- **Sold out**VIP: $130/person
- ID Required
- Tickets are non-refundable

Event will be held rain or shine.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- Bring your own oyster knife
- No outside chairs or seating
- No Pets
- No outside coolers or alcohol
- Call to reserve handicap parking

Questions?
Call 804-453-6529
Visit www.rfmuseum.org

ALL HANDS ON DECK!

JOIN OUR EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Ahoy, history lovers! We're looking for a few good hands to join our Education Committee and help support educational programming for students and visitors.

- Help support school field trips
- Assist with educational programs and activities
- Help bring our maritime history to life
- Share your knowledge and enthusiasm with the next generation

YOUR HELP CAN KEEP OUR HISTORY AFLOAT!

Whether you can lend a hand occasionally or regularly, we'd love to have you aboard.

SIGN UP TODAY!

CONTACT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LARRY FOULK
804-453-6529 ext. 2001
director@rfmuseum.org



Join the Crew • Share the History • Make a Difference

More Ways to Get Involved



Our committees play an important role in supporting the Museum and helping carry out its work throughout the year and many of them could use a few more helping hands.

Explore our committees below and find the one that feels like the right fit.

Curation

Helps support the care, organization, research, and presentation of the Museum's collections and exhibits.

Docent

Helps welcome visitors and share information about the Museum, its exhibits, and Reedville's maritime history.

Gift Shop

Helps support the operation of the Museum Gift Shop and creates a welcoming experience for shoppers and visitors.

Lecture Series

Helps plan and support lectures and presentations that explore topics connected to the Museum and the region.

Marketing

Helps promote the Museum, its programs, events, exhibits, and activities to the community and beyond







Whether you enjoy planning events, working behind the scenes, welcoming visitors, helping with collections, or simply lending your time where it's needed, there's a place for you.

Interested in joining?

Contact Executive Director Larry Foulk

director@rfmuseum.org

804-453-6529 ext. 2001

FESTIVAL HALLE

Designed for every occasion





- Weddings
- Receptions
- Banquets
- Birthdays
- Meetings
- Fundraisers
- Concerts
- Community Events







BOOK YOUR NEXT EVENT

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804-453-6529

Caterer's Kitchen

Coming Soon...

A dedicated caterer's kitchen is currently under construction as part of the continued enhancement of Festival Halle. Designed with event service in mind, the space will provide a convenient area for staging, warming, and service.

Reedville Festival Chorale

Welcomes you to join us!

REHEARSAL DATES:

- Friday Nov. 13th - 3:00pm
- Friday Nov. 20th - 3:00pm
- Saturday Nov. 21st - 2:00pm

All rehearsals will be held at Bethany UMC unless otherwise noted.

Did you know that singing and playing a musical instrument are great ways to stimulate your mind, lift your spirits and make new friends?

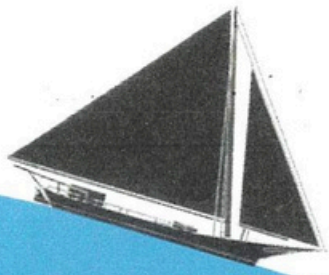
Contact Jeanne Hickey to join!

804-580-1951

DRESS REHEARSAL:
Friday Dec. 11th OR Saturday Dec. 12th - 2:00pm at Festival Halle

CHRISTMAS CONCERT:
Sunday Dec. 13th - 3:00pm at Festival Halle





CREW WANTED

The historic skipjack *Claud W. Somers* is sailed and maintained entirely by volunteers. If you have an interest in sailing, there is a place for you on the crew. No experience is required, we will train you!

During the summer and early fall, the crew sails the vessel on weekends for afternoon cruises and charters. The off-season is spent maintaining the vessel and training the crew.

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Heritage Society Spotlight:

Smart ways to give back to RFM

Meaningful giving options that can benefit you and the Reedville Fishermen's Museum.

As the year draws to a close, many members look for meaningful ways to support the Museum. Here are two simple, tax-wise ways to make a lasting difference for RFM:

Appreciated Stock Gifts

-You can donate appreciated stocks and **avoid capital gains tax.**

-The Museum sells the shares and uses the proceeds to support operations.

Ask your financial advisor for details and to begin the process.

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

If you're 70½ or older, you can make a gift **directly from your IRA** to RFM

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This helps meet your **Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)** and **reduces taxable income** – one of the most **tax-efficient** ways to give!

How to Make a QCD:

1. Contact your **IRA administrator** and direct them to make the check out to **Greater Reedville Association dba Reedville Fishermen's Museum** P.O. Box 306, Reedville, VA 22539 (Tax ID available upon request)
2. Specify your gift amount.
3. Notify the Museum so we can properly thank you.

"Your generosity helps the Reedville Fishermen's Museum preserve the history of our watermen and serve our community.
We couldn't do it without you!"

SMALLER CATCHES

SAVE THE DATES

November I4 OYSTER ROAST

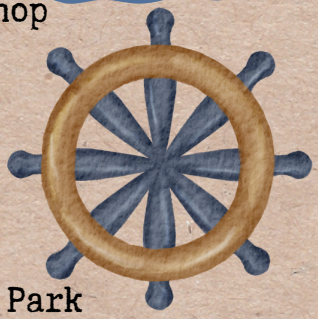
November 20 Cocktails on the Creek “Thank You!” at Festival Halle

November 26 Office & Museum Closed

November I9, 27, 28 Model Trains Run in Model Shop

December 3, 5, I0, I2, I7, I9, 26 Models Trains Run in Model Shop

Please visit our website for All Events!
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December 5 “Santa on Cockrell Creek!”

- 9:00a.m. Santa Arrives on Elva C.
- 9:I5a.m. Guests visit Model Train Shop
- 9:30a.m. Breakfast with Santa at Bethany UMC
- 5:00p.m. Community Crab Basket Tree Lighting at Watermen’s Park
- 5:30p.m. Cocktails on the Creek

December I3 Reedville Festival Chorale “Christmas Concert!”

NOW ACCEPTING, CAR DONATIONS!

The majority of the museum's operating budget comes from the sale of donated boats and other items. This year we have expanded our program to include cars! Please consider the museum when deciding how to dispose of a boat or vehicle that you no longer need. Your contributions greatly help the local community and our beloved museum. Please email us at donations@rfmuseum.org for more information on how to donate or to inquire about our current inventory!

SALE



See the website for full inventory

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CURRENT INVENTORY
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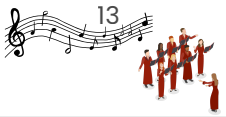
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Christmas in Reedville

Christmas in Reedville festivities will take place on December 5. The event is co-sponsored by the Reedville Fishermen's Museum (RFM) (504 Main Street) and Bethany United Methodist Church (UMC) (454 Main Street).

Event Schedule (December 5)
9:00 AM: Santa arrives at the museum dock aboard the classic Elva C.

9:15 AM: Guests visit the RFM model train shop alongside the conductor from the Polar Express.

9:30 AM: Breakfast with Santa is served next door at Bethany UMC, featuring photo opportunities with both Santa and the conductor.

5:00 PM: The community crab basket tree lighting takes place at RFM's Watermen's Park (177 Main Street).

Decorate a Crab Basket
Community members are invited to decorate a basket for the tree:

Pick up a basket at the museum for $15.

Paint your design at home using acrylic paint.

Return the finished basket by November 12.

Holiday Hours & Model Train Shop Schedule

Reedville Fishermen's Museum (RFM):

Open Thursdays through Saturdays, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
(Closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day).

RFM Model Train Shop:

Thursdays: Open 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
(Closed Nov 26 and Dec 25).

Special Holiday Hours (11:00 AM – 4:00 PM): Nov 27–28, Dec 5, Dec 12, Dec 19, and Dec 26.

RFM will close for the season on December 26

RFM'S NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Jenni & Tim Abrahams
Martha & Barney Barnum
Walter Brodtman
Martin Burns
Brenda Burton
Ron & Ed Chiapusio
Mark Dalton
Jim Day
Edythe & Lloyd Dodge
James Godwin
Maureen & Alfred Griffin
Sue & Bruce Gross
Lynn Gulick
Stephanie Halvorson
Colin Harding
Jean & Jack Hogan
Donalda & Greg Hull
Rose & Charles Joyner
Tom Kelly
Nellie & Jim Landrum
Ernestine & John Luttrell
Kate & P.D. O'Keefe
Kathleen Petersen
Maggie & John Powell
Denise and Howard Robertson
Nancy & Chip Rohr
Kathy & Jeff Rosen
Mari & Brock Russell
Gordon Seagrave
Stacy & Brent Stansbury
Robert Stout
Ann Sullivan
Mary & Bill Turville
Carol & Steward Von Herbulis
Evan Votta
Kathryn & Jeffrey Wainscott
Joan & Jim Watkins
Constance & Robert Whaley
Denez & Bob Yancey

Thank you for your memberships!

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