

calendar of events

----- FEBRUARY -----

1-5, "The Origins of American Style."

At this Antiques Forum, guests are invited to explore the rich and varied heritage of American style. Colonial Williamsburg. 1-800-HISTORY. Admission.

1-28, Black History Month.

The 30th anniversary of African American programs at Colonial Williamsburg. 1-800-HISTORY. Admission.

1-28, Building Better Ships.

The paintings of Thomas Skinner, as well as early photographs of the Newport News Shipyard, are highlights of this exhibit. The Mariners' Museum, Newport News, VA. 757-596-2222. Admission.

1-28, The Friendly Skies.

Introduce your little astronomer to the wonders of the sky. Virginia Living Museum, Newport News, VA. 757-595-1900. Admission.

1-28, "From Africa to Virginia" Theme Month.

Gallery exhibits and a special gallery brochure highlight the culture and the experience of Africans in 17th-century Virginia. Jamestown Settlement. 757-253-4838. Admission.

1-28, "Microbes: Invisible Invaders, Amazing Allies and Microcosm" planetarium program.

Take an interactive journey through the hidden world of microbes to uncover a mysterious universe. Virginia Living Museum, Newport News, VA. 757-595-1900. Adm.

1-28, The Gift of Black Inventors.

This exhibit highlights the numerous contributions to science and industry by Americans of African descent. The Newsome House Museum & Cultural Center, Newport News, VA. 757-247-2360. Suggested donation.

1-28, Death Takes a Vacation.

A comedy mystery dinner show. Reservations required. Mystery Dinner Playhouse 1-888-471-4802. Adm.

1-28, Earthscapes.

This exhibit features the work of renowned photographer Ansel Adams. Peninsula Fine Arts Center, Newport News, VA. 757-596-8175. Admission.

4-15, February at the Ferguson Center for the Arts.

Cirque Eloize, Feb., 4-5; John Tesh, Feb. 8; The Harlem Gospel Choir, Feb. 13; *DRUMLine Live!*, Feb. 14-15. Ferguson Center for the Arts, Newport News, VA. 757-594-8752. Admission.

6, Fifth Annual Bacchus Wine and Food Festival.

Exemplary wine, local restaurant samples and a variety of entertainment, all in one night, for a great cause. Virginia Living Museum, Newport News, VA. 757-595-1900. Admission.

7, Black History Month Celebration.

Celebrate the achievements of African Americans in aviation, space and technology. The Virginia Air & Space Center, Hampton, VA. 757-727-0900. Adm.

8, "From Africa to Virginia" Lecture Series.

"From Sunup to Sundown: The Experiences of Africans and African Americans in Colonial Virginia," Robert C. Watson, Hampton University. 2 pm; reservations recommended. Jamestown Settlement. 757-253-4415.

12, Cabin Fever Concert Series.

Wipe the winter blues away as local musicians engage and interact with audience members. 7 pm. Sponsored by York County. Yorktown Freight Shed, Yorktown, VA. Tickets required. 757-890-3500. Free admission.

12, Virginia Symphony Chamber Salon Series.

This concert is sponsored by Smithfield Music. 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20. Smithfield Little Theatre, Smithfield, VA. 757-357-7891.

13, Chocolate Lovers' SmARTs.

Celebrate Valentines Day with our popular Chocolate Lovers Event, combined with our Smithfield Monthly Arts Stroll (SmARTs) event. 5 pm - 8 pm. Smithfield, VA. 757-357-2214.

13-16, Passion on the Plantation.

For lovers and couples of all ages, come to Shirley Plantation for a romantic tour featuring family love letters and stories. Shirley Plantation, Charles City, VA. 800-232-1613. Admission.

14, Laser Light Nights.

Incredible new laser light shows. Family fun, 8:30 pm; hard rock, 10 pm; Pink Floyd, 11:30 pm. Virginia Living Museum, Newport News, VA. 757-595-1900. Adm.

14, Star Parties.

Free observing one hour after sunset; planetarium program at 7:30 pm. \$6. Virginia Living Museum, Newport News, VA. 757-595-1900. Admission.

14-16, Reptiles Bizarre and Beautiful.

Experience a close encounter of the reptile kind. See native and exotic reptiles on display and in live

animal programs. Virginia Living Museum, Newport News, VA. 757-595-1900. Admission.

14-16, Tippecanoe & Tyler, Too, President's Day Tour.

William Henry Harrison's life is celebrated during President's Day weekend. 9 am - 5 pm. Berkeley Plantation, Charles City, VA. 888-466-6018. Adm.

15, "From Africa to Virginia" Lecture Series.

"Virginia's Slave Trade: Who, When, Where, and How Many?" Lorena S. Walsh, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation historian and author. 2 pm; reservations recommended. Jamestown Settlement. 757-253-4415.

19-22, 26-28, "Dixie Swim Club."

A comedy about five women who meet each year for a beach weekend to renew their friendship. Thursdays - Sundays. Smithfield Little Theatre, Smithfield, VA. 757-357-7338. Admission.

21, Story Time.

The third Saturday of the month. Hear a nature-related story and see a live animal show. 10 am. Virginia Living Museum, Newport News, VA. 757-595-1900. Adm.

22, "From Africa to Virginia" Lecture Series.

"Blacks' Response to the Revolutionary Impulse in Norfolk and Vicinity, 1775 - 1781." Tommy L. Bogger, Norfolk State University. 2 pm; reservations recommended. Jamestown Settlement. 757-253-4415.

22-25, "Quilted Fashions': 400 Years of Quilting."

Marianne Fons, co-host of the popular public television series "Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting," is the keynote speaker. Colonial Williamsburg. 1-800-HISTORY. Adm.

26-28, Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival.

In its 20th year, the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival is a compilation of quilting, fiber arts, and wearable arts. www.quiltfest.com Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, VA. 757-315-1610. Admission.

----- MARCH -----

1, Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival. (See Feb. 26-28).

1, 5-8, "Dixie Swim Club." (See Feb. 19-22).

1-20, Death Takes a Vacation. (See Feb. 1-28).

1-29, Earthscapes. (See Feb. 1-28).

1-31, "Microbes and Microcosm" (See Feb. 1-28).

1-31, Building Better Ships. (See Feb. 1-28).

1-31, The Friendly Skies. (See Feb. 1-28).

1-31, The Gift of Black Inventors. (See Feb. 1-28).

12, Cabin Fever Concert Series. (See February 12).

14, Laser Light Nights. (See Feb. 14).

14, Star Parties. (See Feb. 14).

21, Story Time. (See Feb. 21).

1-31, "Jamestown and Bermuda: Virginia Company Colonies" Special Exhibition.

Explore the connections between England's second permanent colony in the New World and its first – Jamestown. Jamestown Settlement. 757-253-4838.

1-31, Women's History Month.

Celebrating the contributions of women of the 18th century to the history of our nation with programs throughout the month of March. Colonial Williamsburg. 1-800-HISTORY. Admission.

1-31, Women's History Month.

Thematic tours emphasizing the role of women in managing, preserving, and protecting Shirley Plantation through eleven generations. Shirley Plantation, Charles City, VA. 1-800-232-1613.

6-8, Battle of Hampton Roads Weekend 2009.

Events and activities tied to the historic "Battle of the Ironclads." Fun for the entire family. The Mariners' Museum, Newport News, VA. 757-596-2222. Adm.

6-24, March at the Ferguson Center for the Arts.

The Cleveland Orchestra, March 3; Russian National Ballet Theatre, March 7; *Sweeney Todd*, March 13-14; José Carreras, March 24. Ferguson Center for the Arts, Newport News, VA. 757-594-8752. Admission.

8, The Invencia Piano Duo.

Featuring Okasana Lutsyshyn and Andrey Kasparov. 4 pm. Benn's United Methodist Church, Isle of Wight County, VA. 757-375-9140.

10, Berkeley Plantation Boxwood Garden Tour.

Gardeners will teach procedures of planting, pruning, and caring for their famous boxwood terraced gardens. Refreshments. Reservations required. 2 pm – 4 pm. Berkeley Plantation, Charles City, VA. 1-888-466-6018. Adm.

13, Shamrock Party on O'Plaza.

Join us for a "wee bit" of the Emerald Isle. Live music. Food and beverage vendors. City Center at Oyster Point, Newport News, VA. 757-926-1400. Free.

13, SmARTs and Visitor Center Grand Opening.

Stroll through the Historic District shops for art, music, food and beverages. SmARTs is held on the second Friday of each month from 5 pm - 8 pm. Smithfield, VA. 757-357-5182. Free.

14-15, Annual Civil War Re-enactment.

This year's re-enactment commemorates the Battle of Williamsburg. Living history programs and encampments. Food vendors and period sutlers Endview Plantation. Newport News, VA. 757-887-1862. Admission.

16, The Revolutionary City® Program.

Colonial Williamsburg begins the fourth season of the interactive dramatic presentation, "The Revolutionary City®." 1-800-HISTORY. Admission.

21-22, Military Through the Ages.

Re-enactment groups depicting soldiers and military encounters, join forces with modern-day veterans and active units to demonstrate camp life, tactics and weaponry. Jamestown Settlement. 757-253-4838. Admission.

22, Busch Gardens Opens.

Busch Gardens opens for the 2009 season with an all-new Sesame Street-themed area, an expanded events series and a spectacular Christmas celebration event. Busch Gardens. 1-800-343-7946. Admission.

27-31, The Butler's Been Murdered.

A comedy mystery dinner show. Reservation required. Mystery Dinner Playhouse. 1-888-471-4802. Adm.

28, McCary's Migrants.

Enjoy a day of bird watching with resident birder Tom McCary. Reservations required. Shirley Plantation, Charles City, VA. 1-800-232-1613. Special fee.

28-29, 23rd Annual Daffodil Festival.

Two full days of family fun with a parade, artwork, antiques, entertainment, and food! 6509 Main St., Gloucester, VA. 1-804-693-2355. Free.

28 -29, Annual Gloucester Women's Club Daffodil Show. American Daffodil Society. Saturday, 2 pm – 5 pm. Sunday, Noon – 4 pm. Page Middle School, Route 17, Gloucester, VA. 1-804-693-9474.

----- **APRIL** -----

1-30, Building Better Ships. (See Feb. 1-28).

1-30, The Friendly Skies. (See Feb. 1-28).

1-30, The Butler's Been Murdered. (See March 27- 31).

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10, SmARTs. (See March 13).

11, Star Parties. (See Feb. 14).

11, Laser Light Nights. (See Feb. 14).

18, Story Time. (See Feb. 21).

1-30, Religion Month.

April is observed as Religion Month at DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum, Colonial Williamsburg. 1-800-HISTORY. Admission.

1, The Gallery at York Hall Opening.

The Gallery opens for the season featuring changing exhibits of local artists. Open April-Dec., Tues.-Sat., 10 am- 4 pm; Sun., 1 pm.- 4 pm. York Hall, 301 Main Street, Yorktown, VA. 757-890-4490. Free.

1, The York County Historical Museum Opening.

Self guided tours of exhibits highlight 20th century York County. Open April-Dec., Tues.-Sat., 10 am- 3:30 pm; Sun., 1 pm. - 3:30 pm. York Hall, 301 Main Street, Yorktown, VA. 757-890-4490. Free.

1, Museum on the Main Opening.

Changing exhibits of York County's history, sites and events. Open April-Sept., Sat. and Sun., 2 pm- 4 pm; 408 Main Street, Yorktown, VA. 757-898-4910. Free.

1, Watermen's Museum Opening.

Museum and gift shop opens. April-Thanksgiving Tues.-Sat., 10 am to 5 pm; Sun., 1 to 5 pm. 309 Water Street, Yorktown, VA. 757-887-2641. Adm.

3-21, April at the Ferguson Center for the Arts.

Pajama Game, April 3-4; The National Acrobats of China, April 19; An Evening with Garrison Keillor, April 21. Ferguson Center for the Arts, Newport News, VA. 757-594-8752. Admission.

4, The Easter Bunny and the Great Egg Hunt.

The Easter Bunny will be on hand for games and pictures. A great family event. Lee Hall Mansion, Newport News, VA. 757-888-3371. Admission.

4-30, Sea Glass, Pieces from the Collection.

Part of *Art of Glass 2*, this exhibition includes historic artifacts from the *SS United States* and the *USS Monitor*. The Mariners' Museum, Newport News, VA. 757-596-2222. Admission.

18, Earth Day Celebration.

Walking tour focuses on conservation practices including reclamation of mined land and land-use management. Shirley Plantation, Charles City, VA. 1-800-232-1613. Admission.

18, International Children's Festival.

Prepare yourself for sensory overload as you experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of over twenty countries and cultures. 10 am -5 pm. Mill Point Park, Hampton, VA. . 757-727-8311. Free.

18-19 Earth Days Celebration.

Eco-friendly displays, demonstrations, giveaways and special earth friendly animal shows. Virginia Living Museum, Newport News, VA. 757-595-1900. Adm.

18-19, 25-26, Spring Native Plant Sale.

Choose from an incredible array of native plants for a variety of garden sites. Virginia Living Museum, Newport News, VA. 757-595-1900.

18-25 Historic Garden Week in Virginia.

Virginia is in bloom. Join in America's largest open house. Shirley Plantation, Charles City, VA. 1-800-232-1613. Admission.

18-26, Historic Garden Week at Berkeley Plantation.

Floral arrangements displayed in the elegant 1726 manor house. Enjoy walks in the restored garden and

costumed guided house tours. 9 am-5 pm. Berkeley Plantation, Charles City, VA. 1-888-466-6018. Adm.

25, Lecture Series – *“The Lion and the Mouse...the Story of America and Bermuda,”* by Lucinda Spurling, Bermuda filmmaker. Free public lecture begins at 7 pm; reservations required at (757) 253-4415 or rsvp.lecture@jyf.virginia.gov. Jamestown Settlement.

26, Tidewater Suzuki Cello Ensemble. Featuring young musicians between the ages of 8 and 17 playing Bach to Ragtime. 4 pm. Christ Episcopal Church, Smithfield, VA. 757-375-9140. Admission.

30, "The Virginia Arts Festival" comes to Smithfield. Featuring the Miami String Quartet with Ivan Chan and Cathy Robinson on violin, Yu Jin on viola and Keith Robinson on cello. 7:30 pm. Christ Episcopal Church, Smithfield, VA. 757-375-9140. Admission.

30, "The King and I." A rousing musical and audience favorite! Smithfield Little Theatre, Smithfield, VA. 757-357-7338. Adm.

----- **MAY** -----

- 1-3, **"Microbes and "Microcosm"** (See Feb. 1- 28).
- 1-15, **The Friendly Skies.** (See Feb. 1-28).
- 1-23, **"The King and I".** (See April 30, Thurs. - Sun.).
- 1-31, **"Jamestown and Bermuda."**(See March 1-31).
- 1-31, **Building Better Ships.** (See Feb. 1-28).
- 1-31, **The Butler's Been Murdered.** (See March 27- 31).
- 1-30, **"Jamestown and Bermuda."**(See March 1-31).
- 1-31, **Sea Glass.** (See April 4-30).
- 1-31, **The Gift of Black Inventors.** (See Feb. 1-28).
- 8, **SmARTs.** (See March 13).
- 9, **Laser Light Nights.** (See Feb. 14).
- 9, **Star Parties.** (See Feb. 14).
- 16, **Story Time.** (See Feb. 21).

1, Schooner Alliance returns to Yorktown.
For more information, visit www.schooneralliance.com or call 757-639-1233. Yorktown, VA. Admission.

1-17, May at the Ferguson Center for the Arts.
Ain't Misbehavin' starring Ruben Studdard, May 1-3; Ballet Hispanico, May 9; *Bob the Builder Live!*, May 12; Virginia Symphony Orchestra, May 17. Ferguson Center for the Arts, Newport News, VA. 757-594-8752. Admission.

1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Friday Night Concert Series.
Continuing each Friday throughout the summer. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a series of concerts featuring regional artists. Smithfield Times Building, Smithfield, VA. 757-357-5182.

1, 63rd Annual Garden Symposium.
This 63rd Annual Garden Symposium will focus on how to create gardens that are both aesthetically rich and ecologically sound. Colonial Williamsburg. 1-800-HISTORY. Admission.

2, Hunt for Hampton History.
Bring photographs, memorabilia, and items of family heritage to participate in workshops on collecting and recording history. 9 am - 3 pm. Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton, VA. 757-727-8311.

9-10, 16-17, Bud & BBQ.
Come enjoy some of the world's best barbecue, an event that celebrates great food, great beer and great music. Busch Gardens. 1-800-343-7946. Adm.

15-17, Drummer's Call Weekend.
Fife and drum units from around the country offer a performance of a Military Tattoo on Market Square. Colonial Williamsburg. 1-800-HISTORY.

16, Abbitt Planetarium Celebration.
Presentations by Galileo Galilei, NASA Langley, the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory, and a real NASA astronaut! Virginia Living Museum, Newport News, VA. 757-595-1900.

16, Armed Forces Day Toy Soldier Show.
Antique and contemporary toy soldiers and miniatures, as well as historical miniature kits and metal and plastic models. Virginia War Museum, Newport News, VA. 757-247-8523. Admission.

16, Jamestown Day.
Demonstrations, drills and programs on English and Powhatan Indian exploration and discovery. A jointly sponsored event at Jamestown Settlement & Historic Jamestowne. 757-253-4838. Admission.

16, Secret Gardens Tour.
Location: Rosewell Ruins, Gloucester, VA. 1-804-693-2585. Fee.

16, Water County USA Opens.
Dive into summertime fun at the mid-Atlantic's largest water park. Water Country USA. 1-800-343-7946. Adm.

16, 23 & 30, Movie on the Green.
Bring blankets, chairs, and a picnic basket as you take in a family-friendly outdoor movie. 8:15 pm. Sponsored by York County. Riverwalk Landing, Yorktown, VA. 757-890-3500. Free.

23-25, Memorial Day Weekend.
Military thematic tours focusing on one family's military service spanning 350 years. Shirley Plantation, Charles City, VA. 1-800-232-1613.

23-24, 30-31, Sock Hop Nights.
Celebrate the golden age of rock 'n' roll featuring Frankie Avalon and The Lettermen. Busch Gardens. 1-800-343-7946. Admission.

23-31, Kaluoka'hina: The Enchanted Reef.
To save their home, two fish must touch the Moon. An amazing family ocean adventure in the planetarium theater! Virginia Living Museum, Newport News, VA. 757-595-1900. Admission.

23-31, Amazon Voyage: Vicious Fishes and Other Riches. Encounter amazing creatures, including notorious piranhas, enormous anacondas, beautiful stingrays and mysterious pink dolphins. Virginia Living Museum, Newport News, VA. 757-595-1900. Adm.

25, Memorial Day Ceremony.
A modern service honors military veterans who died while serving their country, Colonial Williamsburg. 1-800-HISTORY.

25, Memorial Day Ceremony.
Wreath laying at the War Memorial. Noon. Sponsored by the York County Historical Committee. York Hall, 301 Main Street. Yorktown, VA. 757-890-3500. Free.

28-31, 43rd Annual Newport News Greek Festival.
Authentic Greek food, marketplace, music, dance and entertainment. Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Newport News, VA. 757-872-8119.

30, Virginia Symphony Under the Stars.
Evening of great music on Walter Reed Riverside Hospital grounds, Gloucester. VA. 1-804-695-0070 or www.gloucester-virginia.org.

30, 7th VA Regiment Encampment.
Authentically costumed re-enactors, meals prepared over the campfire, firing demonstrations and drilling of volunteers from the public. 10 am-4 pm. 6509 Main Street, Gloucester, VA. www.gloucesterva.info/pr. Free.

----- **JUNE** -----

- 1, **The Gift of Black Inventors.** (See Feb. 1-28).
- 1-30, **Amazon Voyage.** (See May 23-31).
- 1-30, **Building Better Ships.** (See Feb. 1-28).
- 1-30, **The Butler's Been Murdered.** (See March 27-31).
- 1-30, **"Jamestown and Bermuda."**(See March 1-31).
- 1-30, **Kaluoka'hina.** (See May 23-31).
- 1-30, **Sea Glass.** (See April 4-30).
- 1-30, **"Jamestown and Bermuda."**(See March 1-31).
- 5, 12, 19, 26, **Friday Night Concert Series.** (See May 1)
- 12, **SmARTs.** (See March 13).
- 13, **Laser Light Nights.** (See Feb. 14).
- 13, **Star Parties.** (See Feb. 14).
- 20, **Story Time.** (See Feb. 21).

1-30, "Tools of the Trade" Theme Month.
Implements used for farming, fishing, hunting, defense, navigation and building by people of 17th- and 18th-century Virginia. Jamestown Settlement & Yorktown Victory Center. 757-253-4838. Admission.

4, 11, 18, 25, Thursdays by the Lake.
Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy this free concert series on the banks of Lake Maury. Food and beverage vendors. The Mariners' Museum, Newport News, VA. 757-596-2222. Free.

5-7, 10th Annual Blackbeard Pirate Festival.
Enjoy live entertainment, pirate camp, children's

activities, sea battles, fireworks and more. Fri., noon-11 pm; Sat., 9am-11 pm; Sun., noon-6 pm. Downtown Hampton, VA. Free. 757-727-0900.

6-7, Battle of Mechanicsville Re-enactment.

Featuring re-enactments and camp life. Heritage Park, Isle of Wight County, VA. 757-357-5182.

6, 13, 20, 27, Olde Town Curb Market.

Each Saturday morning throughout the summer. Featuring locally grown fresh produce. 9 am - Noon. Downtown Smithfield, VA 757-357-5182.

7, 14, 21, 28, Glory at the Gardens Concert Series.

More than 12 contemporary Christian bands, like Third Day and Toby Mac, will perform during this concert series. Busch Gardens. 1-800-343-7946. Adm.

13, Lecture Series – *“The Shipwreck That Saved Jamestown: The Sea Venture Castaways and the Fate of America,”* by Lorri Glover, author and University of Tennessee Professor of History. 7 pm. Jamestown Settlement. Reservations required at rsvp.lecture@jyf.virginia.gov or 757-253-4415. Free.

13, Summer Celebration Wine Festival.

Sample wines from some of Virginia's best wineries while enjoying musical entertainment, gift vendors, food, living history and more. Lee Hall Mansion, Newport News, VA. 757-888-3371. Admission.

13, 20 & 27, Yorktown Market Days at the River.

The 3rd annual farmer's market season features local produce, meat and seafood, baked goods, cut flowers, art and live music. 8 am – Noon. Riverwalk Landing, Yorktown, VA. Free. 757-890-3500.

13, War of 1812 Re-enactment.

The Battle of Hampton will be re-enacted, complete with British and American soldiers and living history programs. Endview Plantation, Newport News, VA. 757-887-1862. Admission.

14, Flag Day Naturalization Ceremony.

One hundred new citizens of the United States will take the oath of citizenship on Courthouse Green. Colonial Williamsburg. 757-220-7286.

18-22, Home School Week.

Hands-on programs, activities and demonstrations for home school students. 10 am - 2 pm daily. Res. req. Shirley Plantation, Charles City, VA. 1-800-232-1613.

26-27, Smithfield Olden Days.

An old fashioned festival with live music, crafts, vendors, antique cars and food. Historic Downtown Smithfield, VA 757-357-5182.

26-28, Afrikan American Festival.

An outdoor, non-alcoholic, family event featuring entertainment, over 70 vendors displaying & selling their art, crafts, etc. 4 pm-10 pm. Mill Point Park, Hampton, VA. 757-850-4721. \$2 donation.

26-28, Hampton Jazz Festival.

Celebrating 42 years, the Hampton Jazz Festival attracts the nation's top blues, soul, pop, and jazz performers. Hampton Coliseum, Hampton, VA. 757-838-5650.

26-28, Under the Redcoat.

Learn how life in 18th-century Williamsburg was changed when occupied by a portion of the British Army in America. Colonial Williamsburg. 1-800-HISTORY. Adm.

JULY

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1-31, Building Better Ships. (See Feb. 1-28).

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1-31, Kaluoka'hina. (See May 23 – 31).

1-31, Sea Glass. (See April 4-30).

1-31, "Jamestown and Bermuda." (See March 1-31).

3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Friday Concert Series. (See May 1).

4, 11, 18, 25, Olde Town Curb Market. (See June 6).

10, SmARTs. (See March 13).

11, Laser Light Nights. (See Feb. 14).

11, Star Parties. (See Feb. 14).

11, 18, 25 Yorktown Market Days. (See June 13).

18, Story Time. (See Feb. 21).

3, Fireworks in Downtown Smithfield.

Smithfield, VA. VisitSmithfieldIsleOfWight.com 757-357-5182.

4, Berkeley Plantation Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony.

Annual commemoration honoring Benjamin Harrison V., signer of the Declaration of Independence and 18th century owner of Berkeley Plantation. 11 am. Charles City, VA. 888-466-6018. Adm.

4, Celebration & Fireworks.

Enjoy the beach, a picnic, swimming, fishing and fireworks. 10 am - 9 pm. Gloucester Point Beach, Gloucester, VA. www.gloucesterva.info/pr. Free.

4, Fourth at the Fort.

Visit the largest stone fort ever built in the U.S. to enjoy live music, children's games and rides, food and beverages, and fireworks! 4 pm-11 pm. Walker Airfield, Fort Monroe, Hampton, VA. 757-788-3151. Free.

4, 4th of July Stars in the Sky.

The Virginia Peninsula's biggest July 4th event features entertainment, food vendors, children's rides and fireworks over the James River. Victory Landing Park, Newport News, VA. 757-926-1400. Free.

4, Ice Cream Social.

Enjoy Independence Day at America's first plantation. Complimentary ice cream from 1 pm - 3 pm while it lasts. Shirley Plantation, Charles City, VA. 800-232-1613.

4-5, Liberty Celebration.

Tactical drills, military exercises and role-playing demonstrations salute America. Visitors can learn

about the sacrifices of our nation's founders, including those who signed the Declaration of Independence. Yorktown Victory Center. 757-253-4838. Admission.

11, Lecture Series – *“Sister Colonies: Virginia, Bermuda, and the Beginnings of English America,”* by Michael Jarvis, University of Rochester Associate Professor of History. 7 pm. Jamestown Settlement. Reservations required at rsvp.lecture@jyf.virginia.gov or 757-253-4415. Free.

11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Summer Nights Concert Series.

Six weekends of great music during the Summer Nights concert series, featuring an amazing lineup of rockin' musicians, including The Little River Band and Loverboy. Busch Gardens. 1-800-343-7946. Adm.

15, Stuart's Ride Around McClellan Civil War Van Tour.

Explore the route of J.E.B. Stuart's famed ride around McClellan's Army of the Potomac with historian Michael Moore. Lee Hall Mansion, Newport News, VA. 757-888-3371. Admission.

18 & 19, Renaissance Festival.

Medieval games & fun. 6509 Main St., Gloucester, VA. www.gloucesterva.info/pr. 1-804-693-2355.

AUGUST

1-31, The Butler's Been Murdered. (See March 27 - 31).

1-31, Amazon Voyage. (See May 23-31).

1-31, "Jamestown and Bermuda." (See March 1-31).

1-31, Kaluoka'hina. (See May 23-31).

1-2, 8-9, 15-16, Summer Concert Series (See July 11).

1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Olde Town Curb Market. (See June 6).

1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Yorktown Market Days. (See June 13).

7, 14, 21, 28, Friday Night Concert Series. (See May 1).

14, SmARTs. (See March 13).

1-31, "Pastimes of Colonial Virginia" Theme Month.

Games, storytelling and other diversions of 17th- and 18th-century Virginia are shown through hands-on activities and programs. Jamestown Settlement & Yorktown Victory Center. 757-253-4838. Admission.

4, General George McClellan's 1862 Civil War Headquarters at Harrison's Landing.

Tour General McClellan's headquarters and supply base during 1862. 9 am – 11 am. Refreshments. Resv. req. Berkeley Plantation, Charles City, VA. 888- 466-6018.

8, Lecture Series – *“Somewhere Beyond the Sea: Art, Artists, and Bermuda,”* by Tom Butterfield,

Founding and Creative Director of The Masterworks Foundation. 7 p.m. Reservations required at (757) 253-4415 or rsvp.lecture@jyf.virginia.gov. Jamestown Settlement. 757-253-4838.

Dates and events are subject to change. Please call the event host for updated information.