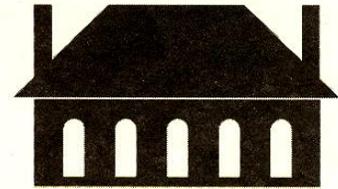


Hanover County Historical Society, Inc.

Highlights



"I know of no way of judging of the future but by the past." Patrick Henry

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President's Corner

Welcome to the third (yes, third) month of 2017! It seems hard to believe Easter is just around the corner, and the Lenten season has begun. It has been a roller coaster as far as weather is concerned - 80 degrees one day and in the 40s another day.

Thank you, Members and Visitors, who attended our Dinner and Annual Meeting in December. This event was held once again at Covenant Woods and was well-attended. It was a good time to review the Society's accomplishments in 2016 and to set goals for this year. Bob Szabo, who presented the program on the history of photography, has joined the Society and volunteered to manage our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/hanoverhistorical. If you have an item of interest to be posted, please contact Bob at robert@robertszabo.com.

In the Board's recent planning session, it was decided that the Society would participate in the Harvest Fest at Hanover Tavern on Saturday, September 30. We will have the Old Jail and the Historic Courthouse open for tours, and we will be offering our books for sale at discounted prices. If you are interested in assisting with this event, please let me know (804-537-5081 or faye.wade@comcast.net).

The Board also voted to establish a Scholarship Fund for Hanover County high school seniors. Details and criteria for this program are now being developed. We have so many deserving young people in our county, and as college costs continue to rise, we, the Board, think this is a way for the Society to contribute, as well as encourage young people to appreciate the rich history of our county.

Docent volunteers are still needed for the Historic Courthouse Tours on the second Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and for special events, as needed. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a docent. I would like to thank Gary Stauffer, our primary docent, and Peter Hempfling who has also been assisting. With spring rapidly approaching, more people will be touring Hanover County, and what a wonderful opportunity to share some history of Hanover County and to tell visitors about our Society.

Thank you to everyone who has renewed membership in our Society for 2017. If you have not yet renewed, I do hope you will – it's not too late. Just send your check (\$20/individual, \$35/couple, \$400/lifetime) payable to HCHS to P. O. Box 91, Hanover, Va. 23069. Please include your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address, if you have one. Just so you know, we do not share our membership list with other organizations.

It has been decided to begin updating *Old Homes of Hanover County, Virginia*, which was first published by the Society in 1983. Much has changed since then, and some of the houses in this book are no longer standing. *Old Homes* has been and continues to be our most popular publication. If you are interested in assisting with this project, please contact Dale Talley at 804-550-1777 or 1738courthouse@gmail.com.

Our next Membership Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 26, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. Author Tim O'Gorman will recount the history of the roadside features and old tourist courts that once thrived on Routes 1 and 301. We will meet at Slash Christian Church at 11353 Mt. Hermon Road in Ashland. I do hope to see you there!

Faye M. Wade

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HCHS Membership Meetings

Sunday, March 26, 2:30 p.m.

Slash Church
11353 Mount Hermon Road
Mechanicsville

Hanover County: Routes 1 & 301 Roadsides

Author Tim O'Gorman will recount the history of roadside features and old tourist courts that once thrived on these well-traveled routes.

Save the Dates!

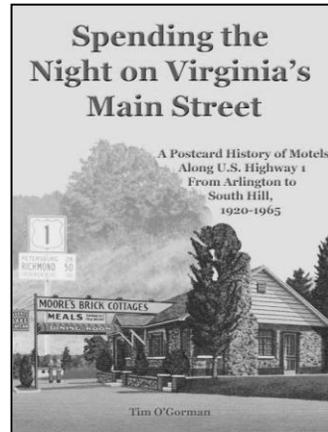
June 25, 2:30 p.m.
Summer membership meeting.
Program and location TBA.

September 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Eighth Annual Member~Guest Social
Patrick Henry Leadership Awards
Honorees and location TBA.

December 5, 6:00 p.m.
Annual Meeting and Dinner
Covenant Woods in Mechanicsville
Speaker TBA.

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Tim O'Gorman, our speaker at Slash Church on March 26, is the former Director of the U. S. Army Quartermaster Museum at Fort Lee. After 40 years of service in Army and civilian museums, his

retirement has allowed him to pursue his other interest - commercial archaeology. His research of old motels, tourist courts and roadside features has led him to document this rapidly disappearing historic resource in several books:

Spending the Night on the Pike: A Postcard History of Motels Along U. S. Highway 1 from Richmond to Petersburg, 1920-1975.

Spending the Night on Virginia's Main Street: A Postcard History of Motels Along U. S. Highway 1 from Arlington to South Hill, 1920-1965.

Images of America: Fort Lee (Virginia).

Traveling Virginia's Tobacco Trail: A Postcard History of U. S. Highway 301 from Dahlgren to Emporia, 1920-1965.

