



Highlights

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Sept. 2023

President's Corner

I would like to thank everyone who attended our latest events which drew 140 guests, the maximum capacity at each venue.

In June, we presented "An Afternoon with the Marquis de Lafayette" featuring Mark Schneider who charmed the audience with his witty portrayal of the Marquis. We appreciate the Hanover Tavern Foundation's partnership to bring you this event in the Bradley Theater. If you were unable to attend or would like to revisit the performance, a video is posted at [facebook.com/hanoverhistorical](https://www.facebook.com/hanoverhistorical).

Our 2023 Gala was held at Fairfield, the magnificent house built by John Syme II, and originally called Rocky Mills. This issue of our *Bulletin* features an article about the history of the house at its heritage site in Hanover, and then after it was moved to Henrico in 1928. We have created a Rocky Mills page on our website that contains not only photos of the Gala but also links to online sources, documents and books about the house and the life of John Syme II. We thank Jason and Christa Vickers-Smith for sharing their 18th-century home. We are happy to announce that Dan Boyer, our host for the evening, will speak at our Annual Meeting.

Please plan to join us on Tuesday, December 5th at 6 p.m. for our Annual Meeting. Dan Boyer will give a "behind the scenes" look at Fairfield-Rocky Mills as guided tours were not possible at the Gala. This will be an event to remember! Location to be announced; see the enclosed invitation for more.

We are working with Jaime Fawcett, Director the Hanover Museum of History & Culture Museum, and plan to partner on more events in the future. The Society co-sponsored an event with the Museum in March that featured Elizabeth Kostelny of Preservation Virginia who spoke on Women in the Preservation Movement. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for up-to-date information.

The Society is participating with various groups, such as the Parsons' Cause, Hanover Tavern and Scotchtown, to share Hanover's unique history and to recruit new members. Please consider volunteering to help the Program Committee with community events.

Be sure to renew your membership to continue to receive our publications and news of more great programming that we have planned for next year. You can renew by visiting our store at [hanoverhistorical.org](https://www.hanoverhistorical.org) or mailing in your check. See the back page of the *Bulletin* for membership levels. Your support is sincerely appreciated!



Bob Szabo



2023 Gala at Fairfield-Rocky Mills



Colonial Dancers
lend a glimpse of
an earlier time in
the magnificent
house.

President R. J.
Szabo addresses
our guests.



Anne D Nelson accepts the
Patrick Henry Leadership Award.

Dan Boyer, with grand-daughters,
welcomes the Society and
recognizes special guests. Dan will
speak at our Annual Meeting on
Dec. 5.



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