



## *President's Corner*

Welcome to new members and long-time friends!

Our Executive Committee has been busy planning programs for 2023. We are pleased to be partnering with the County Museum on **March 19** for a program by Preservation Virginia at the historic Courthouse. We also look forward to working with Jaime Fawcett at the museum on future projects.

Our **September 12 Gala** will be an exceptional event! We have been invited to visit historic Fairfield-Rocky Mills, the magnificent home of Wickhams and Symes. We are working closely with the owners to make it the best Gala ever! Because we're expecting a high level of interest, this event will be for **Members-Only**. See page two for details on these two programs.

We are discussing ways to strengthen and grow our membership, and one way to do this is to stay in frequent contact with members. We will soon be going to a digital version of our *Highlights* and will also be sending additional content from time to time. Please take a minute to visit [hanoverhistorical.org](http://hanoverhistorical.org) and use the link to **provide your current email address**.

Here are some things we are currently working on:

- Placing a historic marker near the site of Nathaniel West Dandridge's home. This Society project has been proposed as part of the Virginia American Revolution 250<sup>th</sup> Commemoration.
- Publication of Vol. III of the Bulletin beginning with issue No. 68 (2003).
- Re-issue the Lancaster map of Hanover County.
- Add interpretive panels in the Old Stone Jail.
- Expand our presence with additional publications and author's page on Amazon.

Stay tuned for more!



I'm Bob Szabo, and I would like to start my first President's letter by telling you a little about myself. I moved to Virginia in 1990 from Ohio and have lived in different parts of northern Virginia. Seven years ago, I relocated to Hanover and immediately became fascinated by the county's Colonial history.

Shortly after moving here, I volunteered to serve on the Historical Society's Executive Committee as the Facebook Editor and have been active with the Society ever since.

My work experience includes internet and IT technologies for a government contractor, the Federal Trade Commission and as Technical Director of the U. S. Navy Memorial in Washington. Since 2006, I have been a full-time freelance photographer and sound technician. I will use my experience and knowledge in these areas to help the Society continue to preserve our county history and honor those who have gone before us.

## Society Partners with Hanover Museum for March Program

Join us on  
**Sunday, March 19, 3:00 p.m.**  
at the Historic Hanover County Courthouse  
to celebrate *Women in Preservation*  
presented by Elizabeth Kostelny, Director of Preservation VA

Explore two exhibits with guided tours at 2 pm and 4 pm:  
**At the Jail: Fairfield-Powwhite Collection of Household Objects**  
**At the Museum: *Leaders & Legacy: Women of Hanover***

Reception to follow at the Museum.

This event is free, but space is limited.  
Please register at [www.hanoverparksrec.com](http://www.hanoverparksrec.com).



Did you know that the field of preservation was pioneered by the 19<sup>th</sup>-c. women's initiative to save George Washington's Mount Vernon home?

Thanks to their efforts, we celebrate the preservation of many of Hanover's historic buildings, including Scotchtown, the Historic Hanover Courthouse Green, Sycamore Tavern, the Montpelier Center for Arts & Education and the Arts & Activities Center in Ashland.

## Save the Date!

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 5:30 p.m.



Fairfield-Rocky Mills.

Our Gala will be held at historic Fairfield-Rocky Mills this year! Join us for this unique opportunity to tour the magnificent home of the Symes and the Wickhams that was moved from western Hanover to the Westham area of Henrico in the late 1920s.

Watch for ticket information in the June *Highlights* and on the website and Facebook. Tickets will be limited to Members-Only, so be sure you are up-to-date on your dues!

### Annual Dues:

Single \$25  
Couple \$40  
Life \$600