

VCA News

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Upcoming Members' Meeting November 15, 2007

Hanover Tavern was built in the late eighteenth century as one of several inns to service the stage-coach route between Fredericksburg and Richmond. It has served a number of purposes in the changing times since that era—including a brief residence for Patrick Henry and home to his wife's family. The historic building has recently been restored and is now serving as home to Barksdale Theater as well as to a thriving restaurant.

Dr. Joseph D. Kyle, longtime historian for the Hanover Tavern and adjunct professor of history at Randolph Macon College, will conduct a tour of the Tavern for the VCA membership on Thursday, November 15. He will discuss the history of the building as well as the challenges involved in adaptive use restoration.

Join us for a congenial and most informative evening.

5:30 pm refreshments
6:30 business meeting
7:00 program

There is limited parking next to the tavern. There is unlimited parking across the street at the Hanover County Government Complex.

Go to the door of the Tavern marked "Michelle's Entrance," facing 301. Take an immediate left into the room with the Arch. □



Directions to Hanover Tavern

13181 Hanover Courthouse Road
Hanover, Virginia 23069

From Richmond: Traveling northbound on I-95, take exit 82 "Chamberlayne Avenue." Turn left off the exit ramp onto Rt. 301 North. Travel approximately 14 miles north on Rt. 301, crossing Atlee Station Road and Shady Grove. Rt. 301 will become Hanover Courthouse Road. The Tavern is located on the left across from Hanover Courthouse at 13181 Hanover Courthouse Road.

From The East: Take I-295 North to the Rt. 301 exit (Exit 41 A) towards Hanover. Travel approximately 10 miles north on Rt. 301, crossing Atlee Station Road and Shady Grove. Rt. 301 will become Hanover Courthouse Road. The Tavern is located on the left across from Hanover Courthouse at 13181 Hanover Courthouse Road.

From The West: Take 64 East to I-95 North (via Exit 187 on the left toward Washington).

From The North: Take Chamberlayne Avenue / US-301 N. Continue to follow US-301 North. Rt 301 will become Hanover Courthouse Rd. The Tavern is located across from Hanover Courthouse at 13181 Hanover Courthouse Road.

From the South: Traveling northbound on I-95, take exit 82 "Chamberlayne Avenue." Turn left off the exit ramp onto Rt. 301 North. Travel approximately 14 miles north on Rt. 301, crossing Atlee Station Road and Shady Grove. Rt. 301 will become Hanover Courthouse Road. The Tavern is located on the left across from Hanover Courthouse at 13181 Hanover Courthouse Road. □



2007-2008 VCA Meeting Schedule



November 15 Hanover Tavern, Hanover Court House

Recent restoration of Hanover Tavern, a Virginia Historic Landmark that is also home to the Barksdale Theater and Michelle's Restaurant, included the discovery of an original 18th-century taproom. Dr. Joseph D. Kyle will discuss the history and restoration of the tavern.



January 17 Colonial Williamsburg's Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum

Meet with Colonial Williamsburg's conservators to learn about their work leading up to the recent re-opening of the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum.



March 20 VCA and the Virginia Capitol

The annual "Studio Talks" program focuses on contributions by VCA members to the recent restoration of the State Capitol, with talks on the conservation of paintings, sculpture, furnishings and the flag that flew over the Capitol during the Civil War.



May 15 Tuckahoe Plantation

The VCA will visit Tuckahoe Plantation, boyhood home of Thomas Jefferson, where architect Carey Thompson Viego will describe her work leading the recovery from damage caused by Hurricane Isabel to the house and collections. □

November Meeting Agenda Notice

The following proposed changes to the VCA bylaws will be voted upon by the membership at the November meeting.

ARTICLE I

Section C. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the VCA shall be from August 1 through July 31 of the following year.

ARTICLE III

Section B. Finances

Expenditures from the bank account shall require the signature of the Treasurer and/or the President of the VCA. The Treasurer shall retain and keep up-to-date financial records during the term of office.

Section D. Annual Dues (See also Article III – Membership)

The assessed dues shall be payable by November 15 of each fiscal year. A five-dollar late fee may be assessed after that date for renewing members. □

VCA Welcomes its Newest Members...

- Richard and Maureen Baxter
- Gretchen Goodell
- Michael and Lois Traver
- Joanna Tyka

Member Announcement

Bryan Draper is taking on a new position as Collections Conservator at the University of Maryland Libraries. His new contact information is:

Bryan Draper
Collections Conservator
University of Maryland Libraries
McKeldin Library, Room BO213
College Park, MD 20742
Phone: 301-405-9349; Fax: 301-314-9971
Email: draper1@umd.edu



Annual Winter Party at Westover

Westover, one of the most elegant eighteenth-century James River plantation homes, will host the 2007 VCA Winter Party. The event will occur Saturday, December 1 from 4 to 7 pm. Come early to enjoy the lovely grounds, historic wrought iron gates, outbuildings and the view of the sun setting over the James River. Then enjoy the rare opportunity to enter one of the best-preserved Georgian interiors in Virginia, which features an impressive carved staircase, floor-to-ceiling paneled rooms and elaborate ornamental plaster ceilings.

Westover Plantation was the seat of the prominent Byrd family of Virginia beginning in the 1680s. It was the home of William Byrd II, the founder of Richmond, member

of the Royal Society, and one of the most prolific colonial American writers. The current house, dating from 1751 and built for the family of William Byrd III, is acknowledged as one of the finest extant examples of Georgian architecture in America.

Fred and Muschi Fisher, the owners of Westover, have made a remarkable effort to preserve the house and grounds and have worked closely over the years with several VCA members. The Virginia Conservation Association is indeed grateful to the Fishers for hosting this year's Winter Party.

As in years past, the event will be potluck, and sign-up sheets for savories and sweets will be available at the November VCA meeting and distributed via e-mail. □



Directions from Richmond (approximately 30 miles)

Take Rt. 5 east towards Williamsburg. Drive approximately 2.4 miles beyond the stoplight at the intersection of 5 and Rt. 106, and then turn right onto Harrison Landing Road (look for signs for Westover and Berkeley Plantation). Drive for 200 yards, then turn left and drive approximately 2 miles on Westover Road. Look for Visitor Parking on the right.

Directions from Williamsburg (approximately 32 miles)

Take Rt. 5 west towards Richmond. Drive 6.8 miles beyond Charles City, and then make a sharp right onto Harrison Landing Road (look for signs for Westover and Berkeley Plantation). Drive for 200 yards, then turn left and drive approximately 2 miles on Westover Road. Look for Visitor Parking on the right. □

Minutes of the VCA Board Meeting October 23, 2007

Attendees: Andrew Baxter, Kathy Gillis, Susan Adler, Bienvenida Ochs, Dotty Robinson, John Watson, Carey Howlett, Nancy Beck, Rick Vogt, Diane Frederick Roland, and Kate Dvorak

Diane Frederick Roland brought to the attention of the board several bylaws issues that were tentatively discussed at the last meeting. The proposed amendments to the bylaws are:

Article I Section C. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the V.C.A. shall be from August 1 through July 31 of the following year.

Article III Section B. Finances

3. Expenditures from the bank account shall require the signature of the Treasurer and/or the President of the V.C.A. The Treasurer shall retain and keep up-to-date financial records during the term of office.

Section D. Annual Dues (See also Article III - Membership)

2. The assessed dues shall be payable by November 15 of each fiscal year. A five-dollar late fee may be assessed after that date for renewing members.

Andrew will ask Melba Myers if the dues are due by November 15, then hopefully the Directory can be out at the Holiday Party.

Dotty Robinson reported that we have 53 new or renewed members to date.

Discussion was brought up about distributing the newsletter only by email. It was decided that that is how the newsletter will be distributed starting with the next one. Bienvenida will give Andrew a list of paid members who have either indicated they want to receive the newsletter by mail or have not indicated an email address. They will be asked if are able to receive the newsletter via email, if they are not able to then those individuals will get the newsletter mailed to them.

Diane Rowland brought up an opportunity that was offered by Susan Sprinkle of Historic Richmond Foundation to have a free booth at the antiques show next fall 2008. It was determined that since we have the boards still from AIC that we would like to do this event.

Dotty Robinson proposed that we send our directory to small museums and historical societies. She has had dealings with some of these institutions and they have indicated that many times they do not know who to call when they need conservators. Carey Howlett mentioned that they did mail some of the directories to these types of institutions a few years ago with the assistance of VAM's mailing list. It was decided that the board will decide which institutions should receive a directory based on how many are left after distribution to the members.

Rick Vogt mentioned that he will have a booth at the VAM conference in the spring and will be happy to have directories available.

Susan Adler thought that on next year's membership form there

should be two checkboxes for taking in new work or able to answer questions. Because some conservators are already at capacity and may not want to be contacted for consulting or new proposals, she suggested that a separate referral list be made available for wider distribution reserving the full directory for members only.

Bienvenida Ochs suggested that we try to get appraisers to join the V.C.A. This could be a category that we should explore and expand for potential new members.

John Watson and Rick Vogt asked the board if a reminder could be sent out after board meetings to encourage the membership to submit announcements etc. for the newsletter. Kate Dvorak will send out an email reminder inviting people to submit their announcements to Rick Vogt. It was suggested that our board meetings be moved a week earlier to provide more time between the board meeting, the newsletter coming out, and the membership meeting. This also allows more time to get the newsletter out before the membership meeting. The newsletter will also include any new members and their area of specialty.

Kathy Gillis reported that the Program Committee has had several offers for programs this year. The offers have been: a demonstration of laser cleaning by Scott Nolley, a demonstration of patination of metals by Andrew Baxter, a follow up to the Photoshop workshop with more of a focus on how the application can assist conservators by Melba Myers possibly combined with something regarding digital cameras by Talitha Daddona. If anyone has further suggestions or ideas they can let Kathy Gillis know. Diane Roland mentioned that Lorraine Brevig may be willing to do an in-painting workshop.

Rick Vogt reported that he currently provides a grant through VAM for a conservation assessment on furniture and wood artifacts up to \$2500 for small museums. He wondered if others in the VCA would be interested in creating a small group who could offer an assessment. This would be offered once a year and there would be a predetermined cap of how much each person is willing to donate. Carey Howlett mentioned that he would be more interested in a consultation rather than an assessment. This would include several conservators from different fields touring an institution and providing recommendations while there rather than a written assessment. It was also discussed that if something like this is considered it need not go through VAM but could be organized and a selection committee be made of VCA members. This idea will be presented at the next VCA meeting to see what the response is to the idea.

The Holiday Party will be Saturday, December 1, 2007 from 4-7pm at Westover. Everyone attending should bring a dish to share.

The next full meeting will be at Hanover Tavern with refreshments beginning at 5:30pm the business meeting beginning at 6:30pm and the program will follow by 7:00pm.

The next board meeting will be at Rick Vogt's house at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, December 4th.

2007 – 2008 VCA Officers

President:	Andrew Baxter
Vice President:	Stacy Rusch
Secretary :	Kathy Garrett-Cox
Treasurer :	Dotty Robinson

2007 – 2008 Committee Chairs

Disaster Response:	Mary Scott Andrews
Programs:	Susan Adler Carey Howlett
Refreshments:	Nancy Beck Lieg Acosta & Christi Barranger
Education:	Kathy Gillis
Membership:	Bienvenida Ochs & Kate Hricik
Publications:	Rick Vogt & John Watson
Bylaws:	Dianne Roland

Is Your VCA Membership Up To Date?

It's not too late to renew your VCA membership. Download a membership form from the VCA website. www.VirginiaConservationAssociation.org Click on "About Us" then "Membership Form"



From the Editor...

Do you have announcements, ideas, comments you would like to have included in the newsletter? Contact Rick Vogt [804-358-1651; fcvco@verizon.net] by the last week of the month to be included in the next month's newsletter!

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