



President's Message

We enter 2023 with much momentum. This will be an active year for our members.

This year we are changing-up events. Our programs will be held at different historic locations and different days of the week, so please pay attention as we begin to announce these amazing programs and bus trips. For 2023 the TVHS programs and bus excursions will be open to members and their guests.

Additionally, the Board will be hosting two separate events exclusively for Lifetime and Century members. On March 18th, Thomas Jefferson, interpreted by the highly respected Bill Barker, will present a fabulous program. This event will begin within the walls of the Historic Jamestowne Church. The talk will help us travel from early Jamestown and will guide us through history, while linking the story back to the Jefferson family.

Celebration Time – the TV-HS.ORG website has been significantly improved. Check it out! Many thanks to our new Board member, Krista John, who pulled us forward into 2023. TVHS was

organized in 2013. This newsletter will address the new technology enhancements for event RSVPs and ability to pay on-line (yes, there is a surcharge).

The solid membership support in 2022 made it possible for six well attended programs and a delightful bus trip to “Southside Virginia”, led by Carl Lounsbury. At least two programs had over 200 attendees. Thank you to Paige Jessee, Program Director, for your energy and hard work. Your continued membership makes a difference. It is time for the TVHS Annual Dues which cover January through December for the year (2023). Your timely submission of dues is truly appreciated.

In closing, I am proud to be a part of the TVHS organization and its remarkable Board members. Together let us look forward to the bright new year ahead.

Warm Regards,

Sharon Short
TVHS President

Program Calendar

Spring 2023

Saturday March 18 at 4PM

An Evening with Jefferson

This is an Invitation only event for our Century and Lifetime level members at Historic Jamestowne. The event features special guest Bill Barker. The attendees will gather for a special lecture, champagne, and appetizers. Directions and parking information can be found on the invitation. Please email TidewaterVAHistoricalSociety@gmail.com to RSVP.

Wednesday, April 20 at 1PM

Christy Coleman Speaking Event

Join us in hearing Executive Director of The Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, Christy Coleman, speak on the "Importance of Narrative Change." This event will be held at Jamestown Settlement. To register, go to www.tv-hs.org, click on programs, and select "Register Now" on the Christy Coleman event.

March 22 at 1PM

Reign & Rebellion Private Tour

Discover Virginia through the lens of the Stuart monarchy, whose royal foothold impacted and influenced early America and shaped the struggles and determination of those who lived in the colony in the 17th and 18th centuries.

Join us for a private tour at The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown's exhibition exploring how the legacies of the Stuart era contributed toward Virginia's distinct American identity, resulting in formerly loyal Cavaliers fighting for independence from Great Britain.

This tour has a limited number of openings and is for members and their guests. To register, go to www.tv-hs.org, click on programs, and select "Register Now" on Reign & Rebellion Private Tour.

Thursday, May 4th 8AM-5PM

Petersburg Bus Trip

We end our season with our annual spring bus trip to the historical treasure trove of Petersburg, Virginia. This 275-year old city has played an influential role in our country's history beginning as a trading post on the banks of the Appomattox River, throughout the Revolutionary War, the Civil War and beyond.

Our tour will take us to see Historic Blandford Church, the beautiful Centre Hill home, Battersea and much more. Transportation and lunch will be included.

More details and registration form will be on the website coming soon!

Membership Updates

Welcome to all new and returning TVHS members! We look forward to a year full of exciting programs and community building. Thank you for your continued support of TVHS. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Janie Moyers, TVHS Membership Director at janiemoyers@gmail.com or (804)874-2381.



Welcome to the Tidewater Virginia Historical Society

Preserving and promoting the heritage of Tidewater Virginia by serving as an advocate for history, archaeology, preservation, and culture.

[Read More >>](#)

Website Highlights

We are very excited to officially announce that our new website is up and running! Thank you again to Krista John for her hard work on giving us a much needed update. We hope you will explore all of the updated pages. Here are some new features on www.tv-hs.org:

Historic Sites

Check out the new and improved Historic Sites page. On here you will find an interactive map with many sites in the Tidewater Virginia area that we hope you will visit. To keep track of your history adventures, download and print out the Tidewater Virginia History Bucket List.

Membership

We have a new way to sign up for membership. Visit the Membership page and select "Begin Registration."

Programs

Going forward, all TVHS programs will be posted on the website "Programs" page. Here you will be able to RSVP, choose your food for bus trips, and soon you will be able to pay for paid events.

Online Payments

We are soon launching the option to pay online for membership and programs. We will continue to accept checks for payment to our PO Box if you prefer that method, but we are happy to soon offer an online option for those who choose it.

Email Address

We no longer have our info@ email. Going forward, please email hello@tv-hs.org.

Did you know?

Looking for something to do in our community?

From time to time we like to let our members know of special events, programs, and tours happening in the Tidewater Virginia area. We encourage you to get out, visit and learn more about what makes the Tidewater history and culture unique in our state.

On Saturday, April 15, 2023 join others from across the state for the Garden Club of Virginia's Historic Garden Week in Gloucester, VA. The quaint community of Ware Neck is the

site of the Gloucester-Matthews County tour which features three private homes, including an Antebellum mansion, a home in the style of a Lighthouse, and a more contemporary home. Also included in the tour are Belle Terre, a beautiful expansive historic garden, Ware Episcopal Church c. 1652, one of the oldest surviving Parrish churches in the Commonwealth and the tour headquarters, as well as Singleton United Methodist Church c. 1875.

Tickets can be purchased at www.vagardenweek.org.

Virginia Garden Week

Member Highlight

Krista John

We are excited to welcome Krista John to TVHS as our newest board member! Krista, her husband Garry, and their eight year old twins, Logan and Isabella, moved to Williamsburg in May last year from Phoenix, Arizona. Krista is a New York native and Garry is from Wales, UK. They always traveled a lot as a family, mainly to Europe to visit family in the UK and Italy. The twins have already been on over 40 flights! When the pandemic hit, they decided it was time to leave Arizona. The John family bought a fifth wheel and set off to travel the USA to find the perfect place to relocate. After exploring 43 states...they chose Virginia! After their third visit to Williamsburg, they knew this was the place they wanted to make their home.

Krista is a former middle and high school English and history teacher. She currently works part time as a curriculum director for a small private school. She studied English Literature and Italian at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and earned a Masters in Education from Arizona State University. Currently Krista is pursuing a post-graduate certificate in US History through Indiana University and she hopes to move on to earn her PhD in the future. Krista homeschools Logan and Isabella. They are in second grade and loving all of the homeschool resources here. They love to ride their bikes at the Yorktown Battlefield and spend lots of time at Colonial Williamsburg where Krista also volunteers.

Krista also is a photographer, freelance writer and designer. She is thrilled to be able to help TVHS with our design and communication needs. You can see her photography on the new website and you will see her with her camera at our 2023 events. You may also get to meet Logan and Izzy, who are huge history buffs already. When they grow up, Logan wants to be an author and Izzy wants to be an archeologist.



History Happenings

Historical news from Tidewater Virginia

Have you had a chance to see the new location of The Bray School in Williamsburg? The Bray School is the oldest surviving building in the United States dedicated to the education of black children. It was established in 1760 by an Anglican charity from England named the Associates of Dr. Bray. Ann Wager, a widow from Williamsburg, was the only instructor during the years the school was open, serving over 300 students between 1760 and 1774.

On Friday, February 10, 2023 the Bray School was relocated from its location on William and

Mary's campus to its new home on the corner of Francis and Nassau streets in the historic area. It is CW's 89th original structure.

Research is underway and the building will undergo restoration over the next 1.5 years. It is set to open to the public in 2024 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of its closing.

Scan the QR code to see a short video about this historic event in Williamsburg.

