



President's Message

Fall is around the corner. Major excitement is building and activities are swirling around us. TVHS is bringing some of the best and highly renowned program lectures to our members.

The TVHS Sunday Lecture Series will be held in the grand, historic Kimball Theater at 428 W. Duke of Gloucester Street (downtown Williamsburg). Mark your calendars for our first event of the season on October 6, 2024 with Calder Loth (more details below). Visit the www.TV-HS.org to register. Members are free. Guests are welcome with a \$10 fee paid at the door.

In November we are excited to bring Winston Churchill to the Kimball Theatre with three unique programs! Bring your friends and attend all three! Tickets are \$35 (per lecture) purchased through the Kimball Theater. Information on tickets will be available around September 1, 2024.

We want to thank a TVHS member, Kim Defibaugh, who has provided a delightful summary of the TVHS May 9th Bus Trip to Richmond, VA for this newsletter.

The TVHS Board would also like to recognize some of our board members. A huge shoutout to Paige Jesse, Program Director, for all the amazing lectures and bus trips. Many of you have let us know that these trips and lectures have been highly educational, unique, as well as enjoyable. Janie Moyers, Membership Director, has gone beyond the norm and is leading the November TVHS sponsorship for Randy Otto, portraying Winston Churchill. Krista John keeps us current for the TV-HS.Org website and designing of our TVHS Newsletter.

If you are currently not a member of TVHS, now is the time to join!

Sharon Short
TVHS President

Thursday, September 26th | 11AM

Private Tour: The Historic Kimball Theatre

The Kimball Theatre

Join us for private tour of Williamsburg's historic Kimball Theatre! We will tour the 91-year-old theatre which opened in 1933 and will now be the home of our upcoming TVHS lectures and special guest appearance of Winston Churchill in November. We'll end the tour with a walk across the parking lot to Precarious Beer Project for good food, good drinks, and good times!

Sunday, October 6th | 2PM

Calder Loth, Sunday Lecture Series

The Kimball Theatre

Virginia is home to our nation's greatest leaders and its most hallowed ground. It is also one of the first states in the country to recognize the importance of protecting historically significant buildings, landmarks and properties.

Our TVHS Sunday Lecture Series welcomes Virginia's preeminent architectural historian Calder Loth to the historic Kimball Theatre in downtown Williamsburg. He is the retired Senior Architectural Historian for the Virginia Department of Historic Resources where he served for over 40 years and was instrumental in the development of Virginia's state preservation easement program which has led to the preservation of so many of our historic landmarks. He is a sought-after lecturer, serves on the advisory committees for several Virginia landmarks including Preservation Virginia, Historic Richmond Foundation, Gunston Hall and many others and an author with works including: The Virginia Landmarks Register and The Making of Virginia Architecture.

Visit www.TV-HS.org to register today!

Winston Churchill Lecture Series

The Kimball Theatre

Friday, November 1st | 2PM

Winston Churchill: Man of the Century

Journey with Winston from his 18th Century upbringing through his various careers and ultimately exploring his lasting legacy of leadership and its meaning in the 21st Century.

Saturday, November 2nd | 6PM

Winston Churchill: The Blitz

London 1940. Never have so many been so inspired by one man heroically leading the British people to Victory from a Rooftop. The audience lives through one night with Winston.

Sunday, November 3rd | 2PM

Defending Liberty

This stirring, inspirational "Theatrical Keynote" brings Winston Churchill's keen, incisive message of hope to the 21st Century.

Tickets are \$35 per lecture and will be available for purchase through the Kimball Theatre. A website link will be available around September 1, 2024.

Private Dinner with Winston Churchill

Special Event for Century & Lifetime Members

Spend an evening with Churchill – a private dinner, chatting about the world events during the war period and receiving a momentum to remember your evening with Churchill. More details will be sent to our high-level members soon.

SAVE THE DATES

Our Sunday Lecture Series will continue into the Spring with more speakers coming to The Kimball Theatre on March 9th and April 6th!

Membership Updates

Beginning this fall, TVHS members will have name tags to wear at all events. Don't have a name tag? Please pay your dues.

- \$40 - Individual Membership
- \$60 - Couple Membership (two persons living in the same household)
- \$75 - Family Membership (three or more members living in the same household)
- \$100 - CENTURY Membership – one individual. *Benefits include invitation to private TVHS annual event, reserved seating on trips and programs, and two guest passes.*
- \$500 – LIFETIME Membership – one individual. Never pay dues again. *Benefits include invitation to private TVHS annual event, reserved seating on trips and programs, and two guest passes every year.*

To pay your dues, mail your check to:

TVHS
PO Box 427
Williamsburg, VA 23187
ATTN: Melissa McCue

NOTE: beginning this September, we are charging non-members and guests (\$10) to attend our lectures, programs and walks. Bus trips will continue to have two rates – members and non-members.

Why not join today and save money? You too can have a grand time enjoying the many adventures TVHS offers.

Questions? Contact Janie Moyers janiemoyers@gmail.com OR 804/874-2381.

A Member's View

May 2024 Richmond Bus Tour

A busload of TVHS members traveled to Richmond on May 9th for a day long tour of historic sites. First stop was the domed Memorial Church, built in 1814 on the site of the Richmond Theater where 72 patrons perished in an 1811 fire. After a guided tour of the inside of this Greek Revival Church, all were invited into the basement to view the crypt built to hold the ashes of 71 victims.

Next, we experienced a casual tour of Chief Justice John Marshall's House, built in 1790 and his residence for 45 years until his death.

Our third stop was Masons' Hall, the nation's oldest continuously used Masonic building. Constructed 1785-1787, John Marshall encouraged financial support for the project and it served as a meeting place for founding fathers



During our guided tour through 3 floors, we spied a painting of Lafayette. On October 30, 1824, during his Farewell Tour, Lafayette was honored at Masons' Hall and feted at a banquet presided over by John Marshall.

Our historic sites tour concluded with a visit to Historic St. John's Church built in 1741. After entering the simple, white clapboard building we were greeted by colorful stained glass windows, beautiful chandeliers, and an altar with needlepoint kneelers for each of the 13 colonies. During 1775, the assembly of the Second Virginia Convention met in St. John's Church and prominent attendees included George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Richard Henry Lee. On March 20, 1775, Patrick Henry stood in front of this altar and inspired his fellow countrymen with his "Give me liberty, or give me death" speech.

The day concluded with attendees enjoying a private, narrated boat tour of the Kanawha Canal along downtown Richmond's historic Canal Walk.

By the way, no one went home hungry, just tired! A midday lunch was enjoyed by all and there was no limit to snacks served on the bus.

Thanks to Paige Jessee for the time and effort that went into planning this educational and enjoyable day for members.

It is always delightful to hear from our membership. Kim Defibaugh, we thank you for noting several key sites and unique discoveries.

