

News Release

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April 19, 2008

Williamsburg area - Newport News, VA

Region: Tidewater and Hampton Roads Locality: Williamsburg City

Endview Plantation - 362 Yorktown Road - Newport News, VA 23603

COLONIAL CRAFTSMAN'S FAIRE at ENDVIEW PLANTATION - A May Fair

On May 17 & 18, 2008, the Endview Plantation lawn will be transformed into a Colonial Craftsman's Faire. Living history reenactors of the Revolutionary War period will join with Master Craftsmen who will demonstrate in colonial costume, creating & selling their Collector & Gift Quality reproductions of colonial American wares. Many of this elite group of craftsmen rank in the "Top 200 Traditional Craftsman in America", as juried yearly by Early American Life Magazine in conjunction with jurors from the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum, The Museum of American Folk Art, Old Sturbridge Village & Mystic Village. You have read about these tradesmen in other magazines such as Southern Living, Colonial Homes, Country Living,, Old House Journal, etc. and they regularly exhibit in prestigious shows. Now come and meet them in person! The publisher of Early American Life Magazine, Tess Rosch and the editor, Jeanmarie Andrews will be on hand to meet you at the Faire.

Some of the craftsmen are traveling from many states away. You will find furnituremakers Gary & Carol Carter & Joseph McPhail, Queen Ann dollmaker Susan Paris, painted canvas floorcloths by Sharan J. Mason, pewtermakers Tom & Pat Hooper of ASL Pewter, windsor chairmakers Ralph Quick & Brian Cunfer, blacksmith Kelly Smyth, Weaver Jain Faires, "Folk Art" paintings by Marc Daniels, coppersmith Tom Linebaugh brings lighting, traditional redware by Sue Skinner, Joe Jostas & Richard Nippert, theorems by Nancy Rosier, furniture accessories by Roger Mason, silversmith Jeffrey Jobe, Celtic goldsmith R.E. Piland, 17th-19th Century clothing by Janet Platz, Dolls by Shari Lutz, paper baskets by Kathleen Cunfer, Early Birdhouses by Mike & Karen Ratcliffe, dried florals by Sherry & John Jaunsem, & more!

18th Century Ladies Fashion presentations on Sat. & Sun ~ 18th Century period music & by Williamsburg "balladeer" Cliff Williams ~ Dr. Bloodsworth, 18th Century doctor will be available to see patients

. Family fun~food~door prizes.

John Quarstein, Hampton Roads author/historian will sign his books. Revolutionary War reenactors bring this 1769 rural Virginia plantation to life by exhibiting family camplife & military drills.

We will be holding a "food drive" to benefit the Food Bank of the Peninsula. More information about how to participate in the Food Bank drive, receive admission discounts and a schedule of events is available on our website:

www.ColonialFaire.com or www.OldVirginiaChristmas.com

Email: info@colonialfaire.com

Admission Fee: Fair \$6 ~House \$3 12/under "free"

Saturday, May 17, 2008 (10:00 AM-5:00 PM) Sunday, May 18, 2008 (10:00 AM-4:00 PM)

Endview Plantation: (757) 887-1862 - Colonial Craftsman's Faire: (757) 484-0872