

18th Century Advisory, Inc.
Colonial Craftsman's Faire at Endview Plantation

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Newport News, VA April 17, 2009 - Just moments from Williamsburg, Jamestown & Yorktown, some of America's best traditional Craftsmen will assemble. Join us May 16 and 17 for an invitational showing of these nationally recognized Craftsmen on the lawn of Endview Plantation in the citty of Newport News. Join with the costumed colonial Craftsmen in recreating some of the flavor of an 18th Century market faire.

Workshops will be held by these Master Craftsmen, sharing their knowledge with you. They will be offering you their "collector quality" wares as they make the skills and trades of early America come to life.

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 magazines such as Southern Living, Colonial Homes, Old House Interiors, etc. and they regularly exhibit in prestigious shows. Now come and meet them in person! They will be exhibiting their Furniture, both fine and primitive, Floorcloths, Windsor Chairs, Prints, Silhouettes, Weaving, Spinning, Gold and Silver Jewlery, Hooked Rugs, Hand Dipped Candles, Theorems, Blacksmithing, Original Oil Paintings, Frakturs, Character and Folk Art Dolls, Bird Houses, Walking Sticks and even a few Antiques.

Many of the craftsmen are traveling to Virginia from other states to join in the festivities and some are from right here in Hampton Roads: Nancy Rosier, Theorem artist of Williamsburg - Joseph McPhail, Cabinetmaker of Portsmouth .

From Noon till 2pm Saturday there will be a book signing by John Quarstein, local historian, author and

director of the Virginia War Museum.

Throughout the weekend, you are invited to consult with Dr. Thomas Daniel Bloodsworth, an 18th Century doctor portrayed by Newport News educator Tom Bertrand. Children's Games of the 18th Century will be presented. Children are encouraged to interact and often invited to participate.

In 1781 George Washington's troops, under the command of General Thomas Nelson marched by Endview Plantation on their way to the battle of Yorktown to defeat Earl Cornwallis, sent by His Majesty, King George III. Lining History re-enactors from the British 76th Regiment of Foot will demonstrate life in camp in the 18th Century and encourage you to "take the King's Shilling" as they point out all the advantages of joining with them in putting down the rebellious Colonials.

Children may have their Virginia Time Travelers Passport stamped. Discounted admission to anyone bringing a "non-perishable" food item to benefit the "food drive" for 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 the website: www.ColonialFair.com

An exciting learning experience!

I-64 Exit 247 follow the signs to Endview Plantation– May 13-14, 2006 – Saturday 9-6 Sunday 10-5 - Rain or Shine

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