

THE BALCH COLUMN

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GENERAL GEORGE CATLETT MARSHALL

Thursday, October 16, 2003

7 pm

St. James Church, Leesburg, VA

Larry Bland will talk about the life and times of General George Catlett Marshall. Dodona Manor, Thomas Balch Library and the Loudoun Museum are sponsoring the evening.

BASIC GENEALOGY

Saturday, September 27, 2003

10 am - 4 pm

In the Library

\$25 registration fee due 1 week before class begins. Noted author, genealogist and library staff member, Mary Fishback, will present her Basic Genealogy course. Spend the day and learn how to research your family history. Starting with an in-depth tour of library resources, you will learn how to organize your papers and charts, how to use census records, military and war records, birth, death and marriage records, land records and much more. Bring a bag lunch and join Mary for lots of information and fun.



Scott Family - Bluemont

AFRICAN AMERICANS OF LOUDOUN COUNTY IN WWII

Sunday, October 19, 2003

3-5 pm

Panel discussion sponsored by the Black History Committee of Friends of the Thomas Balch Library. Light refreshments.

NORTHERN NECK LAND GRANTS

Saturday, November 1, 2003

1-3 pm

Wynne Saffer

Downstairs Meeting Room

Wynne Saffer, local author and historian, will discuss the history of and how to locate land grants of the Northern Neck Proprietary. Mr. Saffer will show you how to use the resources available in the Balch Library. Light refreshments.



Learn
How To
Navigate
Websites!



Meeting the Piscataway by William Woodward

BEAUTIFUL NEW PAINTING!!!

This painting, unveiled June 21, 2003, was made possible by the generous contribution of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dodge, Jr. of Washington, D.C. It depicts the first recorded meeting between colonists and American Indians in Loudoun County. It was painted by noted artist, William Woodward, whose mural of Loudoun history adorns the walls of the main room of the Thomas Balch Library

USING THE LOUDOUN COUNTY ASSESSMENT & PARCEL DATABASE

Saturday, November 15, 2003

1-3 pm

Mary Pender

Downstairs Meeting Room

Mary Pender, Loudoun County Department of Building and Development, will demonstrate the use of the Loudoun County Assessment and Parcel Database that is available online from home. The property information available on this site includes parcel and deed information, legal description, sales information, assessment values and house characteristics. The site is updated weekly.



House belonging to Harvey Arthur, Paeonian Springs, 1953

ONLINE PROGRAMS

ANCESTRYPLUS

Tuesday, September 30,

2003

7-8 pm

LaVonne Markham

Downstairs Meeting Room

How to navigate and print from the AncestryPlus website, using the Thomas Balch subscription. This site contains census records, the Social Security death index, family trees, Civil War Pension Index and other vital records.

HERITAGEQUEST

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

7-8 pm

LaVonne Markham

Downstairs Meeting Room

How to navigate and print from HeritageQuest, from home, using the Loudoun County Public Library's subscription. This site has census records, access to online historical and genealogy books, and other family records.

GENEALOGY.COM

Tuesday, November 18,

2003

7-8 pm

LaVonne Markham

Downstairs Meeting Room

How to navigate and print from Genealogy.com using the Thomas Balch subscription. This site contains world family tree collections, a genealogy library, passenger records and census records.

CIVIL WAR PROPAGANDA ENVELOPES

Saturday, October 18, 2003

1-3 pm
Keith Young
Downstairs
Meeting Room

Noted Civil War historian, Keith Young, will give a PowerPoint presentation on Civil War Envelopes.

Propaganda envelopes from both the Confederate side and the Union side will be discussed and shown. Light refreshments.



SMALL ARMS IN THE CIVIL WAR

Saturday, October 25, 2003

1-4 pm
Steve Meserve
Downstairs Meeting Room

Writer and Civil War historian, Steve Meserve, will discuss the small arms used by both the Confederate and Union Armies. He will bring a group of unarmed small arms to illustrate his talk. Light refreshments.

Richard Dulaney,
7th Virginia Cavalry, CSA

FRIENDS OF THE THOMAS BALCH LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING

December 2003

Please Call the library for information

THOMAS BALCH HISTORY AWARDS

Sunday, November 16, 2003
Downstairs Meeting Room

The Commissioners of the Thomas Balch Library will present the Thomas Balch History Awards to some of Loudoun's outstanding citizens for their work in the history and preservation of Loudoun County. There will be a ceremony honoring Harrison and Joan Williams for their many contributions to the Thomas Balch Library. Light refreshments.

NEW ON THE BOOK SHELF

Buffalo Soldiers, Braves, and the Brass, Story of Fort Robinson, Nebraska,

by Frank Schubert

Within the Plantation Household – Black and White Women of the Old South,

by Elizabeth Fox-Genovese

Historical Collections of Every Town in Massachusetts,

by John Barber

Abstracts of York County, PA Wills 1749-1819,

by Edward Wright

Slave Ancestral Research,

by Mary Fears

Notes on Gloucester County, NJ, Vol. 1,

by Frank Stewart

Colonial Families of Delaware, Vol. 2,3,4,5

CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

2nd Tuesday of the month

7:30 pm ■ Thomas Balch Library-

For information: 540 822-4480 or allnoles@aol.com

Sept. 9: Greg Mertz – The fighting in “the Wildemess” along the Orange Plank Road

Oct. 14: Tom Clemens – The Iron Brigade

Nov. 11: Steve Meserve – The Loudoun Rangers vs. White's Comanches

LOUDOUN SAMPLER GUILD

24TH ANNUAL

NEEDLEWORK EXHIBITION

September 6 – 21, 2003

Morven Park

For information: 540 822-4480



Bring your book, map, print or small object and have it verbally appraised. Willis Van Deventer, noted appraiser of books and works of art, is offering his services to the Thomas Balch Library and its patrons. Mr. Van Deventer was the chief buyer for the Paul Mellon Collection from 1957 to 1973. He was also acting curator of Graphic Arts at Princeton University in the late 50's. The appraisal fee is \$5.00 per item, with all money collected going to the Balch Library for preservation and conservation of archival materials. If circumstances warrant, the number of items to be appraised may be limited. Come see what treasures you have!! No credit cards. Cash or check only.

Downstairs Meeting Room

Willis Van Deventer

1-4 pm

Sunday, September 28, 2003

APPRAISAL FAIR

FALL 2003 CLASSES AND EVENTS



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