

MATHEWS MUSEUM BULLETIN August 1, 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month at the Mathews Museum, you can slow down, take a breath, learn some Mathews history, all while viewing items and gizmos and gadgets--that in the last century—kept us running ragged. They are now on display. In a mere 30 minutes, you can draw up some memories, lower your blood pressure with a blast from the past, by simply walking through the front door at 200 Main Street, the building with the old Texaco sign above. Come any Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm and turn back time to a previous century. Step inside Tom Hunley's Country Store and surround yourself with nostalgia. Visit our new display, a kitchen where your grandmother would have baked her homemade pies, cakes and biscuits. You will experience Americana at its best! You are invited to come to the Museum in for a "therapeutic visit," where you can turn back the clock and experience how our very own Mathew's residents lived, many years ago. And on your visit, we invite you to become a member and continue your relationship with Mathews. We have many new programs and exhibits slated for display during the coming years. I look forward to seeing you soon, at the all-new MATHEWS MUSEUM.

Tom Robinson
President

MUSEUM SCHEDULE:

***"WHAT IS IT?" NIGHT—FRIDAY, AUGUST 2**

In conjunction with the Fairfield Foundation, the Mathews Museum will host "What Is It?" night, Friday, August 2, 6:00-8:00 pm. The public is invited to bring in artifacts-- found items that they have questions about, pottery, ceramics, arrowheads to identify-- to find out additional information about their belongings. There is no charge for this event.

On site will be a special guest, antiquities authority William (Bill) Pitman, formerly Curator of Archaeological Collections at Colonial Williamsburg, now retired and affiliated with the Fairfield Foundation. The Museum has enjoyed hosting this event in past years and is pleased to bring it back this year.

*** A REVOLUTIONARY TEA PARTY AND FASHION SHOW
AT THE MATHEWS MUSEUM—SUNDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 18**

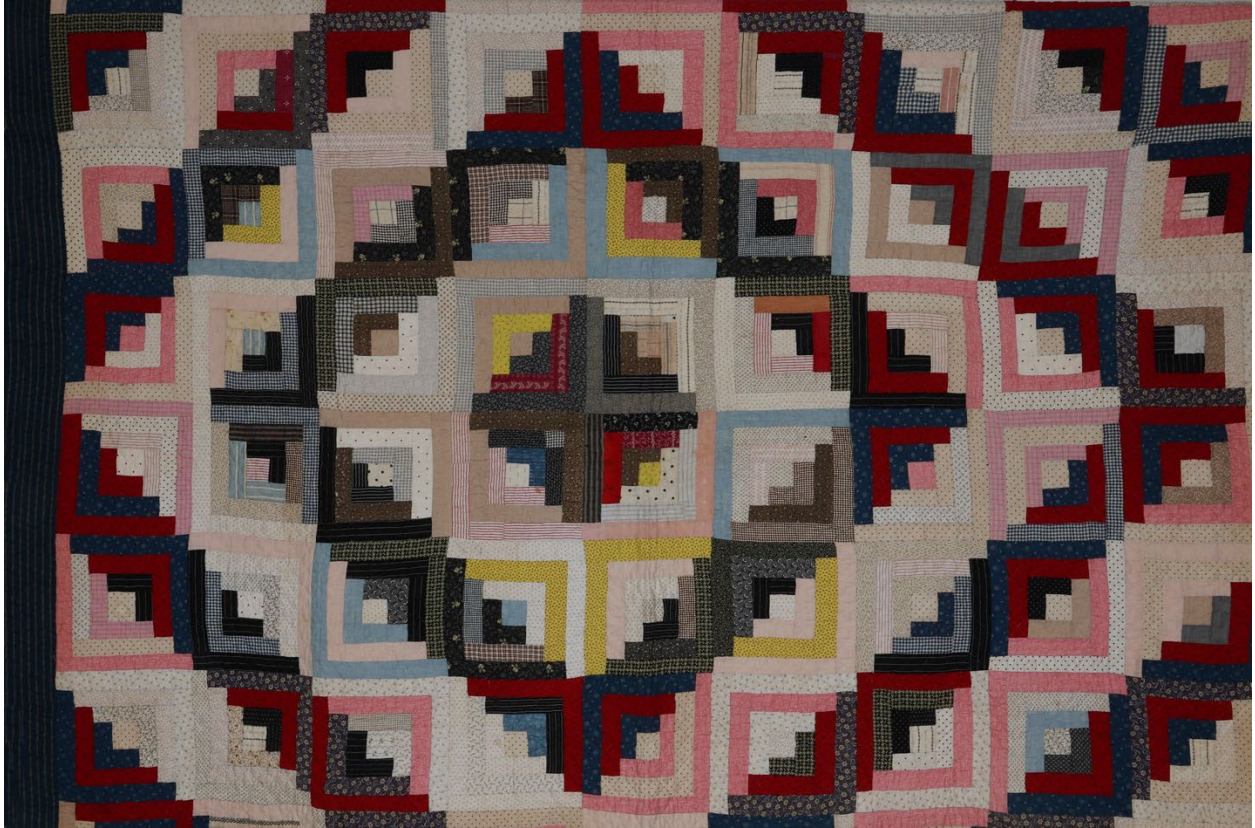


In conjunction with the VA250 American Revolution activities in Mathews, the Mathews Museum will host Martha Washington and Abigail Adams as they “spill the tea,” Sunday, August 18, 2024, from 2:00pm-4:00pm. "There will be unlimited amounts of hot tea served with cream and sweeteners, accompanied by numerous types of savories and sweets", says event chair, Cindy Roman.

As a part of the afternoon’s activities, guests will spend a lovely time with "Ladies Victorian" as they present "Our Founding Mothers and What They Wore." Martha Washington and Abigail Adams, as interpreters of colonial times, will be attired in period clothing and will show how to wear the finishing touches of reticules, Tussie-Mussie ,paletots, and chatelains that are needed to complement their fine hostess gowns. Joining them will be Generals Thomas Mathews and Andrew Lewis, who will make special guest appearances as revolutionary gentlemen.

There will also be a silent auction with numerous tea related items ranging from teapots to decorative items to tea cozies. The cost is \$35, and tickets can be purchased at the Mathews County Visitor Center, at Haskins Bayside Service Center in Port Haywood, at ETC Vintage and at the Mathews Museum on Saturdays. from 10:00am until 2:00pm.

**MORE THAN A CENTURY OF QUILTS ON DISPLAY AT THE MATHEWS
MUSEUM BEGINNING IN OCTOBER!**



Watch for upcoming news about the quilt exhibit that will open Thursday, October 3, at a special member only reception. The collection will then be on exhibit to the public, from October 5 through late December. One of the oldest family names in Mathews County is Diggs, with that family's presence dating back centuries. Their legacy runs deep in the county and physical evidence will show that, when nearly 30 quilts all from the Diggs family dating as far back to the Civil War era, are on display at a special quilting exhibit, "Threads of Our History: Quilts of Mathews Virginia." The Museum is both proud and excited to be able to display this exceptional piece of Mathews history.

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