



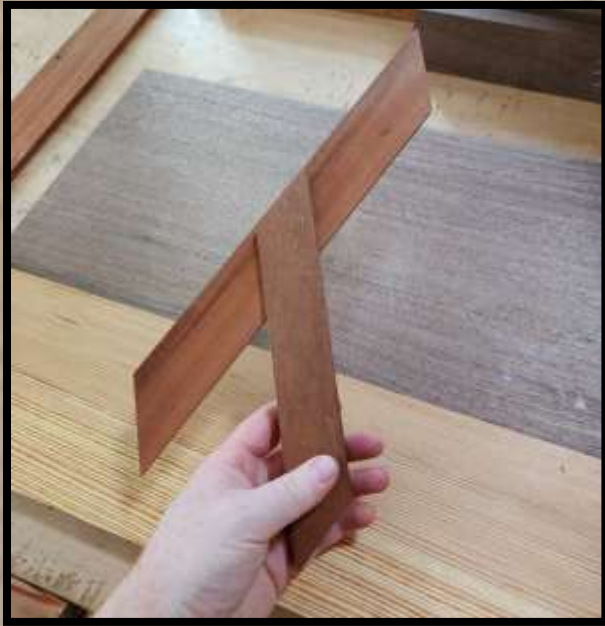
THE
MECHANICK'S
ADVISOR

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Cabinetmaker

The Cabinetmaker is open Thursday through Monday



A miter square in John's hand



a drawing board made of poplar

“These past weeks, Bill has been doing some sketching and design brainstorming for our upcoming conference in January. John has been working on a few side projects- a miter square for laying out 45 and 135 degree angles, which has helped him make a drawing board that imitates upcoming work on the cellaret.”

- John Peeler

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Cooper

The Cooper is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday

“We recently wrapped up work on orders for three other organizations. In addition, we continue to handle the manufacture and repair of items for use within Colonial Williamsburg. This week that included rehoming a tub that our colleagues in Historic Foodways use for salting meats.”

- Jonathan Hallman



A rehooped salting tub for Foodways. The holes drilled in the bottom allow the liquid drawn from the meat in the salting process to drain away.

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Farming

The Farming Trade is open at Ewing Field Tuesday through Saturday, weather permitting.



Marshall Scheetz

Marshall has been a historic farmer way back when he was at Claude Moore Living History Farm in Northern Virginia and most recently at the farm at the Museum of the American Revolution at Yorktown. He grew up on a sheep farm and is a voracious gardener at home. And... he still has the same great sense of humor as you can see by the pictures below! Come by Ewing Field and say hi to Marshall.”

- Edward Schultz

“Welcome back to Marshall Scheetz and this time as a historic farmer! You may have known Marshall previously during his 15 years at the Cooper Shop. He left in 2016 to pursue his successful private coopering trade in 2016 but missed museums.

Marshall Scheetz and his humor!



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Fife & Drum

The Fifes and Drums will perform Wednesday through Friday at 4:40 pm in Market Square, Saturday at 12:30 pm starting at the Capitol and marching to the Palace, and Saturday at 1 pm on the Playhouse Stage.



Mr. Adams forming a plan with drum recruits to help them pass up to the Jr. Corps.

“This Saturday will be very exciting for the fifes and drums as we welcome our 2023 class of recruits to the Corps! 14 brand new fifers and drummers will be issued their instruments and have their first class.

The day after, we will be performing in Merchant's Square for Occasion for the Arts at 10 am.

Lastly, congratulations to Sergeant Luke Sipes, Private Evie Pick, and Private Johnny Shrack for advancing in rank!”



The Jr. Corps stepping off for their Saturday march.

- Rebecca Sterner

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Founder

The Foundry is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.



The completed CW seals.

“Apprentice Founders Drew & Leanne are pleased to announce that after 145 hours of finishing work, we have completed (along with some help from Master Engraver Lynn) the

donor gifts of the CW seals. We made 3 in cast iron, 3 in pewter, 3 in bronze and 1 in sterling silver. Journeyman Mike has continued work on the candlestick bobeches for a private order. We would also like to take a moment to officially welcome our NIAHD intern Isaac who will be working with us on Friday and Saturday afternoons. If you're ever in the area, feel free to stop by and say hello.”

- Andrew Godzik

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Historic Masonry

The Brickyard is open Wednesday through Sunday, weather permitting



Sundried coping bricks taking shelter in the saw house.

“This week in the Brickyard the crew continued to plug away at the kiln, creating the beginnings of the casing. Before the sundried brick can be moved from its shelter, we will be creating a covered shelter. This much needed cover will protect the kiln from any rains we get from now until the first day of the firing.

Otherwise, this week we received a delivery from the wheelwright shop: a new sandbox!”

- Madeleine Bolton



The casing for the kiln with the posts for our shelter.

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Milliner & Mantua-maker

The Milliner and Mantua-maker is open Tuesday through Saturday



Orange knots and a trimmed hat created to mark Orange Shirt Day on September 30th.

“To commemorate Orange Shirt Day, we created and shared over 100 "knots" (bows) with colleagues across a number of different

departments. Rebecca supplemented the effort by also trimming two hats, one of which went to Nicole Brown to wear during her conversation about the Brafferton over the weekend. Kate continues work on the 1793 stays and spent last week assembling an impressive summary document of her research for the Lanah Sawyer project. Rebecca has been preparing for the upcoming Omohundro conference and continues work on her own stays in between. Janea is away for the week, teaching a workshop in California.”

- Rebecca Godzik

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Musket Range

The Musket Range is open Sunday through Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday.



“This week we sent Doug to North Carolina to complete the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association student and instructor courses. These courses are required for all Musket Range instructors to work at the Musket Range. Doug has been studying hard, researching and practicing his skill set in preparation for this course. We can't wait to get Doug back to finish up his training with the National Rifle Association Range Safety Officer course. This training is done in house by Jeff who is a Chief Range Safety Officer.”

- Jeffery Thomas

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Wheelwright

The Wheelwright is open Sunday through Friday.



Journeyman Carpenter Ayinde on delivery to Masonry Trades site.

“This week at the Wheel and Wagonworks brings a successful completion and delivery of the sandbox to Masonry Trades. Many thanks to the Blacksmiths for the shaft pin and bolts for both the wagon and Market Cart chests. Murphy was invited to speak at Virginia Tech last week for a few Public History classes.”

- Paul Zelesnikar



Shaft pin in situ.

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Wigmaker

The Wigmakers are open Sunday through Thursday.

“As the relief of cooler temperatures has arrived, we have been working on maintenance as usual, in addition to several projects. Debbie continues to weave hair for Apprentice Leather Breeches Maker Wilson's wig. Edith is building bases for Intern Elias's wig and a wig for static display. Elias is weaving hair for the static exhibit wig. Benton has completed the outline for his new wig and is continuing to hand knot the base for it. Volunteer Marie is working on small attachments for herself.”

- Debra Turpin



Left to right: Benton's outline; Wilson's wig; Elias's wig; Marie's pieces

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Next Week, Look Forward to Updates From...

- **Apothecary**
 - *Sunday through Thursday*
- **Blacksmith**
 - *Everyday*
- **Carpenter**
 - *Sunday through Tuesday, Friday, Saturday*
- **Engravers**
 - *Sunday, Monday, Wednesday through Saturday*
- **Gardener**
 - *Everyday*
- **Gunsmiths**
 - *Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday*
- **Harpsicord Maker**
 - *Sunday, Monday, Thursday through Saturday*
- **Joiner**
 - *Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday*
- **Leather Breech Makers**
 - *Tuesday through Saturday*
- **Military Programs**
 - *Daily*
- **Palace Kitchen**
 - *Sunday through Tuesday, Friday, Saturday*
- **Printer**
 - *Sunday through Thursday*
- **Weavers, Spinners, and Dyers**
 - *Sunday through Wednesday, Saturday*

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