

Colonial Williamsburg at Virginia State Fair

The storyteller brightens young faces with fanciful 18th-century narratives, a Colonial conjurer performs feats of magic, and costumed musicians play period music at the Virginia State Fair in Richmond, September 25 through October 6.

Colonial Williamsburg performers provide the entertainment at "An 18th-century Fair within a Fair."

Fair visitors can watch costumed dancers step the latest minuet and country reels, and listen to heated debate among well-known political personalities of the time. They can speak with other 18th-century Virginians, portrayed by costumed historic interpreters. Younger visitors can learn authentic children's games of the period.

The Colonial Williamsburg Fife and Drum Corps lends a military flavor with marches along the midway at noon, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, September 28.

Saturday and Sunday performances are scheduled as follows: **An 18th-century Fair within a Fair**, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; **18th-century Dance**, 11 a.m., 2 and 6 p.m.; **The Colonial Conjurer**, noon, 4 and 7 p.m.; **The Storyteller**, 1, 5 and 8 p.m.; **Concert of 18th-century Music**; 3 p.m.

The 18th-century fair is in the Bicentennial Commission tent, near the Laburnum Avenue fairgrounds entrance. The tented area includes a stage and 100 seats for the audience. Licensed Colonial Williamsburg reproductions of 18th-century objects are on sale from 3 to 8 p.m. weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekends during the fair's 12-day run.

The "18th-century Fair within a Fair" is produced under the auspices of the Virginia Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, with assistance from Colonial Williamsburg.



This easy chair in "Curtains, Cases and Chairs: Upholstery Documents at Colonial Williamsburg," features layers of original upholstery fabrics ranging from the 1740s to the 1960s.

Tour textile exhibit during Wallace Gallery open house

In conjunction with the opening of "Curtains, Cases and Chairs: Upholstery Documents at Colonial Williamsburg," a series of open houses will be held for Colonial Williamsburg employees at the Wallace Gallery Monday, October 7 at 8 a.m., 12 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Linda Baumgarten and Kim Smith, curators of the exhibit, lead tours of the exhibit and discuss the importance in achieving decorative effects for 18th-century households during each session.

The exhibit, which opens October 5 in the textiles gallery, features 85 antique textiles including upholstered chairs, curtains and valances for beds, slip covers, floor cloths and woven carpet fragments.

Lectures on upholstery and furniture conservation will be held 4 p.m. October 9 and October 16 in the Hennage Auditorium.

Costume Swap Day October 12

Tired of the same old shirt? Feeling blue about your blue dress? Seeing red every time you don those red britches? Does your colleague's bright green cape make you green with envy? Looking for a fresh new frock?

Come to the Swap Day for costumed employees at the Costume Design Center, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12.

On Swap Day, costumed employees can exchange up to three costume items for similar items in the costume stock. Costume articles must have current cleaning tickets from the Colonial Williamsburg laundry attached when they are exchanged. For more information, call the Costume Design Center at 220-7950.

Environmental Action Council sets objectives

The Colonial Williamsburg Environmental Action Council has taken stock of its activities and established goals and objectives.

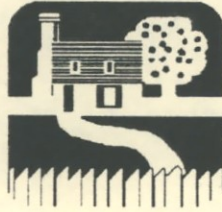
During the Environmental Action Council's September meeting, Bill Gardiner, chairman, praised members for their efforts over the past 18 months.

Members of the council, its committees and other employees have done "a great job helping Colonial Williamsburg deal responsibly with environmental concerns," he said. "Many excellent programs have been started in a short time."

Far from being the dream list of a few environmentally-aware employees, the goals and objectives of the Environmental Action Council will have an important effect on the whole organization, Gardiner says. "Implementation of these objectives reflects a commitment on the part of Colonial Williamsburg to undertake new ways of dealing with environmental issues."

"The Environmental Action Council's committees are setting new directions and establishing new policies," Gardiner says. "Their decisions will have a long-term impact, as they alter the way the foundation and all its employees go about their business every day."

The Environmental Action Council has set these objectives for Colonial Williamsburg in 1992:



- extend the office recycling system foundation-wide and expand the aluminum can recycling system to the Historic Area
- discourage unnecessary publications and eliminate duplication on internal distribution lists
- identify and protect Colonial Williamsburg properties that have significant environmental features
- continue minimizing hazardous wastes through source reduction and recycling
- address hazardous waste training, storage and disposal
- assess impact of chloro-fluorocarbon (CFC) phase out on refrigerants, equipment and service procedures
- investigate implications of the Clean Air Act on boiler plants, fireplaces, dust collectors and vehicular fleets
- create a plan to obtain natural resources from our forest lands
- provide information about, recommend the use of, and purchase recycled, reusable and environmentally friendly products

If you're interested in helping shape the course of environmental action at Colonial Williamsburg, contact Bill Gardiner at extension 7186. He can put you in touch with those responsible for your area of interest.

Employee Yard Sale

Saturday, October 5
8 a.m. to noon
Corner of Capitol Landing Road and
First Street

Special table settings shown at Craft House

Colonial Williamsburg personalities are designing a series of table settings at Craft House on Merchants Square through the fall. Well-known employees will design their own table settings using products from the Williamsburg Reproductions Program to reflect their own individual tastes and styles.

The first table setting has been created by Susan Lindsey Winther, interior designer for the Williamsburg Inn, with assistance by Clark Taggart, Williamsburg Inn floral designer. Their display is on view through mid-October. Stop by and be inspired.

A reminder...

The special performance of *Under the Jolly Roger* scheduled for Saturday, October 5, has been cancelled. A performance of the *Irish Widow* has been scheduled to replace it. *Irish Widow* will be performed at 8:30 p.m. in the Lodge Auditorium.

Bring your family to the Health and Safety Fair, October 17

The annual Health and Safety Fair, 2 to 7 p.m. October 12 at Commonwealth Hall, is an event for the whole family.

Hyacinth the clown will visit with the children and hand out balloons.

Your child, age birth to three, can have a free developmental check. Motor abilities, speech, vision, hearing, language and cognitive abilities such as awareness, reasoning and judging, will be evaluated to give parents a picture of how well their baby is developing.

Children age six to 17 can have physical fitness tests. Check your child's arm and shoulder strength and endurance, abdom-

inal muscle strength and endurance, low back and hamstring flexibility, and cardiorespiratory endurance. Learn how well your child meets test levels established by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

Ident-a-Kid is a national organization that provides a laminated card with a picture, fingerprints and basic information identifying your child. Pictures and fingerprints will be taken at the fair. The pictures will be processed, cards typed and laminated, and mailed to you. The cost per child for this service is \$5 for one card, \$8 for two cards, and \$10 for three cards.

Noah's Ark will present a 20-minute pet safety program at 2 p.m. Family members can learn to recognize problems or diseases before they become serious to your pet. Please do not bring your pets.

Please do bring your children's bikes. Register them and have them inspected for safety. Your children can learn riding guidelines and hand signals. The first 50 bikes inspected receive special bike flags.

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