

# THE MECHANICK'S ADVISER

## for March 6 - 12

**THE HISTORIC TRADES AND SKILLS OFFICE WILL BE RE-LOCATING FROM THE MARGARET HUNTER WORKSHOP TO THE 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR OF GREENHOW WEST (THIS IS PETER AND SHARI). WE HOPE TO BE COMPLETELY MOVED OVER BY FRIDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>. TOM REDD AND THE SILVERSMITHS WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP THEIR OFFICES ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR OF THE MARGARET HUNTER WORKSHOP.**

**Artificer** – They are working on a variety of jobs: fire buckets, a cartridge box, and small items for programming. They wish to welcome Jan Tilley, who will be joining the Artificer beginning on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>!

**Bindery** – The shop is closed for maintenance Monday, February 29 – March 11.

**Cabinetmaker** – Work continues on a brass-banded mahogany tea caddy, a tripod music stand, and an easy chair frame. The harpsichord makers will continue work on components for a spinet.

**Candlemaker** – They have been filling positions and preparing for site training, with a soft opening scheduled for March 20. The Candlemakers invite all those who are interested to drop in and visit in the week of March 20-26, to see the sights and smell the smells. They think you will find Candlemaking a very interesting trade.

**Cooper** – “Rub-a-dub dub, three coopers in a tub.” The tub for the Fire Engine Program, that is. It was completed this week. See the picture below. Now, they are fixing up a few casks for the streetscape.



**Fifes and Drums** – The Fife and Drum Senior Corps is currently working on new music for their participation in the Virginia International Tattoo held in Norfolk this April.

**Foodways** – They are preparing for the “Ales for the Ages” conference on March 18-20.

**Foundry** – They are making a pair of bronze candlesticks for a custom order and items for Prentis Store.

**Great Hopes** - They are continuing to assist the Gardeners this week, as well as preparing Great Hopes gardens for planting. They are also cutting another sweep for the well, laying out a new fence for the apple orchard, improving chicken pens, preparing the tobacco seed bed, and other farm work.

**Gunsmith** – They are making a spur center for the treadle lathe. The apprentice is working on new pliers and other tools that he will need in the future. Work on a pair of pistols and a rifle continues.

**Historic Garden** – This week, they have filled the hotbed! The compost will go on top once it has heated up in the bed again, and the summer seeds will be planted by the end of this week. For the summer, they will be planting things such as: cucumbers, melons, peppers, and tomatoes. Things are moving fast in the garden, and they have to keep thinking ahead. They are also getting ready for spring: preparing and cleaning up the beds, getting ready to move the spring lettuces, cabbages, leeks, and artichokes in the garden in the coming weeks. They are hoping that the weather will continue to improve.

**Joinery** – Please welcome their three new apprentices: Amanda Doggett (from Products), Scott Krogh (from Public Sites), and Peter Hudson (from the Masonry Trades)!

**Milliner** – They are beginning to work on the clothing for the two mannequins that will be on exhibit at the Museum of the American Revolution.

**Music** – The staff continue to perform in programming at the Raleigh Tavern during the day. Amy Miller and Jenny Edenborn will be performing in “Unbecoming Her Sex” at the Raleigh as part of Women's History Month. The program highlights female musicians in Europe who took on roles usually only held by men.

**Printers** – The shop is closed for maintenance Monday, February 29 – March 11.

**Silversmith** – They are working on various sorts of spoons (including mote spoons), salt shovels, Gurney Bowl and some fluted bowls, a pair of patty pans, trade silver jewelry, rings, and letter charms, a 12-inch Montieth, and ladles. Please note that at any given time, not all of these items will be being worked on, but all will be available to be seen and discussed with anyone who is interested.

**Tailor** – They are working on a worsted coat lined in glazed linen and a painted valance for General Washington’s marquee.

**Weaver** – The new Weaving Shop at the Greenhow Tenement is almost ready! They will have a “soft” opening beginning on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Please come by and let them know what you think. The shop will not be advertised in the Program Guide until March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Wheelwright** – They continue working on an ox wagon for children’s rides. They are working on the body framing and the wheels.

**Wigmaker** – Debbie is still working on weaving and attaching the wefts of hair to her German reproduction wig. See pictures below:



Regina is continuing to clean, repair, and restyle wigs for actors/actresses, dancers, and musicians. Regina continues to clean, repair, and restyle wigs for actors/actresses, dancers, and musicians. "Affairs of the Heart" is up and running and you can see our new work on the very talented heads of Miss Whitney Thornberry and Michelle Smith!

