

Moving up, moving in



Rob Weir has been promoted to director, General Admissions Sales, according to an announcement May 13 by Randall Foskey.

This new title reflects the entire scope of Rob's duties which go beyond operation of the Visitor Center to include six other permanent ticketing sites plus numerous special program ticketing operations.

Rob began his career with Colonial Williamsburg in 1972 as a desk attendant at the Visitor Center while attending the College of William and Mary. Beginning in 1975 Rob organized and supervised the visitor aides department. In 1979 he was promoted to Visitor Center manager.

In making the announcement Foskey said, "Each year some one million visitors enter the Visitor Center or one of its satellites. These visitors share a common expectation: they will be treated as guests, information will be provided, questions answered, employees will be pleasant, and everything that happens to them during their stay will be as they had wished. It is absolutely essential for the success of Colonial Williamsburg that these expectations be met during the very first encounter between ticket seller and buyer.

"As manager during the past eleven years, Rob Weir has assured this success by directing a quality business aimed at exceeding visitor expectations through an efficiently run and caring operation. This new title is well deserved of a career employee who has brought much to the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation."

See Williamsburg on late night TV

Weekend Travel Update, a half-hour travel news show that airs on more than 80 stations across the country, will be showing Colonial Williamsburg this weekend.

Viewers learn about the colonial tavern dining experience—the food, the gambols and meet **Linda Couch**, character interpreter who plays Jane Vobe, tavern-keeper. They also learn about Linda herself, the 20th-century person behind the character.

In this area the show may be seen at 1:30 a.m. Monday (late Sunday night) on WTVR, Channel 6.

Employee Picnic June 22!

Our annual employee picnic will be held on Saturday, June 22, from noon to 4 p.m. at Bassett Hall. Tickets will be available from your Hospitality and Courtesy Committee representative beginning next week.

Watch the *Extra* and the bulletin boards in your area for more details.

Quality Day is this Tuesday!

Make plans now to attend Quality Day, the day-long celebration of Colonial Williamsburg's Quality Teams' accomplishments, to be held May 21 at the Williamsburg Lodge from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 6 p.m.

Quality Teams are actually a process by which employees from all levels share the responsibility for improving the quality of products and services produced by Colonial Williamsburg and for developing new ideas and solving problems.

You can participate on Quality Teams and take advantage of the opportunity to help tap the creative resources of your fellow employees.

If you would like more information about training in the Problem Solving Process, visit the Human Resources booth during Quality Day or call Kelli Mansel, ext. 7116.

Toymaker building to come down

The Toymaker Shop next to the Governor's Inn on North Henry Street will be demolished later this month. The building was purchased by Colonial Williamsburg in November, 1988. Its former owner, Richard Gunn, continued to use the building until his lease expired last November. It has been vacant since then.

The building, which was built in the 1940s, is in poor condition and is uneconomical to renovate. Future use of the property is under study, according to Tory Gussman, director of property resources and planning.

Mr. Gunn continues to operate the Toymaker of Williamsburg in Merchants Square.

What's happening

- ✓ Nimble Thimbles, Mondays, 5:30-7 p.m., Woodlands Caucus Room. For information call Brenda Pruitt at ext. 7658.
- ✓ Quality Day, Lodge, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-6 p.m.
- ✓ CW Chorus rehearsal, Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m. in the Center Room, Woodlands
- ✓ Town Criers Toastmasters, second and fourth Tuesdays, noon in the PTB. Call Libbey Oliver, ext. 7223, for information.
- ✓ Fencing, Tuesdays, 5:45 p.m. in the PTB.
- ✓ Courthouse Employee Open House, Monday, June 3, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- ✓ Employee Family Picnic, Saturday, June 22, noon to 4 p.m., Bassett Hall.
- ✓ Winthrop Rockefeller Archaeology Museum Employee Open House, Tuesday, June 25, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Carl Lounsbury wins book prize

Carl Lounsbury, architectural historian in the architectural research department, is one of four co-authors of *Architects and Builders in North Carolina: A History of the Practice of Building*, winner of the Historic Preservation Book Prize for 1991.

The prize was awarded by the Center for Historic Preservation at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Carter L. Hudgins, director of the Center, said that in judging the works nominated, emphasis is given to books which break new ground and contribute to intellectual vitality in preservation theory, philosophy and/or method.

"The jury was convinced that, although there were many important books on preservation published in 1990, this book added a new dimension to the discussion of how preservationists and historians will understand the process of building and how that is interpreted in the present. This book stood out above the rest," said Dr. Hudgins.

"Jurors were unanimous that *Architects and Builders in North Carolina* animates architecture, making the people of the construction trades into the central characters of architectural history, and rendering all previous architectural surveys insufficient or at least incomplete," W. Brown Morton III, a member of the jury, said. "Once I read *Architects and Builders in North Carolina* I instantly wanted a similar book for other states."

The jury consisted of historic preservation authorities from across the United States. The authors of the prize-winning books receive a citation and share a cash award. Lounsbury's co-authors are Catherine W. Bishir, Charlotte V. Brown and Ernest H. Wood III.

Carl has been with Colonial Williamsburg since 1982. He graduated from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1974, received his master's degree from George Washington University in 1977, did graduate studies in architecture at North Carolina State University during the period 1979-82, and received his Ph.D. in American Studies from George Washington University in 1983. Carl has received numerous awards and honors. He currently has a grant from

the National Endowment for the Humanities for a glossary of colonial architectural terms, and was the 1988 recipient of the Founders' Award from the Society of Architectural Historians.

WILLIAMSBURG Shops and manufacturers hold joint meeting

About 150 representatives from the WILLIAMSBURG Shops and the WILLIAMSBURG Licensed manufacturers held a joint meeting May 13-15 at Colonial Williamsburg. They learned about developments and new programs at Colonial Williamsburg, saw additions to the product line, discussed marketing strategies, and toured the Historic Area and DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Gallery.

The shops and manufacturers are key partners in the WILLIAMSBURG Reproductions Program. Through their efforts, people around the country learn more about Colonial Williamsburg, its decorative arts and history.

The WILLIAMSBURG Shops are a group of special furniture and decorative accessory stores across the country that have set aside a portion of their floor space to display and sell items reproduced from the collections at Colonial Williamsburg. Many shops are similar to small versions of the Craft House.

The WILLIAMSBURG Licensed Manufacturers are companies that have been approved to reproduce furniture, fabrics, decorative accessories and architectural elements from Colonial Williamsburg. Their products are sold through the WILLIAMSBURG Shops and other stores.

The WILLIAMSBURG Reproductions Program was begun in 1936, and is the nation's oldest and largest program of museum reproductions. The program is important to Colonial Williamsburg for two reasons: People learn more about the 18th century as they live with reproduction products every day, and money from their sale provides financial support for our educational programs and preservation activities in the Historic Area.

Lighting the Way Recipients

The following employees have received "Lighting the Way" awards for hospitality and courtesy:



Jane Carter,
Governor's Palace
Tom Spear,
Governor's Palace
David Arents,
Historic Area
Services
Alphonso Patterson,
Security

Congratulations!

Results of Child Care Center fundraisers

The Parents Association of the Child Care Center sends many thanks to all who participated in the Campbell's Labels for Education and Farm Fresh register tape fundraisers. Your efforts have allowed the Child Care Center to redeem labels for a badly needed cassette recorder and your golden register tapes (1,501 in all) yielded \$640 cash!

The Parents Association plans to participate in the Farm Fresh program next year and will continue collecting Campbell's labels year-round to redeem for more "expensive" items.

Concert plans changed

Three changes have been made to the schedule of upcoming concerts, according to an announcement by John Barrows, supervisor of music and dance. A Capitol Concert on June 9 at 8:30 p.m. will be added, and the Governor's Evening Music Concerts scheduled for June 13 and June 15 have been canceled.

Please mark you calendar.

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