



June 2021

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Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter NSDAR



June Meeting (in-person/Zoom)

June 10th

7pm

Regester Chapel United Methodist Church

85 Bells Hill Rd

Stafford VA

Zoom and meeting info continued

Chapter Chat, cont.

Topic: June Meeting

Time: Jun 10, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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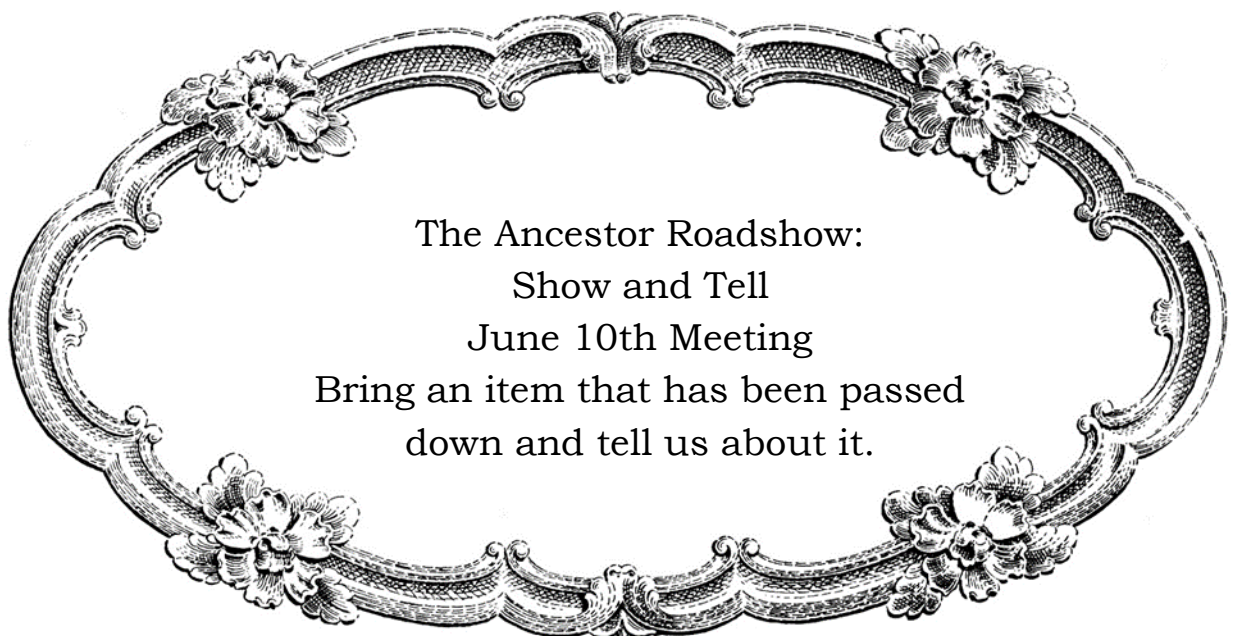
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President Generals Message

June 2021

Get Ready! Virtual Congress is Just Weeks Away!

Outstanding speakers, informative reports, deserving honorees and worthwhile events are all on the horizon, as we gear up for the Virtual 130th Continental Congress. It will also certainly be a thrill to unveil our newly restored DAR Constitution Hall following a massive project to replace everything from the subfloor to the superstructure! Yes, indeed, the curtain is about to rise on The Next Act at DAR Constitution Hall – and YOU are invited!



If you've come to Washington, D.C. faithfully over the years, I hope that you will agree that what we are about to stage deserves to be recognized as the next chapter in the grand tradition of DAR Continental Congress. And if you've never had the chance to attend, this is your opportunity to witness the vibrancy of our mission and the grandeur of our buildings from the comfort of your home computer or tv screen. Please plan now to be a part of this year's conference – I assure you that you will be glad you did!

Everything you need to know about taking full advantage of the schedule of events may be found here. I hope that you enjoy our new website and take part in as many events as possible.

I'm certainly grateful to all of you who will be "attending" via our fun Congress Cut Outs effort. Thousands of these generous members will be the first to "sit" in the new seats and soak up the view of our completely redesigned Hall. In addition, I'm thrilled to say that all of the 13 Original Colonies have sent their Signers of the U.S. Constitution – for what I've come to call the "Great Reunion!" (After all, they have not been reunited since their shared destiny in charting our government!) We're also welcoming Revolutionary War Patriots, the NSDAR Founders, Honorary Presidents General and hundreds of other members through the ages – women who built our buildings and sustained our Society through the good and bad times. What a privilege it will be for me to stand alongside them in our National Historic Landmark! Thank you for your support, as proceeds from this effort benefit my President General's Project.

If you have not already ordered your cut out – there is still time, as we have found a closer, overnight printer to produce them. The deadline is now June 11. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Wherever you are, I hope that you will plan in-person or virtual "watch" parties in order to enjoy the week with your friends, committees and chapters. So much of the Congress experience is sharing it with both long-time and new-found friends. I was so happy last year to learn that many members even hosted outdoor parties and live streamed the proceedings onto a large screen. What fun! Let's face it: There is no holding back Today's DAR, is there?!?! Challenge yourself to make some history by staging something unique and memorable in order to be a part of the 130th Continental Congress.

I look forward to "seeing" you there!

Denise Doring VanBuren

President General

Chapter Chat with the Regent

Hello Members!

Our June meeting will be the last until September, but that does not mean we will not be meeting up for other things! I am brainstorming ideas for us to keep connected during the summer months. Besides meeting up to clean cemeteries, I think we could also meet for tea, or a fun tour nearby. I am planning on having a meet and greet with our Junior Members and am looking forward to meeting them and finding out more about their interests.

Our June meeting is going to be agenda packed. We will be introducing our new members, installing our new chapter officers, voting on our by laws and learning about each other's Ancestors items. Please bring an item from your family that you can "show and tell" us about. Please also see below for other items to bring. I have also included a list of items for us to send to the Bean of Life.

A couple of more items that we would like you to think about this summer: Are you interested in being a chairman of a committee? Look at the committees on the National DAR website and see what catches your eye, and then let Myra or myself know.

Do you have a program idea for our chapter next year? Let us know that also, your board will be meeting in August to plan out the 2021–2022-chapter year.

Cannot wait to see you in June! Please remember your masks.



June Meeting items to bring

Please bring the following:

Empty pill bottles - we will have a box there to ship them in.

Loose Change - we need to fund our many DAR Projects and our piggy banks have been empty for over a year. Please bring what you can.

Coke bottle caps

Pull rings aluminum

Coupons

Dog, cat, rabbit supplies for Anne Kline and Nancy May's members' course project.

Bean of Life



SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR DONATION

Food Items

- Ground coffee
- K-cups
- Sugar and creamer
- Tuna Packets w/Crackers (sold as sets)
- Oatmeal Cups, Campbell's Soup Cups
- Chewing Gum

Individual packets of:

- Snack bags, snack bars, chips
- Sunflower Seeds, Dried Fruit
- Fruit Snacks, Beef Jerky, Nuts (any kind)
- Drink Flavor Packets (like Crystal Light To Go, Gatorade Powder)

Non-Food Items

- Feminine hygiene products
- Spa items (like fuzzy socks, lotions, sleep masks)
- Hand sanitizer
- Individual packs of tissues
- Baby Wipes, Q-Tips
- Lip Balm/Chapstick
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes/Floss
- Deodorant
- Ziploc Bags (Quart/Gallon Size)
- Sunscreen (specifically for your face)
- Febreze for clothes

Members Course Zoom Meetings

Topic: Members Course Monthly Meeting

Time: Apr 25, 2021 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Fourth Sun, until Oct 24, 2021, 5 occurrence(s)

Jun 27, 2021 03:00 PM

Jul 25, 2021 03:00 PM

Aug 22, 2021 03:00 PM

Sep 26, 2021 03:00 PM

Oct 24, 2021 03:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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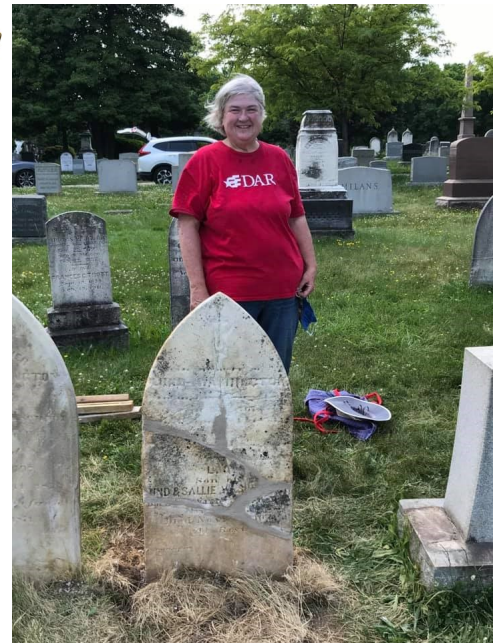
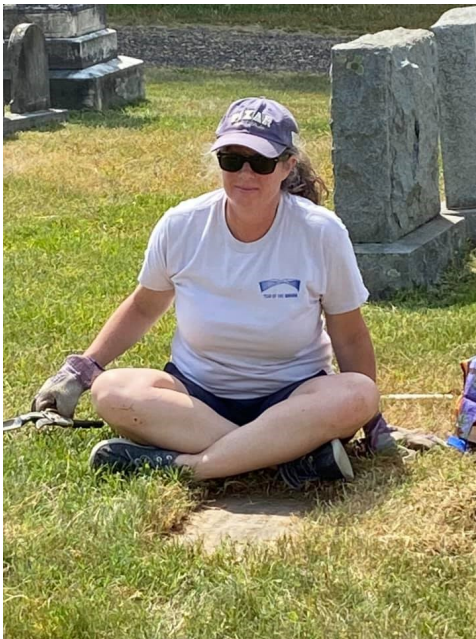
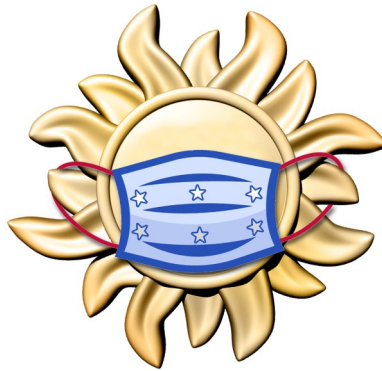
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DARling Daughters and HODARs



Do you have a service project you are working on? Please let us know how we can help you.

Virginia Shrines by Carrie Pierce

Historic Smithfield is the fifth and newest Virginia DAR Shrine. The designation was bestowed by the Virginia DAR Executive Committee in October 2018. It is the only Virginia DAR shrine west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Historic Smithfield was the home of Col. William Preston and Susanna Smith Preston, whose descendants include four Virginia governors. It was completed in 1774 and is representative of a frontier home during the American Revolution time period. The original structure, along with gardens and such outbuildings as the working forge and Cook's Cabin, provide an accurate glimpse into life on the Virginia frontier. The covered pavilion is a centerpiece for events at Smithfield throughout the year. Historic Smithfield is independently owned and operated by the Smithfield-Preston Foundation and is located adjacent to the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg. Virginia DAR's first project to support Historic Smithfield was the building of a Palisade Fence. The fence and parapet were erected during the summer of 2019 near the entrance of the property to demonstrate to visitors how Smithfield was protected from animals and intruders. Voices and donations were used to raise funds for this project. Virginia DAR chapters were very generous in their support of this shrines first project. Historic Smithfield was honored to be included in the 2019-2022 Virginia DAR State Project. This project will support the development of a chandlery or candle-making program on the site of Historic Smithfield, which will serve as an additional educational opportunity for visitors to the colonial site. In time, this program will provide a source of income for the property. One of the most exciting aspects of being a new Virginia DAR shrine has been the ability to introduce and educate more people across the state about Historic Smithfield. This chair's focus will be to reach out to DAR chapters and Daughters so that they will want to support Historic Smithfield and come to visit the shrine, as well as encourage others to do so.

<https://www.historicsmithfield.org/main-page.html>



Revolutionary Women: Phillis Wheatley

Born around 1753 in Gambia, Africa, Wheatley was captured by slave traders and brought to America in 1761. Upon arrival, she was sold to the Wheatley family in Boston, Massachusetts. Her first name Phillis was derived from the ship that brought her to America, “the Phillis.”

The Wheatley family educated her and within sixteen months of her arrival in America she could read the Bible, Greek and Latin classics, and British literature. She also studied astronomy and geography. At age fourteen, Wheatley began to write poetry, publishing her first poem in 1767. Publication of “An Elegiac Poem, on the Death of the Celebrated Divine George Whitefield” in 1770 brought her great notoriety. In 1773, with financial support from the English Countess of Huntingdon, Wheatley traveled to London with the Wheatley's son to publish her first collection of poems, *Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral*—the first book written by a black woman in America. It included a forward, signed by John Hancock and other Boston notables—as well as a portrait of Wheatley—all designed to prove that the work was indeed written by a black woman. She was emancipated shortly thereafter.

Wheatley's poems reflected several influences on her life, among them the well-known poets she studied, such as Alexander Pope and Thomas Gray. Pride in her African heritage was also evident. Her writing style embraced the elegy, likely from her African roots, where it was the role of girls to sing and perform funeral dirges. Religion was also a key influence, and it led Protestants in America and England to enjoy her work. Enslavers and abolitionists both read her work; the former to convince the enslaved population to convert, the latter as proof of the intellectual abilities of people of color.

Although she supported the patriots during the American Revolution, Wheatley's opposition to slavery heightened. She wrote several letters to ministers and others on liberty and freedom. During the peak of her writing career, she wrote a well-received poem praising the appointment of George Washington as the commander of the Continental Army. However, she believed that slavery was the issue that prevented the colonists from achieving true heroism.

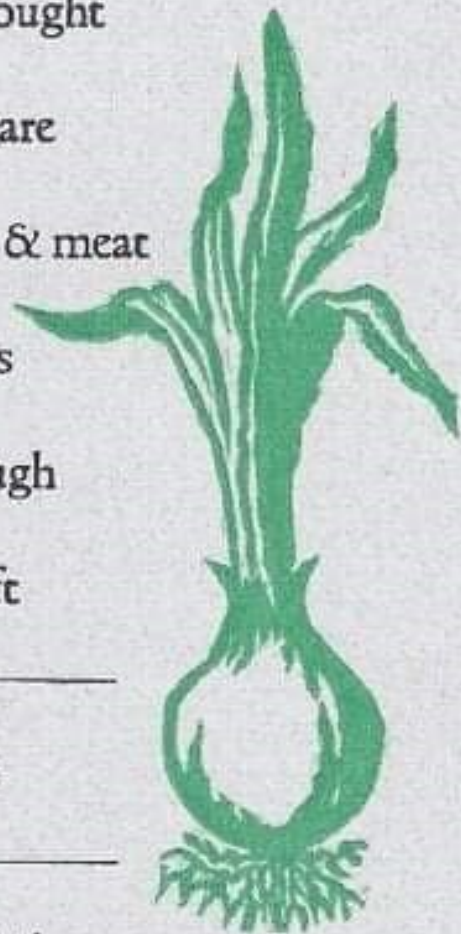
In 1778, Wheatley married John Peters, a free black man from Boston with whom she had three children, though none survived. Efforts to publish a second book of poems failed. To support her family, she worked as a scrubwoman in a boardinghouse while continuing to write poetry. Wheatley died in December 1784, due to complications from childbirth. In addition to making an important contribution to American literature, Wheatley's literary and artistic talents helped show that African Americans were equally capable, creative, intelligent human beings who benefited from an education. In part, this helped the cause of the abolition movement.



Food

1. Buy it with thought
2. Cook it with care
3. Use less wheat & meat
4. Buy local foods
5. Serve just enough
6. Use what is left

Don't waste it



U.S. Food Administration - 1917

Dates to Remember

June 10th—June Monthly Meeting 7pm

June 14th—Flag Day

June 20th—Father's Day

June 27th—Members Zoom Meeting 3pm

June 30th—July 4th—Continental Congress (Virtual)

Planning an outing with our Junior Members in July or August. TBD



SERVICE to AMERICA!

Our Chapter hours donated total as of May 31, 2021

660

Please remember to log your hours!

**[http://services.dar.org/members/committees/
ServiceToAmerica/](http://services.dar.org/members/committees/ServiceToAmerica/)**

The Service to America! Committee encourages community service by **all** members on **all** levels as a means of honoring our heritage. You may now count your DAR hours!

If you don't want to (or can't) enter your service hours, please send them to one of the officers and we will do it for you! Emails for officers are on the front page of the newsletter.