

BENNETT PLACE COURIER

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BEER, BLUES & BBQ FUNDRAISING EVENT SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

This event was initially scheduled for June 23rd but postponed because of the extreme heat. The event is on and we've made a few improvements we hope will entice you to come out

We've included games, door prizes and a silent auction. You can purchase your tickets through the support group's website: www.bennettplacehistoricsite.com, click on link for the event.

Tickets are limited so get yours soon

Take out is available with your choice of either a BBQ or Brisket plate. BBQ is \$12.00 and Brisket is \$18.00.

All proceeds from the sale of the tickets go directly to the support group which is trying to raise funds needed to make necessary upgrades and renovations to the visitor center.

We hope you will come out and enjoy a great evening.



Manager's Corner



When I was a kid, if you asked me was I happy about the start of fall, the answer would have been a resounding NO. For me, it meant the end of summer and fun because I had to go back to school and that was NOT what I wanted. Now, I can't wait until the fall because it means the beginning of cooler weather and less humidity. It also signals the changing of the colors from the green of summer to the bright orange, reds and yellows of fall. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that this fall will be a bright and colorful one.

Over the summer lots of visitors enjoyed the site even though we didn't host any living history events. For the staff, it was a nice break from the very hectic schedule that comes with our spring programming and now we are refreshed and ready for our fall program schedule. We're bringing back our School of the Soldier program with some improvements to this popular event. We are also hosting the North Carolina Gourd Society in October. The ladies will help visitors make some cute and whimsical fall decorations using the gourd that I'm sure they will enjoy for many years.

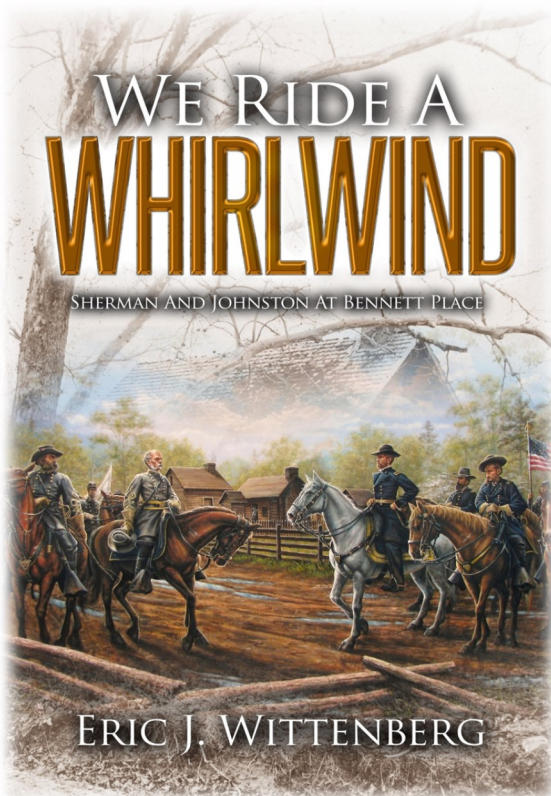
We also weathered a very politically charged summer with Confederate monuments being on the forefront of many discussions and rallies. The most recent events at UNC continues to reinforce just how polarized this country is over the subject of remembrance. Debates continue over who and what we should remember but we shouldn't overlook the importance of our monuments and their place in America's history.

Happy fall y'all



Summer Staff Ride: Civil War Raleigh

Big thanks to Ernie Dollar, Director of the City of Raleigh Museum, who led an amazing tour through Raleigh for our staff and volunteers. This year's topic was Civil War Raleigh. We explored several important Downtown areas related to that time, and also explored the area around Doreatha Dix Hospital, which is now being turned into a public park area. Everyone learned so much from the tour and can't stop asking when and where the next one will be.



Now Available in our Giftshop!

We Ride A Whirlwind

By: Eric J. Whittenberg

Learn the amazing story of the Largest Surrender of the American Civil War, in the first Book written SOLELY about the negotiations between General Joseph E. Johnston and Major General William T. Sherman.



2018 Summer Intern: Hannah Gelband

Hannah Gelband was Bennett Place's Summer intern and how wonderful it was to have her here for the past few months. Hannah is a junior at American University in Washington D.C. She is majoring in History with a double minor in Jewish studies and psychology. She completed a summer project on Jewish Civil War soldiers for a temporary display in the museum. We are so glad to have had her working here for the summer, and wish her all the best in her studies.



Carbine Raffle Winner

Congrats to Rodger from North Charleston, South Carolina for being the winner of the Carbine Rifle Raffle. Enjoy!



Upcoming Events

September 29-30, 2018

School of the Soldier Event

Ever wonder what it took for ordinary citizens to become soldiers during the Civil War? Come out and watch as these ordinary men learn the art of drill and living outdoors in tents. There will be basic drill maneuvers, weapons demonstrations and a tactical demonstration each day. There will also be ladies on site to discuss how they supported their loved ones during the war. Event runs Saturday 10 am-4 pm and Sunday 10am – 3 pm. **Cost: FREE**

October 6, 2018

Family Fun Craft Day

This is the time of year when we begin to decorate for the fall holidays using pumpkins, dried corn and gourds. Bennett Place is hosting members of the North Carolina Gourd Society for this one day craft making session where you can make and take home a great decoration you can use inside or out. This family fun event is open to both young and old and all levels of experience. Class is limited to no more than 20 students and reservations are required. Contact the staff for more information and/or to register for the class. Cost for this event is \$10.00 per person which includes materials and a light lunch.

December 15, 2018

Christmas in the Piedmont during the Civil War. Bennett Place State Historic Site.

Visit Bennett Place during the Christmas season and witness how this occasion was celebrated in the Piedmont Carolinas during the American Civil War. Living historians will decorate the farm in a typical modest fashion of the time. There will be cooking demonstrations in the kitchen house, Christmas decorations and packages in the main house, soldiers will be on hand to demonstrate Christmas in the field, and of course, a visit with Ole St. Nick. Complimentary hot apple cider will be available. There will also be a bake sale where you can purchase some sweet treats. All proceeds from the bake sale go towards the preservation of the site.

Program is Saturday 10am – 4pm. **Cost: FREE**

December 15, 2018 – Evening

Christmas Candlelight Tour Program. Bennett Place State Historic Site.

Under the glow of candle light, you can take a special guided tour around the farm and experience first-hand how soldiers and civilians experienced the holidays during a time of war. Tours will take place every 20 minutes and tickets will be required. Groups will need to be limited to approximately 15 people. Complimentary hot apple cider will be available. Program is Saturday 6pm-9pm, **Cost of \$3.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child ages 5-16. Under 5 free.**



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All Levels:

- *Newsletter (issued quarterly)*
- *Invitation to Special Events*
- *10% Discount at Gift Shop*

Major to President Level:

- *Permanent Recognition at Site*

President & Governor Level:

- *Framed Certificate*

Help Support Bennett Place!

Please note our membership levels have expanded to include businesses and larger donors!



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Thank you for your support!!!



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Bennett Place State Historic Site Mission Statement:

To preserve and interpret the history of the largest surrender of the Civil War and the lives of 19th century yeoman farmers such as the Bennetts.

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The Friends of Bennett Place, is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to the Bennett Place State Historic Site. Monies from the Fund are to be used for educating the general public about the site's role in the Civil War, assisting staff in its research and interpretation of 19th century farm life, and encouraging volunteer participation and community involvement.

We wish to help in preserving and developing this North Carolina Historic Site and need your assistance. Please consider making a contribution to the Support Fund today!

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