

# BENNETT PLACE COURIER

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## BEER, BLUES & BBQ FUNDRAISING EVENT UPDATE

Our non profit support group hosts this great event again this year. The event will take place on Saturday ,September 21st, from 6-9pm. Tickets will be available on our website ([www.bennettplacehistoricsite.com](http://www.bennettplacehistoricsite.com)). Tickets are as follows:

15-up \$25.00

10-14 \$15.00

under 10 is \$5.00

This includes BBQ, sides, roll and drink. Soda and Water available for those under 21 and for those who don't want to drink beer.

Take out is also available and you have your choice of BBQ for \$12.00 per plate or brisket for \$15.00 per person. Each plate includes a side dish and dinner roll. Time: 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

All proceeds from the sale of the tickets goes directly to the support group, which is trying to raise the funds needed to make necessary renovations to the visitor center. We hope you will come out and enjoy a great evening. Please call the site at 919-383-4345 if you have any further questions.



## *Manager's Corner*



Spring is usually a season where we fix up the old and create the new and that certainly happened here. The split rail fence project is complete and really makes the site look great. The ash hopper now has an informational panel and we did the same for the garden. Another exciting bit of news is there was a serious discussion begun on building the dairy/milk house. This building is clearly seen in the drawings of the house at the time of the surrender, but was never built back in the 1960's. With the help of our deputy director, Chuck LeCount, Bob Bemis and now our craftsman, we are well on the way to seeing this project come to fruition, possibly this fall!

In addition to fixing up and making new, we also were very busy with programing. We held our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Civil War School days, the 154<sup>th</sup> anniversary surrender event and our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Day Military Timeline event. Whew, we really know how to put a lot into a season, but our school students and visitors are the benefactors and that's why we truly love doing this. We are anticipating a busy summer with visitors and tour groups and we've received requests from a few reenactment groups who are looking to come and provide demonstrations this summer.

Looking ahead into the fall....the success of the support group's Beer, Blues & BBQ was a great hit last year and they made the decision to host it again this year. Promotional materials have been printed and distributed, the band has been hired and our BBQ guy is on board. Save the date - Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> if you want to eat some delicious BBQ while dancing to awesome blues music. Silent auction items have begun to arrive and some really nice raffle items too. We may provide a sneak peak of some of these items to entice folks to purchase a ticket. All of us are keeping our fingers crossed for another successful event to help us get closer to raising the money needed to do the improvements and expansion of the visitor center.

Happy summer y'all





# Memorial Day 2019

We would like to thank all of our volunteers and our living historians who came out to Bennett Place this weekend! We could not have had a successful event with out you!







# 2019 Upcoming Events

## September 21, 2019

### *Beer, Blues & BBQ Event*

Enjoy the lovely cool fall weather with a plate of delicious BBQ prepared by Mr. Al Meyers, some local beer and the sounds of blues music by Mel Melton & the Wicked Mojos. This event was very successful last year, and we look forward to another great event this year. The Bennett Place Support Fund is sponsoring this event to help raise money for the upgrades and expansion of the visitor center at Bennett Place. Tickets are \$25.00 per person (15 and older) which includes your food, a side dish and roll plus your drink. For those ages 10-14 cost will be \$15.00 per person, and ages 10 & under tickets are \$5.00. Soda and water are also available for those who wish, as well as for those under 21. Tickets will be available on-line through our website ([www.bennettplacehistoricsite.com](http://www.bennettplacehistoricsite.com)) starting August 1st. Take out is also available and you have your choice of BBQ for \$12.00 per plate or brisket for \$15.00 per person. Each plate includes a side dish and dinner roll. Time: 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Location: Bennett Place State Historic Site.

## December 14, 2019

### *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: \$3.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child ages 5-16. Under 5 FREE**

## December 14, 2019

### *Christmas Candlelight Tour Program. Bennett Place State Historic Site.*

Under the glow of candlelight, 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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## CONTRIBUTION BENEFITS

*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!!!*



## *Friends of Bennett Place*

### *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.

### *Friends of Bennett Place Mission Statement:*

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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