

BENNETT PLACE COURIER

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Fall 2019

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BEER, BLUES & BBQ FUNDRAISING EVENT

The event is just a few weeks away but there is still time to purchase your tickets. This event is an important fundraiser the support group to raise the funds needed for the necessary upgrades to the visitor center. Your ticket purchase will go directly towards this project. In addition to the great food and music there will be games for everyone to enjoy, a silent auction and some wonderful door prizes.

Don't miss out on this fun evening.





Manager's Corner



Yes, it fall and that means cooler weather, less humidity, beautiful colors on the trees, school buses and so much more. I just love this season. As we gear up for the fall season, we'll be kicking it off here with the Beer, Blues & BBQ event on Saturday September 21st hosted by the Bennett Place Support Fund. Tickets are still available on their website:

www.bennettplacehistoricsite.com. The finishing touches are nearly complete, including the addition of some fun games for the young as well as the young at heart. The event was a lot of fun last year and we hope this year's event will be just as much fun and help raise funds needed for the upgrades to the visitor center.

I've enjoyed the slower pace of the summer months and I know my staff has. These months of respite give us the rest we need after a busy spring to prepare for the busy fall and early winter months. Calls and reservations for school group visits are beginning to come in and we'll be busy educating students on the importance of this site.

To update you on the milk/dairy house project...the research and paperwork has been completed and sent off for approval. Again, our thanks go out to Chuck LeCount and Bob Bemis who helped us with the research and design. As I write this article, we are waiting on the green light to begin construction. We'll keep you informed as we move forward with this exciting project.

This month marked the kickoff to the "Year of the Woman" to mark the centennial of women getting the right to vote with the opening event held at the Capitol on the 7th. There was a lot of activity and lots of visitors and I hope this will help bring recognition to the many countless contributions that women have made over the course of our history. We will also take advantage of this historic time at our Memorial Day Military timeline event next May with a tribute to the women who have made significant progress and participation in America's military history. We hope that you will come out to our event as well at take advantage of other women centered events held at our historic sites throughout this state. To learn more about these programs, visit: www.nchistoricsites.org and search the different state historic sites to find out about their programs. Here's to the ladies!

Happy fall y'all



Civil War Christmas Event

December 14th, 2019

Event runs 10-4

Annual Candlelight Tour

Program runs 6-8pm

Call 919-383-4345 for
more information

Save the date:

April 25th & 26th, 2020

155th Anniversary





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) 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.**



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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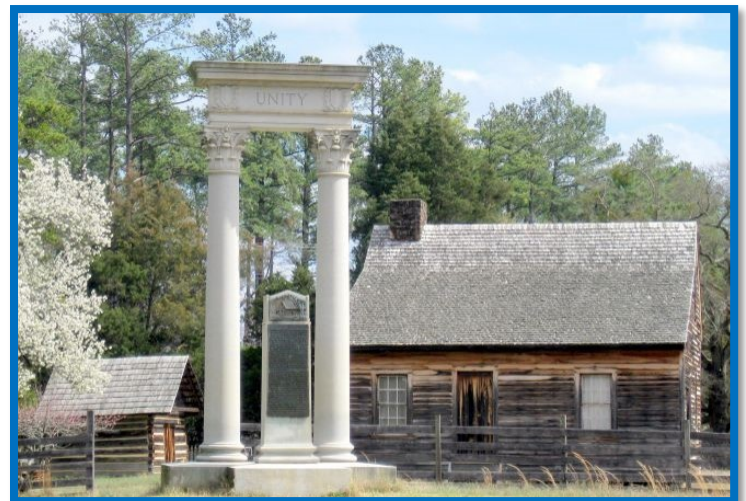
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Bennett Place State Historic Site Mission Statement:

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!

Friends of Bennett Place

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