

# Celebrate Historic Preservation Month with Prince William County



Did you know that the Historic Preservation Division preserves 15 sites and over 650 acres of historically and culturally significant property throughout the county? From Bushy Park to Rippon Lodge Historic Site, we strive to protect Prince William County's heritage and provide the community a chance to learn and engage in these historic places. Take a look at some of the events we are hosting during Preservation Month!

## May 2 Preservation Month Lectures: Historic Bushy Park

7 p.m., Free

While work has progressed to preserve the physical structure of Bushy Park, research on the history of the building has moved forward as well. Join County Preservationist Sarah Nucci for the latest on the history of the house, and the people who called it home. **Haymarket-Gainesville Library, 14870 Lightner Rd., Haymarket. 703-792-4754.**



## May 18 Brews and Brains Series at Bad Wolf Brewery

6 p.m. - 8 p.m., free, donations accepted.

Northern Virginia has a rich social history throughout in which beer played a part. Join the Historic Preservation Division and Bad Wolf Brewery as we examine the role of beer throughout American History in this four-part series of lectures, artifacts, and activities. The series will take place at Big Bad Wolf Brewery, located at 8420 Kao Circle, in Manassas, VA. April's session will be about "18th Century Taverns" For more information call **703-367-7872.**



## May 6 Kite Day at Brentsville

10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Free

Let's go fly a kite! Join us in this historic pastime. Bring your kites, a picnic and enjoy the day on the lawn. Visitors are welcome to enjoy face-painting, a kite-making craft table, and a horseshoe game on the front lawn. Concessions will also be available for purchase. **Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, 703-365-7895.**



## May 20 Ben Lomond's Antique Rose Garden Tea

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.; \$30 per person

Celebrate the arrival of spring by spending a wonderful afternoon in the antique rose garden at Ben Lomond enjoying historic tea and garden themed treats. Price of admission includes tea, light refreshments, and a special talk about roses and spring flowers in one of the largest antique rose garden in the Washington D.C. metro area, where you can learn how to care for your heirloom roses at home. Reservations are required. **Ben Lomond Historic Site, 703-367-7872.**



## May 9 Preservation Month Lectures: Historic Barnes House

7 p.m., Free

Join County Preservationist, Sarah Nucci, for an in-depth history of the Barnes House. From local lore to the most scientific evidence we can find – come learn more about the Prince William County landmark. Who were the Barnes Family? When was this structure built? And why did we save it. **Montclair Library, 5049 Waterway Dr., Montclair. 703-792-4754.**

## May 13 Brentsville Jail Grand Opening and Dedication

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Free, donations are encouraged

In its nearly 200-year existence, the Brentsville Jail has seen a lot of different uses. From a jail in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, to a dormitory, private house, and office space in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the building has changed a lot! After six years of restoration, join us for a grand opening of the Historic Brentsville jail. Local historians will provide special tours of the building. Dedication ceremony to take place at 10 a.m. **Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, 703-365-7895.**



## May 15 Museum Kids Monday!

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; \$5 per child, ages 8 and under.

Bring your child to explore history through sight, sound, smell, and touch through hands-on activities and crafts. Topics vary each month and will include subjects such as farming, textiles, or 19th century toys. Adult must be able to participate with children. **Ben Lomond Historic Site, 703-367-7872**



## May 20 Spring Art Fling at Rippon Lodge

9 a.m. - 4 p.m., FREE

In conjunction with the Prince William County Arts Council and Prince William County Parks, Enjoy a day full of music, dance, food, art and local vendors. See a special exhibit on artist, Aviza Black, the last private owner of Rippon Lodge and a talented fashion illustrator of the 1930s and 1940s. **Rippon Lodge Historic Site, 703-499-9812.**



## 2nd and 4th Weekends of May Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park Tours

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Tours leave on the hour; Free, Bristoe Station Battlefield historians will provide guided tours of the hallowed grounds that contain camps, cemeteries, and battlefields. Tours begin on the hour and depart from the kiosk in the parking lot on Iron Brigade Unit Avenue. **Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, 703-366-3049**



## Every Saturday May-October Yoga on the Lawn at Rippon Lodge

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. \$5 per class or 5 classes for \$20

Enjoy yoga on the lawn with amazing views of the Potomac River and historic Rippon Lodge. Beginning yoga students to well-versed devotees are welcome. Please bring a yoga mat, towel, and plenty of water. Offered most Saturdays, please call to confirm. **Rippon Lodge Historic Site, 703-499-9812.**



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