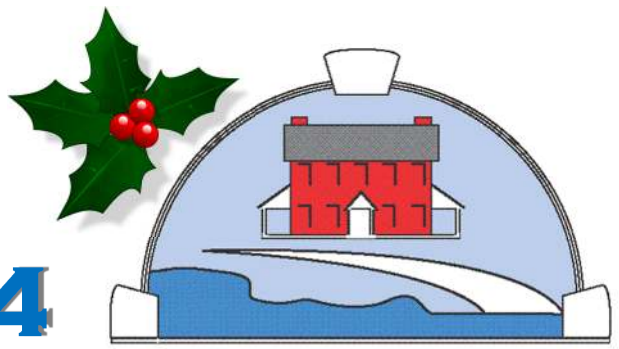


Circa 1794



The Newsletter of Rock Ford Plantation

WINTER 2019

Mark Your Calendar for Rock Ford's Traditional Yuletide Tours

Rock Ford's traditional Yuletide tours provide a remedy for the post-Christmas blues by offering a journey back in time to when Christmas Day was only the beginning of the season. Candlelight, festive music, dancing, and holiday greenery will set the scene for an 18th Century Yuletide at Rock Ford during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day.

During the period when General Edward Hand and his family lived at Rock Ford, Christmas Day was only the beginning of a festive season of 12 days of parties, dinners and dances. Visitors to Rock Ford's Yuletide tours will learn about 18th Century traditions, enjoy watching period dancing by Rock Ford's volunteer dance group, listen to beautiful traditional holiday music played on the harp and hammered dulcimer by the musical group Seasons as well as watch cooking demonstrations in the mansion's kitchen by members of our Warm Hearth Committee. Volunteers in period dress will be stationed in various rooms of the mansion offering insight into Yuletide traditions.

Yuletide Candlelight tours are December 26 and 27 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Daylight tours are December 28 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Admission is payable at the door (\$10 adults; \$8 seniors 65+ and youth ages 6-17, free for children 5 and under). If guests wish to purchase tickets in advance, please visit rockford.yapsody.com.

Upcoming Special Events

December:

7: Children's Event: Colonial Christmas, 2:00 pm in the Barn

26: Yuletide Candlelight Tours, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

27: Yuletide Candlelight Tours, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

28: Yuletide Daylight Tours, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

February:

9: Children's Event: George Washington's Birthday Party 2:00 pm (Snow date: February 22)



Photos from Rock Ford's 2018 Yuletide tours: Citrus fruits, such as this orange tree on display in the dining room, would have been a precious food commodity in the 18th century and would have been used decoratively on only the most elegant of special occasions (left), and period garbed Rock Ford volunteers pose in the Gold Parlor during daylight Yuletide tours (right).

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**2018-19 Membership Appeal—Final Update**

Rock Ford would like to thank the following individuals and organizations who became new members or who renewed their memberships **from November 1, 2018 to November 1, 2019**. Our Spring 2020 newsletter will contain the 2019-20 Membership Appeal.

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Capital Campaign Update

Since its public launch last May, Rock Ford's capital campaign in support of the establishment of the John J. Snyder, Jr. Gallery of Early Lancaster County Decorative Arts has made great strides. As of November 14, 2019, we are pleased to report that, thanks to our generous supporters, the campaign has raised over **\$1.5 million dollars** in gifts and pledges putting us well on our way towards our total goal of \$2 million dollars. In 2019, donor recognition events were hosted at Rock Ford as well as at the homes of John and Carol Pyfer and Paul and Judy Ware. We are so grateful for the many volunteers who have devoted countless hours toward this special project. A magnificent Donor Recognition Clock, commissioned to be produced by Lancaster artists and designers Catesby Gilbert, Stu VanOrmer and Alan Swanson, will serve to highlight the names of campaign donors while being a work of art in its own right. An update on the campaign will be provided at the Annual Membership Meeting on December 5.

For information about how you can become a part of this exciting and transformative project, please contact Sam Slaymaker at 717-392-7223 or at director@rockfordplantation.org.

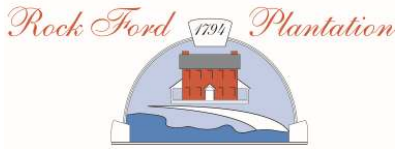


Views of the construction progress: Looking from the new addition on the rear of the barn into the gallery space (left) and the granary wall in the addition (right).

Give the Gift of Membership this Holiday Season!



Membership in the Rock Ford Foundation makes the perfect holiday gift for the history enthusiast in your life. Our levels begin at \$50 for an individual membership. All memberships include unlimited free admission to Rock Ford during regular museum hours; invitations to special membership activities, including educational programs, lectures and social events; receipt of our Newsletter; and 10% discount on all items in our museum shop. With the anticipation building over the opening of the John J. Snyder, Jr. Gallery, now is the perfect time to give the gift of membership. For details, please visit rockfordplantation.org/membership. Use the convenient Paypal link to make giving the gift of membership even easier.



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Rock Ford Awarded PHMC Grant

Rock Ford is pleased to announce that it was awarded a General Operating Support Grant in the amount of \$4,000 from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. These funds were used to support educational programs and general museum operations. The PHMC awards General Operating Support grants on a competitive basis to eligible museums and historic sites throughout the Commonwealth on an annual basis.



“The Matchmaker” Performs to Sold-Out Audiences

Rock Ford’s debut production of “The Matchmaker: A Tale Drawn from ‘Emma’ by Jane Austen” received an enthusiastic response from guests. All show times for the production were sold prior to the start of the second week of performances. The production was presented by Rock Ford in collaboration with Theater of the Seventh Sister and featured 14 total performances.



Pictured in the photo (from left to right) are Jessa Crasner as Harriet Smith, Tyler Rossi as Mr. Elton, Rachel Faust as Emma Woodhouse, Thomas G. Englert (seated) as Mr. Woodhouse and Sam Shea as Mr. Knightley. The cast also included Cynthia Charles as Jane Austen, who served as the narrator of the story, and members of the Rock Ford dance group. The candlelit rooms of the Rock Ford mansion played the role of Emma’s home of Hartfield.