

# NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY'S 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

WINCHESTER  
FREDERICK COUNTY  
**VA250**

VISIT  
SHENANDOAH  
COUNTY, VIRGINIA



HARRISONBURG  
**VIRGINIA250**  
AMERICAN REVOLUTION

WARREN COUNTY  
**VA250**

SHENANDOAH  
COUNTY  
C E L E B R A T E S  
**1776**

June 20, 2026

## EVENTS

### **IN WINCHESTER-FREDERICK COUNTY:**

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#### **FEBRUARY 16**

- 11AM **George Washington's Birthday Wreath Laying**, Daughters of the American Revolution

George Washington's Office, 32 W. Cork Street, Winchester.

- 12-4PM **FREE Admission to George Washington's Office Museum** 32 W. Cork Street, Winchester.

- 2-4PM **George Washington's Birthday Military Muster**, Captain Mercer's Company, Fort Loudoun, 419 N. Loudoun Street, Winchester.

- 5-8PM **George Washington's Birthday Celebration**, Hosted by French and Indian War Foundation. Fee to attend. Winchester Brew Works, 320 N. Cameron Street, Winchester

#### **FEBRUARY 19**

- **America 250 Book Circle**. This month's book is 1776 by David McCullough. Handley Regional Library, 100 W. Piccadilly St, Winchester.

#### **FEBRUARY 22**

- 1PM **George Washington's Birthday Wreath Laying**, Sons of the American Revolution

George Washington's Office, 32 W. Cork Street, Winchester.

- 2PM **Guided Walking Tour of Revolutionary War Era Buildings Tour**.

Begins at George Washington's Office, 32 W. Cork Street, Winchester.

- 3-5PM **Celebrate George Washington's Birthday at the George Washington Hotel**. Enjoy cake and cocktails with George Washington. 103 E. Piccadilly Street, Winchester.

#### **MARCH 1-31**

- **Finding Your Revolutionary War Hero**.

Pick up a passport (available at participating businesses and the Visitors Center) and visit Old Town Winchester businesses to find heroes and collect stamps to receive a prize. Winchester-Frederick County Visitors Center, 1400 S. Pleasant Valley Road, Winchester.

#### **MARCH 10**

- 6:30-7:30PM **"Daniel Morgan and His Dutch Mess"** presented by Brett Osborn.

Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society.

#### **MARCH 19**

- 6pm **America 250 Book Circle**. This month's book is Revolutionary Mothers by Carol Belkin. Handley Regional Library, 100 W. Piccadilly St, Winchester.

#### **MARCH 19-21**

- **Virginia Forum - "Revolutions and Resistance"**

Academic conference open to the public. Shenandoah University, 1460 University Drive, Winchester.

#### **MARCH 27**

- 5:30PM **Colonial Appetizers and Talk, "George Washington and the Backcountry: A Young Man in a New World"** by Warren Hofstra.

Fee for appetizers. George Washington Hotel, 103 E. Piccadilly St, Winchester.

### **IN CITY OF HARRISONBURG:**

#### **MARCH 2**

- **Freedom and Revolution: America 250 -Then**

**and Now.** A panel discussion inspired by the American Revolution, a film by Ken Burns. 6 - 7:30 P.M., JMU, Wilson Hall

#### **MARCH 4-6**

• Harrisonburg High hosts the **VA250 Mobile Museum**. It will be open to the public and times will be listed at VisitHarrisonburgVA.com/VA250.

#### **MARCH 5**

• **Religious Communities during the Revolutionary War** event at JMU Memorial Hall, 6 - 7:30 P.M.

#### **MARCH 6**

• **James Madison's Birthday Bash** at JMU enjoy a screening of "The American Constitution," bringing to life the 1787 Constitutional Convention and the framers who shaped it at 5 p.m. Grafton Stovall Theater.

#### **MARCH 16 - APRIL 25**

(closed Mondays) **We the People** exhibit at Rocktown History, Dayton More Info: <https://virginiahistory.org/we-people-traveling-exhibition>

#### **APRIL 11**

• **Huzzah** at Fort Harison from 10 - 3. Learn about life on the frontier with musket demonstrations and more.

#### **JULY 2**

• Downtown Harrisonburg VA250 community celebration on July 2 from 5 - 9:30 pm with a free Levitt AMP concert, a local opening band, Harrisonburg's biggest fireworks show yet), giveaways and more.

#### **JULY 4TH**

**A reading of the Declaration of Independence on the Old Courthouse steps.**

#### **JULY 4 - DEC. 2026**

**The Virginia Quilt Museum Exhibit Stitching Together History: 250 Quilts Commemorating the Commonwealth of Virginia.**

#### **JULY 13 - 8/24/26**

**UN/BOUND VMHC Traveling Exhibit** Massanutton Library

**Get your VA250 Passport Stamped at Rocktown History, Dayton**

Rocktown History is one of five Shenandoah Valley sites included in the statewide VA250 Passport. The program encourages visitors throughout the Commonwealth to embark on a tourism journey in celebration of America's 250th. The Virginia 250 Passport offers prizes and discounts to historic sites and museums to encourage individuals and families to explore and experience history together.

### **IN WARREN COUNTY:**

#### **APRIL 18**

2-9PM **From Lanterns to Liberty** at 101 Chester Street Front Royal, VA. Warren Heritage Society & Historic Downtown Front Royal Step into Revolutionary history with family fun, great food, live entertainment, hands-on activities, and a glow walk honoring Paul Revere.

#### **MAY 30**

10AM-6PM **Freedom Flows Festival** – Shenandoah River & Revolution at Eastham Park. Eastham Park with Samuels Public Library & Experience Warren County

Celebrate the Shenandoah River with family fun, hands-on activities, live demonstrations, local food, artisans, and interactive exhibits bringing history to life.

#### **JULY 3**

**Freedom Pops Fireworks** 6:00pm gates open Northern Virginia 4-H Center Celebrate America's 250th with

Warren County's biggest fireworks, food, live entertainment, and family fun at the Northern Virginia 4-H Center.

#### **OCTOBER 3**

**Liberty Day Heritage Festival** Rockland Park with Warren County VA250 Liberty Day delivers big fall family fun with history, reenactments, hands-on activities, live entertainment, and a can't-miss community celebration day.

### **IN SHENANDOAH COUNTY:**

**TIMES AND LOCATIONS CAN BE FOUND AT SHENANDOAH250.ORG**

#### **FEBRUARY 28**

• **Roots and Resilience: Black History in Shenandoah County**. Hosting local history groups to display information about Black History in Shenandoah County at Shenandoah County Community Center, Mt. Jackson

#### **MARCH 19**

• **"This is Genuine Democracy:" Women's Suffrage Movement in Shenandoah County** at Bonfire Bookstore - Woodstock

#### **APRIL 11**

**"Shenandoah County Heritage Day"**: Displays, exhibits, and talks about the people who have called this County home at the Shenandoah County Government Center

#### **MAY 9**

**"Martha & Me Musical Group"**: Performing 18th and 19th century music. Woodstock Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

#### **JUNE 20**

**"Shenandoah County Celebrates 1776"**: Exhibits, lectures, living history, and other activities in Downtown Woodstock

#### **JULY 3-5**

**"Evening Firework Displays"**: New Market, Woodstock, Strasburg, and Bryce



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