

# NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY'S

# 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

WINCHESTER  
FREDERICK COUNTY  
**VA250**

SHENANDOAH  
COUNTY  
TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



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## EVENTS

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

#### **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**. This is a panel discussion event at JMU which includes snippets from Ken Burns The American Revolution film. Panelists include two JMU history professors, Patrick Campbell from Montpelier and Jayme Swain President of VPM as moderator. This is the kickoff event to our area's 250 commemorative activities.

#### **MARCH 4**

• **Religious Communities during the Revolutionary War** event at JMU Memorial Hall 6-7:30PM. Confirmed speakers are Dr. Carl Bowman, a distinguished historian of the Church of the Brethren and Phil Kniss, recently retired pastor at Park View Mennonite Church, and an expert on Mennonite History.

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

• Harrisonburg High has been selected to host the VA250 Mobile Museum ! It will be open to the public and times will be listed at VisitHarrisonburgVA.com/VA250.

### **IN WARREN COUNTY:**

#### **FEBRUARY 20 - 21**

4-7PM, DoubleTree by Hilton Front Royal 111 Hospitality Dr., Front Royal, VA - As part of this eight-year celebration of the important people and events of the American Revolution, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation offers a detailed look at the conflict's early years with historian presentations and a historic home tour of one of the Shenandoah Valley's Continental Army generals.

#### **APRIL 18**

11AM-9PM From Lanterns to Liberty.

#### **MAY 30**

Freedom Flows Festival – Shenandoah River & Revolution at Eastham Park.

### **IN SHENANDOAH COUNTY:**

#### **FEBRUARY 3**

• **African American Experience in Shenandoah County: 250 Years**.

• Lecture at the Shenandoah County Library

#### **FEBRUARY 28**

• **Roots and Resilience: Black History in Shenandoah County**.

• Hosting local history groups to display information about Black History in Shenandoah County. Mount Jackson, Location TBD

#### **MARCH 19**

• **"This is Genuine Democracy:" Women's Suffrage Movement in Shenandoah County**.

• Panel held at Bonfire Bookstore - Woodstock, VA

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

• Harrisonburg's VA250 community celebration on **JULY 2** from 5-9:30PM. Features a free Levitt AMP concert with a local opening band, Harrisonburg's biggest fireworks show yet, a local student singer of the national anthem before the fireworks go off, and free red, white and blue swag giveaways and more.

**JULY 4TH** at Rockingham Park.

• Harrisonburg July 4th a reading of the Declaration of Independence on the Old Courthouse steps by the SAR.

• The Virginia Quilt Museum Exhibit Stitching Together History:250 Quilts Commemorating the Commonwealth of Virginia July 4 - Dec., 2026.

• 9AM to 1PM - We the People of the Valley: America 250, - A family friendly event with a children's parade, music, activities hosted by the DAR.

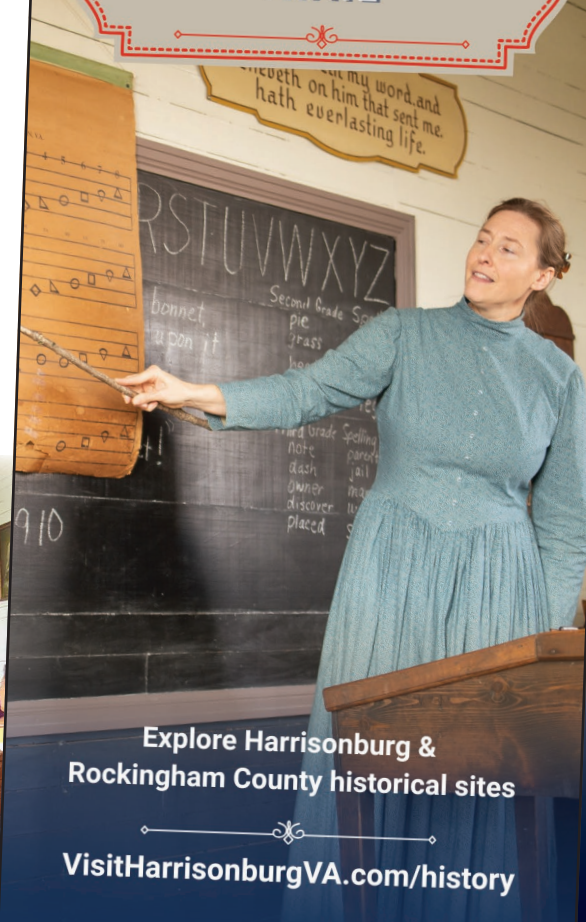
#### **JULY 13 - AUGUST 24**

• The VMHC UN/BOUND: Free Black Virginians, 1619-1865 Traveling Exhibit at Massanutten Library in Downtown Harrisonburg.



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