Accommodations
A limited number of rooms at each of the following motels have been re-
served at a special rate. To receive the discounted rate, you must mention
“Germanna Foundation Reunion” and make your reservation by June 12,
2017. We recommend making your reservations early. Go online to our
website, Germanna.org/conference-and-reunion/, to view a map of all
the locations of the events and accommodations.

Best Western Culpeper
Wed & Thurs $79.99 + tax, Fri & Sat $99.99 + tax
791 Madison Road, Culpeper, VA, 540-825-1253

Holiday Inn Express Culpeper
Wed & Thurs $119.99 + tax, Fri & Sat $129.99 + tax
778 Madison Road, Culpeper, VA, 540-825-7444

Quality Inn Culpeper
$99.99 + tax
890 Willis Lane, Culpeper, VA, 540-825-4900

Holiday Inn Express Orange
Wed & Thurs $85 + tax, Fri & Sat $119 + tax
750 Round Hill Drive, Orange, VA, 540-672-6691

Hilton Garden Inn Fredericksburg
$169 or $228 + tax
1060 Hospitality Lane, Fredericksburg, VA, 540-548-8822

Best Western Fredericksburg
$91 + tax (mention Conference #2238 Group Germanna)
2205 Plank Road, Fredericksburg, VA, 540-371-5050

Quality Inn Fredericksburg
$94.59 + tax
2310 Plank Road, Fredericksburg, VA, 540-371-0330

Staff Recommended B&Bs
Please call for rates and availability, no special rate for Germanna.

Fountain Hall B&B, 609 S. East St, Culpeper, VA, 800-298-4748
Inn on Poplar Hill, 278 Caroline St, Orange, VA, 540-672-6800
Mayhurst Inn, 12460 Mayhurst Lane, Orange, VA, 888-672-5597

Local tourism websites
Culpeper County visitculpeperva.com; Orange County www.virginiaweb.
va.gov; Madison County www.madison-va.com; Virginia www.
virginia.org

Sunday, July 16
Worship Service
10:00 am – 11:30 am
Hebron Lutheran Church
899 Blankenbaker Road, Madison, VA
Even if you have already visited the Hebron Lutheran Church, you will want to attend
this meaningful service. Ponder the impor-
tance of this church to your ancestors who
worshipped with this congregation even before the original sanctuary was
constructed in 1740. You will take communion from the antique chalice
in the same spot as your many times great-grandparents, and sing hymns
accompanied by the 200+ year old Tannenburg organ.

Annual Meeting & Picnic Lunch
Noon – 2:30 pm
Germanna Community College Daniel Technology Center
18121 Technology Drive, Culpeper, VA
The original Germanna Reunion event. After the worship service, head back
to Culpeper to join your friends and cousins one last time for an indoor
“picnic” lunch. The Annual Germanna Foundation Meeting celebrating the
60th Anniversary of the organization will feature comments by Foundation
President Marc Wheat regarding the accomplishments of the past year and
plans for the future. An additional presentation will be made by Foundation
Archaeologist Dr. Eric Larsen on the importance of the Fort Germanna /
Enchanted Castle site as a historic landmark.

July 17 – July 19
Post- Reunion / Dig Germanna
3-Day Archaeology Workshop
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily
Fort Germanna / Enchanted Castle site
Your chance to play in the dirt! Join staff
archaeologist Dr. Eric Larsen and assist in supervised field work at the Fort
Germanna / Enchanted Castle site.
The fine print: Due to necessary training which will be given the first
day, participants must commit to all three days of the workshop. Particip-
ants must be 16 years of age or older (age 14-15 allowed if accompanied
by parent/guardian), and in good health as field work is conducted outside
with limited shelter and facilities. Due to required supervision, registration
is limited to 4 total participants during each three-day session. If there are
more registrants than spots available, a full refund will be made.

The Germanna Foundation
60th Annual Conference and Reunion
July 13 - 16, 2017
Celebrating the 300th Anniversary of the Second Germanna Colony
Germanna Foundation Conference & Reunion 2017
300th Anniversary of the Second Colony, 1717 - 2017

Conference & Reunion Schedule

Wednesday, July 12
Board of Trustees Reception – by invitation
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Brawdus Martin Fort Germanna Visitor Center
2062 Germanna Hwy (Route 3), Locust Grove, VA
This invitation-only event serves as a Thank You from the Board of Trustees to our most generous supporters and volunteers, and to introduce local officials to Ger- mania. All donors at the Explorer giving level ($500 per year) and above will receive personal invitations.

Registration Open House
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Brawdus Martin Fort Germanna Visitor Center
2062 Germanna Hwy (Route 3), Locust Grove, VA
All reunion attendees are invited by the Brawdus Martin Fort Germanna Visitor Center to pick up registration materials, hike the trails, browse the library, and check out the interpretive display.

Clore Family Gathering
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Skip and Joy Poole, 262 Washington Street, Locust Grove, VA
Germanna Foundation Trustee and proud Clore descendant Skip Poole will be on hand to guide us and answer questions about recent work. The nearby area of Culpeper County settled by the Second Colony during its indurture period will be explained. Next, we will head to Germantown in Fauquier County to see the area of First Colony permanent settlement. Finally, we will spend the afternoon in Madison County, permanent home of most of the Second Colony after their indenture

Friday, July 14
Germanna Heritage Tour
8:15 am – 4:30 pm
Departs/Returns Best Western Culpeper
791 Madison Road, Culpeper, VA
Join your guides for a tour of the four-county Germanna Heritage area. We will start off the day by visiting the Fort Germanna site in Orange County. Archaeological staff will be on hand to guide us and answer questions about recent work. The nearby area of Culpeper County settled by the Second Colony during its indurture period will be explained. Next, we will head to Germantown in Fauquier County to see the area of First Colony permanent settlement. Finally, we will spend the afternoon in Madison County, permanent home of most of the Second Colony after their indenture

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Start the day with coffee & donuts, socialize, shop in the Vendor Hall, and listen to an informative schedule of informative lectures. If you have not already done so, registration materials may be picked up at the Germanna booth in the Vendor Hall. Boxed lunch included.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS:

 Cathi Clare Frost, Presenting Germanna Record #2: The First Four Generations of the Willett Family
Unveiling the newest Germanna Foundation publication. If you preordered a copy, you may pick it up at the Germanna booth in the Vendor Hall. Additional copies will be available for purchase.

 JohnBlankenbaker, Germana 101
Covering the basics of Germanna Colony history. Why did they live there? What is known about these Reformed and Mennonites? Where did they live during their indenture period? Why didn’t the two colonies settle permanently in the same area? This presentation will answer these questions and more.

 Dr. Eric Larsen, Germanna Archaeology – An Update on the Search for Fort Germanna
The Germanna Foundation took over stewardship of the Enchanted Castle Site at the end of 2013. Since that time, the Foundation has worked to stabilize and pro- tect the area known as Fort Germanna. In 2015, they took a first season of excavations at the site in more than twenty years. The initial goal was to find more of a linear feature first identified in 1993. The feature, known as the palisade trench, is believed to have been part of the wooden palisade wall for the 1714 Fort Germanna. We have begun efforts to better define this feature on the greater landscape. If successful, archaeology can then begin to better target the Fort’s central blockhouse and the individual dwellings of the First Germanna Colonists. In the course of pushing archaeology beyond the foundations of Spotwood’s "Enchanted Castle", we begin to expand the archaeological connections with the greater story of Germanna.

 Cathi Clare Frost, Documents Used to Identify the Second Colonists
How do we know who were members of the Second Ger- mania Colony? Are your ancestors among this group? Explore records from Germany and Virginia used to document the seventy-odd or eighty Germans who sailed with Captain Thomas Spotswood on the "Germanna".

 Ann Marie Ackerman, Germans, Mann and Mystery: The German Assassin Who Defending Robert E. Lee
From the depths of German and American histories comes a story one soldier never wanted told. The first volunteer killed defending Robert E. Lee’s position in battle was really a German assassin. Lee wrote a letter home praising that soldier, not knowing his background. That man’s identity has been a mystery to American historians, only to have been recently unraveled. That same soldier assassinated the mayor of Bün- nigheim, Germany in 1835. He fled from Setten am Heuchelberg, fled to Philadelphia shortly after the murder, where he joined all-German com- pany of volunteers in the Mexican-American War. At the Siege of Veracruz, Robert E. Lee and the assassin had their fateful encounter. The roles the volunteer and Robert E. Lee, a descendant of Alexander Spotswood, played at the Siege of Veracruz are part of American history, but the story has only recently been uncovered

Saturday, July 15
Kids Colonial Camp (ages 6-14)
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Brawdus Martin Fort Germanna Visitor Center
2062 Germanna Hwy (Route 3), Locust Grove, VA
Drop your children or grandchildren ages 6-14 off at the Fort Germanna Visitor Center for a fun day of activities provided by the staff of Camp Flintlock. Kids will spend the day participating in Colonial games and other period activities. A short German lesson with performance sched- uled during the Banquet this evening is also on the agenda. Camp Flintlock will provide a Colonial Store where you and your children may shop for souvenirs at the end of the session. Please dress your children appropriately for the weather in clothes and closed toe shoes that may get dirty. A waiver form must be signed upon drop off in the morning if not completed before. Prompt pick-up at the end of the session is expected.

Historical & Genealogical Conferences
8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Germanna Community College Daniel Technology Center
18121 Technology Drive, Culpeper, VA
Start the day with coffee & donuts, socialize, shop in the Vendor Hall, and listen to an informative schedule of informative lectures. If you have not already done so, registration materials may be picked up at the Germanna booth in the Vendor Hall. Boxed lunch included.

Auction and Wine Donations Needed
Please help make our annual event a success by donating items. We are in need of bottles of wine for a “White Elephant Wine” sale, consider donating a bottle of local wine from your region. Gift certificates as well as themed baskets have been popular auction items in the past. Do you own a vacation home, time share or live somewhere fun? Donation of stays in interesting places also make great auction items. Please submit all donations by July 10 for inclusion in the auction booklet. If items cannot be mailed or dropped off at the Germanna Foundation office in advance, an email to Barbara Bounds (bounds@germanna.org) by the above date would be appreciated and ensure inclusion.

Register & pay for the Conference & Reunion online at GERMANNA.org