Germanna on the Frontier

The Germanna Foundation
61st Annual Conference and Reunion

July 12 - 15, 2018
Thursday, July 12

Registration Open House
11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Fort Germanna Visitor Center
2062 Germanna Hwy (Route 3), Locust Grove, VA
Drop by the Brawdus Martin Fort Germanna Visitor Center to pick up your registration materials. While you are here, take this opportunity to hike the trails, browse the library, and check out the interpretive display.

Please note: The Germanna Foundation Visitor Center will be closing early, at 3:00 pm on this date.

Fort Germanna / Enchanted Castle Archaeological Site Open House
Noon – 4:00 pm
Fort Germanna / Enchanted Castle Site
Gordon Farm Road, Locust Grove, VA
Drive across Germanna Hwy (Route 3) to explore the Fort Germanna / Enchanted Castle site. Germanna Foundation Staff Archaeologist Dr. Eric Larsen, summer intern staff, and Virginia Commonwealth University Field School students will be on hand to lead informal site tours showcasing their seasonal work. Will they #FindtheFort?
Closed toe shoes are required. Other protective gear and bug spray are highly recommended. Beware of chiggers, ticks, snakes, and poison ivy. Directions will be available at the Visitor Center during Registration.

Clore Family Gathering
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
262 Washington Street, Locust Grove, VA
An informal get together for Clore descendants will once again be hosted by Skip and Joy Poole at their home in Lake of the Woods. Directions will be available at the Visitor Center during Registration.

Fishback/Rector Family Gathering
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Culpeper Location TBD
An informal get together for Fishback and Rector descendants will be hosted by Fran Rowell. Directions will be available at the Visitor Center during Registration.

Board of Trustees Reception by Invitation
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
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 Germanna. All donors at the Explorer giving level ($500 per year) and above will receive personal invitations.

Friday, July 13

Germanna Heritage Tours
Depart/Return at Best Western Culpeper
791 Madison Road, Culpeper, VA
All three tours will depart and return to the Best Western Culpeper. If you didn’t arrive in town early enough to pick up your registration materials, they will be available. Please note that the tours will be departing at different times.

HERITAGE TOUR: Frontier Culture Museum Tour
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Travel to the Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia at Staunton with its former Director of Research and Collections (Germanna Trustee Katherine Brown) as guide. At this living history outdoor museum, you will visit original, authentic 18th century farmhouses brought from the European cultures that settled the colonial American frontier: England, Germany, and Ireland, see reproductions of African and Native American settlements, and see original Virginia farm houses as those cultures blended in the early 19th century. You will experience how YOUR Germanna ancestors lived in Germany and in America. Special emphasis will be placed on the German farm from the Palatinate, not far from villages from which Germanna settlers emigrated. Total amount of walking in the day is about ¾ of a mile. A few golf carts are available for those with some walking difficulty. Box lunch and museum admission are included. Please visit www.frontiermuseum.org before registering for this tour.

HERITAGE TOUR: First Colony Tour
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
First stop on this tour will be where it all began for the First Colony at the Fort Germanna site with Archaeologist, Eric Larsen. The question as to why the 1714 immigrants were brought here will be answered by your Trustee Tour Guide, Barbara Price. We will follow the road that our ancestors took to Germantown, then on to Elk Run Church with our host, Ed Dandar. Elk Run Church was the local parish church that our ancestors were required to attend and in close proximity to Germantown. As we meander south, we will be met by a local historian in the town of Jeffersonson, the site of the Little Fork Colony, and end our tour at the historic Little Fork Church with not only ties to Germanna, but also to Lady Butler Brayne Spotswood Thompson and Salubria. Up to a mile of walking will be required on dirt roads and uneven ground, so please wear sturdy shoes. Be mindful of poison ivy, mosquitoes, chiggers, ticks and, possibly, snakes at the Fort Germanna site. Bug spray is recommended. Box lunch included.

HERITAGE TOUR: Second Colony Tour
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Join your guide, Trustee Stephen Chanko, for a tour to Second Colony territory in Madison County, Virginia. Drive through some of the prettiest spots in the Robinson River Valley and the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains as the tour takes you past the early land patents. Enjoy a leisurely visit at historic Hebron Lutheran Church. By popular request, a delicious family-style lunch at Graves Mountain Lodge is planned. Additional stops to be determined.

Photo and Document Scanning
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Fort Germanna Visitor Center
2062 Germanna Hwy (Route 3), Locust Grove, VA
Photo and document scanning will be available in the Fort Germanna Visitor Center library on Friday for those not taking a tour. Do you have antique family photos, family bible records, or documents relating to your Germanna descended ancestors? Want to share them with the Germanna descendants? Want to share them with the Germanna descendants? Want to share them with the Germanna descendants?
Foundation but don’t have the equipment to scan them? A volunteer will be available to scan them for you.

Note: This service will also be available at the Daniel Center during the Saturday Conference.

**Banquet & Auction**
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Lake of the Woods Clubhouse
205 Lakeview Parkway, Locust Grove, VA

The Annual Banquet is the main social event of the reunion weekend. After a day of touring outdoors, join us in air-conditioned comfort overlooking Lake of the Woods. Begin the evening enjoying the social hour with cash bar followed by a buffet dinner. Bid on a variety of items during the silent and live auctions.

**Photo and document scanning** will be available at the Daniel Center during the Conference. Do you have antique family photos, family bible records, or documents relating to your Germanna descended ancestors? Want to share them with the Germanna Foundation but don’t have the equipment to scan them? A volunteer will be at the Daniel Center during the Conference to scan them for you.

**CONFERENCE SESSIONS:**

- **Ashley Abruzzo, Journey to the Land of Lincoln: Germanna Settlers in Illinois**
  As Illinois celebrates its bicentennial, Illinois native Ashley Abruzzo will present on the various Germanna families who settled there. With assistance from Germanna descendants, she has collected family histories and images to narrate the lives of these settlers. Where in Illinois did they live? Did any serve in the military? What were their occupations? Did they rub elbows with any famous politicians? All that and more.

- **John Blankenbaker, Germanna Short Stories**
  Through a series of short stories, our Germanna people are presented in novel ways. Still we will see that they are much like the people you know today. They weren’t always angels and model citizens and they came from varied backgrounds. Some of the stories have humorous elements while some have their tragic moments. An entertaining and educational presentation.

- **Glenn Cress, Interpreting DNA Test Results**
  Your DNA test results includes the names of others (who have tested) who match with your DNA. These names may include close relatives as well as distant cousins. Vendors provide only estimates of the actual relationships. The main focus of this presentation is to review some of the techniques/tools that can be applied to help analyze/interpret your DNA test results for y-DNA, mt-DNA, and at-DNA.

- **Kevin Duffus, Blackbeard’s Last Battle**
  The notorious pirate Blackbeard stands among the best-known figures of early colonial American history, yet no one still knows who he really was. To this day, his identity, his origins, and his motivations for committing acts of piracy remain in contention. Did he hail from England, Jamaica, or the Carolinas? Was his surname Teach, or Thatch, or something else entirely? Was he an undistinguished common sailor suddenly thrust into command of a pirate ship? Was he a former Royal Navy sailor and an aristocratic, Anglican slave-owning planter who inexplicably turned Jacobite and pirate? Or was he a mariner on a salvage mission lured to piracy by a mob of looters, and who later became a pawn in an attempted political coup in proprietary North Carolina? These conflicting interpretations have provoked hostile debate. At stake are the credibilities of monolithic institutions and museums, the reputations of researchers and authors, the financial stakes of publishers, and the future of a popular historical narrative. History carved in stone is never easily disconfirmed, especially when history’s icons have been sculpted and burned by centuries of myth and folklore. For more than 45 years, award-winning research historian Kevin Duffus has followed the wake of the notorious pirate’s journey through history. Along the way he has discovered significant clues and pivotal waypoints in the Blackbeard records that point to a startling conclusion—one that many scholars do not want the public to know.

- **Carole Nash, Area Native Americans**
  Learn about Native Americans of the Germanna settlement area from one of our Germanna cousins, Madison County native and Carpenter descendant Dr. Carole L. Nash of James Madison University. Dr. Nash is well known in the Virginia archaeological community and has spent her career studying the Native Americans of western Virginia.

**Germanna Oktoberfest and Pirate Fun**
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Salubria, 19173 Salubria Lane (off Route 3), Stevensburg, VA

Put on your dirndl and lederhosen or your best pirate gear and head to the grounds of historic Salubria for this casual, family friendly dinner. Celebrate our German heritage and partake of some pirate fun. Tour the mansion during the pre-dinner cocktail hour. Back by popular demand, traditional Oktoberfest fare catered by Bavarian Chef is on the menu. Schmeckt so gut! Sample Blackbeard’s punch if ye dare! After dinner enjoy entertainment provided by the Low’n’Brows, a local German band.
Sunday, July 15

Worship Service at Hebron Church followed by Lunch
10:00 am
Hebron Lutheran Church
899 Blankenbaker Road, Madison, VA
Join fellow descendants and current members of the congregation for a meaningful worship service at historic Hebron Lutheran Church. Lunch will be provided following the service by the women of the congregation. They ask that you please register so they have enough food on hand for all. A separate, free will offering in the parish hall to cover the expenses of providing the lunch will be appreciated and help them continue the good work they undertake.

Living History
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Our favorite historical re-enactor, Dennis Loba, and his cohorts are in the midst of planning a display just for us. How will they top the 2016 Knights of the Golden Horseshoe encampment? What will they have in store for us in 2018? Details will be available at the Reunion.

Monday, July 16 – Wednesday, July 18

Post- Reunion / Dig Germanna
3-Day Archaeology Workshop
9:00 am – 5:00 pm 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. Participants 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.

Some practical information & advice:
• Outdoor Reunion activities take place rain or shine, pack an umbrella and/or cap.
• Air conditioning may make indoor venues chilly, we recommend bringing a sweater.
• Dress code is generally casual, with the exception being the Banquet which is dressy.
• Please do not arrive more than 15 minutes before event start times as not all venues will be able to accommodate you early. (Refer to map for drive times.)
• Bring this Reunion Brochure with you for handy reference.
• Have a family member that isn’t interested in partaking in all Reunion activities? Check out local tourism websites—the area has plenty to offer.
• If you are a history buff, plan additional days to see the sites of this area—Civil War battlefields, homes of presidents, Colonial Williamsburg, and the nation’s capital are all within easy distance.

Accommodations
A limited number of rooms at each of the following motels have been reserved at a special rate. To receive the discounted rate, you must mention “Germanna Foundation Reunion” and make your reservation by June 12, 2018. Rates include breakfast. We recommend making your reservations early.

Best Western Culpeper - $79.99
791 Madison Road, Culpeper, VA, 540-825-1253

Holiday Inn Express Culpeper - $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

Microtel Inn & Suites - $84.99 + tax
885 Willis Lane, Culpeper, VA, 540-829-0330

Please remember the Germanna Foundation in your estate plans and will.

Register & pay for the Conference & Reunion online at GERMANNA.org
Germanna Conference & Reunion — Directions to Events

From Fort Germanna Visitor Center:

2062 Germanna Hwy (Rt 3), Locust Grove, VA
Drive time: 16 miles, 25 minutes
• Turn Right out of the Best Western / Holiday Inn Express onto Madison Rd
• Turn Right onto Germanna Highway (US 522-South/US-15 Business South/Route 3) and continue driving on Route 3 for 15 miles
• Turn Right at the Germanna Community College entrance
• Turn Right at the Fort Germanna Visitor Center sign

From Fort Germanna Archaeology Site:

Gordon Farm Road, Locust Grove, VA
Follow Directions to the Fort Germanna Visitor Center to pick up your registration materials
• From the Visitor Center, Drive to Germanna Highway (Route 3)
• Drive Straight Across Germanna Highway (Route 3) onto Spotswood Drive
• Turn Left onto Gordon Farm Road (gravel road)
• Turn Left at the driveway at the end of the road (just past the storage building)
• Drive through gate to the Grass Parking Area

From Clore Family Gathering:

Skip & Joy Poole’s Home at Lake of the Woods
262 Washington Street, Locust Grove, VA
Drive time: 15 minutes
• Follow Directions to the Fort Germanna Visitor Center to pick up your registration materials and visit the Fort Germanna / Enchanted Castle Archaeology Site
• Drive back to Germanna Highway (Route 3)
• If coming from Visitor Center, Turn Right onto Germanna Highway (Route 3)
• If coming from the Fort Germanna / Enchanted Castle site, Turn Left onto Germanna Highway (Route 3)
• Turn Right onto Lake of the Woods Way and get in the Left Lane
• Check in at gate – Let them know you are attending a party at the address above
• Turn Right onto Lakeview Parkway (Note: Speed limit 25 mph at LOW)
• Turn Left on Constitution Blvd
• Turn Right onto Washington Street
• Gray/Blue House will be on the Right

From Lake of the Woods Clubhouse:

205 Lakeview Parkway, Locust Grove, VA
Drive time: 19 miles, 30 minutes
• Turn Right out of the Best Western / Holiday Inn Express onto Madison Rd
• Turn Right onto Germanna Highway (Route 3) and continue for 7 miles
• Turn right onto Salubria Lane
• Follow driveway to Salubria, valets will park your vehicle in the field

From Hebron Lutheran Church:

899 Blankenbaker Road, Madison, VA
Drive time: 16 miles, 20 minutes
• Exit from the side driveway of the Best Western onto Willis Lane (Note: If exiting from front drive onto Madison Road you will need to Turn Right and then U-Turn at Southridge Parkway)
• Merge onto US 29 South towards Charlottesville and continue for 13 miles
• Turn Right onto Hebron Valley Road (Note: Do not turn of US 29 earlier even though you see Hebron Church Road as the portion between US 29 and Hebron Valley Road is partially gravel)
• Turn Left onto Hebron Church Road
• Turn Right onto Blankenbaker Road and Hebron Lutheran will be on the Right

NOTE: All Distances and Drive Times are from the Best Western Culpeper unless otherwise noted. We recommend bringing a road map and/or GPS in addition to these directions.
Early Bird (EB) prices are good through June 1, 2018 after which Regular Registration prices go into effect. Register Early! Registration for each event is on a first-come, first-served basis and some events SELL OUT. Sorry, no cancellation refunds after June 25, 2018. Cancellation refunds subject to a $20 administrative fee. Reunion registration deadline July 8, 2018.

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Mailing Address:

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- Please check here if this is your first Germanna Reunion
- Germanna ancestor family names you wish printed on your name badge. Please provide even if you are a member and/or have attended a previous Conference & Reunion. If not provided, this section will be blank on your name badge.

In an effort to expand our file holdings and as well as our Database of Germanna Descendants, we wish to collect family trees from members. If possible, please enclose a copy of yours with your reunion registration or email a copy to cathiclorefrost@comcast.net. Copies of photographs, bible records and other documents are also desired.

For those choosing “All Reunion Events”:
Remember to mark your Heritage Tour choice and RSVP to events!

Become a Reunion Sponsor:
- Sponsor a Conference Speaker for $100
- Choice of speaker available on a first come, first served basis
- General Reunion or Event Sponsorship in any amount
- Sponsor the Banquet at one of the following levels:
  - Explorer $500
  - Ranger $1,717
  - Scout $5,000
  - Pioneer $10,000

***If contribution is toward a sponsorship, please indicate desired speaker or reunion event below:

Please remember the Germanna Foundation in your estate plans and will.

You can also register & pay online at GERMANNA.org