



Germanna Volunteer Projects

Would you like to help the Germanna Foundation from the comforts of home? We have several volunteer opportunities that you can participate in. We are open to suggestions if there is anything YOU want to do to assist Germanna from afar. Please contact us at 540-423-1700 or email aabruzzo@germanna.org to discuss.

Transcription of Digitized Files

Overview: Over the last few decades, descendants of various Germanna families have submitted their personal research to the Germanna Foundation for future generations to utilize when researching their ancestry. Some have included copies of files from various repositories, such as historical societies, circuit courts, and courthouses. While the documents may be in good or fair condition, once digitized, they may not be easily readable, or the OCR (Optical Character Recognition) is unusable. For this, we need volunteers to help us transcribe these documents for online research.

Presentations

If you would like to do a presentation to a local group, the Germanna Foundation has presentations geared specifically toward its history and mission.

Educational Trunk

Overview: Educational (or traveling) trunks can be filled with objects for children between elementary and high school. By creating educational plans based around Germanna related themes (immigration, frontier life, archaeology), children around the country can learn about Virginia's early German settlers and how it ties into America's story of liberty.

We are looking for individuals who would be interested in creating these trucks to use at their schools to broaden the discussion of Germanna's role in American history.

Early Colonial American War Soldiers (French and Indian/Revolutionary War)

Compiling a list of soldiers who descend from Germanna families that fought in early wars such as the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War. By creating a database of soldiers, it will help with researchers who come looking for information for personal or scholarly reasons. This information would be sent to the Fort Germanna Visitor Center and kept on file in house and on an online database.

Connecting Your Relatives to Germanna

Do you have friends or family who are or would be interested in learning more about Germanna's story? Do you have a cousin who should become a member? We can send you a small package with a membership form, brochure, and a recent newsletter to get them started on their discovery to Germanna!

Developing a Lesson Plan for Elementary and High Schoolers on the History of Germanna in the Colonial Era

Calling all teachers! We are looking for teachers to create lesson plans for your students to learn about the role of Germanna and American History. Lesson plans should be multifaceted and cover history, math, English language standards found in state SOL's.

Build a Sand Table

Germanna needs a skilled woodworker to create a sand table for us to use as part of our outreach efforts. This table will allow participants to create various fort designs and for the staff to help guests understand the development of fort design and to see the design of Fort Germanna. It will also allow staff the model the Fort Germanna site as described by John Fontaine.

We need a 5'X 5' square platform with a 3" lip around the edge. If possible, the table should fold in half for easier transport in a vehicle. It does not need legs as the table will either rest on the floor or another tabletop. Please call Germanna for more details concerning this project. The project head is Dr. Eric Larsen.

Questions? Contact Membership Development Manager Ashley Abruzzo at aabruzzo@germanna.org or 540-423-1700.