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It is an economic challenge to maintain our community programs and educational outreach, which is why we are asking for your support during the **Hanover Tavern Foundation Annual Giving Fund**. We wish to thank all that have attended events this year, volunteered to make the events a success, or supported us financially. It is only through your support that Hanover Tavern functions as the center of the community and an educational destination for students and adults. We are appreciative of the many that value what we do and have given in the past and ask that you support us once again. If this is a new request, we hope that you will join the Tavern family. Please dig deep and make a tax-deductible contribution. Together we will deliver on our mission to **preserve, interpret, and utilize Hanover Tavern as an historical, educational, community and cultural resource for the enjoyment of all**. Donating is easy with our on-line website form (hanovertavern.org) or by using the enclosed envelope. Please consider a monthly gift through automatic recurring on-line giving. We are grateful and appreciative of your donations and will be an excellent steward of this funding.

We hope to see you soon at Hanover Tavern. Thank you, again, for your support!

Hanover Tavern Foundation Staff

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"I spent three decades in service to our great Nation. Serving as a board member gives me the sense of purpose I felt in uniform and the opportunity to pay it forward to future generations, to enjoy Hanover Tavern as a gathering place for the local community and be part of the legacy of those that walked the historic grounds. —Mark Susnis, Board Member

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Dear Friends,

It warms our hearts to see so many people enjoying **Hanover Tavern**. Some come for history, but we realize that it takes more than just history to keep the building alive; it takes people. New and varied programs bring new visitors and provide additional reasons for regulars to return. 2023 has been a whirlwind of activity, with thousands of visitors enjoying teas, speaker series, plays, tours, living history, paranormal investigations, weddings/receptions, exhibits, and escape room. New this year were the Haunted Tavern Cocktail Experience in the theater and the Shelton Supper, hosted in the restored cage bar room.

In late September, our largest public event of the year, **Hanover AutumnFest**, sponsored by Anton Paar, was enjoyed by more than 1,500 people. It brings great pleasure to see so many families enjoying the food, crafts, petting zoo, magician, and other activities here at Hanover Tavern. Much work goes into an event of this magnitude, but it is all worth it when you see those happy, smiling faces. Many thanks to those that came out and to all our staff and volunteers that worked so hard to make sure that all had a memorable experience. And to all that volunteer over the course of the year, we could not accomplish so much without you!

Fall programs such as Oktoberfest, Heritage Music Series, Golf Tournament, Coffee With a Cop, and Ghosts Walk at Night are already behind us. We hope to see you at one of our upcoming holiday events.

In July, we opened an important exhibit featuring a newly identified piece of furniture that once belonged to founding father and Hanover native, Patrick Henry. Shown in the Coach House in January, the Tavern was the partial setting for an episode of "Beyond Oak Island" about the search for the treasure of Cornwallis. The annual "Antiques at the Tavern" continues to grow, with a reputation as one of the best shows on the east coast, featuring quality dealers bringing wonderful historical items for sale.



In addition to community activities, programs, & preservation, a major part of our focus is educational outreach. Our 4th grade Standards of Learning field trip, **"Hanover Tavern: History in the Heart of Virginia"** returned in 2023, reinforcing the Virginia history requirement for all fourth graders. As the students visit the Historic Courthouse and Tavern, they travel back in time, meeting numerous living history characters, helping to make the visit memorable by bringing history to life. More than 2,300 central Virginia students attended in March. Since 2012, in excess of 21,000 4th grade students have learned Virginia history through our outreach. Thousands more have benefitted from video sessions in the classroom and the annual 6th grade writing competition.



"Thank you and your team very much! Our students are still talking about how awesome our visit was and which parts they liked best. We love the opportunity to make history alive for our kiddos! We will definitely be back with next year's crew!"

-Hanover County Teacher

