



## Volunteers and Staff bring life back to the Gardens

In the beginning of April the Hanover Tavern Foundation First Monday Volunteers and the Foundation staff worked diligently together to bring the Tavern gardens back to life after the long winter months had taken their toll. The Tavern has three main gardens that require constant upkeep and maintenance. This upkeep could not have been achieved without the passion for gardening that our volunteers so deeply have.

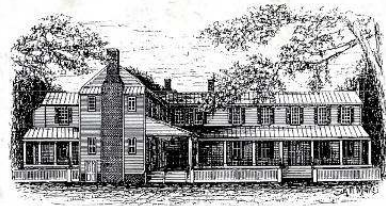
With this passion, the staff and Volunteers were not to be discouraged by the work ahead. Together, they put their hands in the dirt and through two full days of hard work they resuscitated the gardens to their former glory. The gardens were weeded, tilled and turned upside down by hours of labor. After the first round of work was completed, new bulbs and flowers were planted and a truck load of mulch was laid out among the three gardens, along with landscaping fabric to keep those pesky weeds from, hopefully, coming back.

The gardens are an important part to the Taverns external beauty. They bring the color, life and scents of spring to the Tavern and the County Complex. The gardens also give us time to work with our volunteers who do so much to make Hanover Tavern a better place for us all. They devote their time and energy into projects like this and the end result is beautiful gardens that the whole community **can enjoy**. For this, we thank them for their unwavering effort and devotion to the Tavern. Please take the time to walk our gardens and appreciate the hard work we have all done to make them special for not just the Tavern, but for you and your family.

If you would like to know more about volunteering at Hanover Tavern please contact Site Supervisor Josh Epps at [jepps@hanovertavern.org](mailto:jepps@hanovertavern.org).

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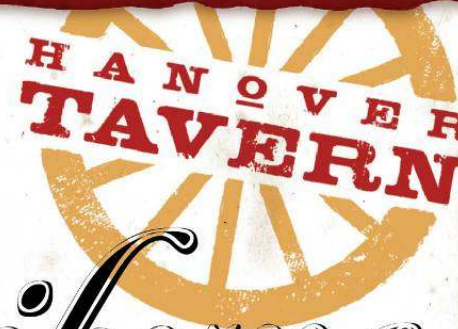
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## Hanover Tavern 2011 Capital Campaign "150k in 150 Days"

In late March, Hanover Tavern Foundation kicked off the 2011 Capital Campaign "150k in 150 days" to help continue the mission of preservation and restoration of the historic Tavern. The 2011 Capital Campaign will help complete phase one of a three phase plan to improve the Tavern. Phase one includes much needed parking area improvements to increase the number of spaces, as well as improve traffic flow and safety. The plan also includes sidewalk restructuring, new hand rails, and the creation of an arrival court that will help better identify the entrance and improve access.

The Cabell Foundation has awarded Hanover Tavern a matching grant so that every dollar that is donated will be matched by the Cabell Foundation. The Hanover Tavern Foundation is seeking tax-deductible contributions from individuals, foundations, and local businesses to help match this grant and complete the goal of \$150,000. The Cabell Foundation supports and provides important leverage for the charitable sector in challenging the generosity of the donor community.

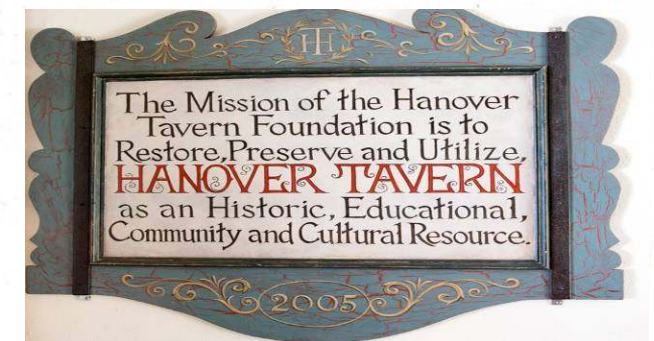
The \$150,000 campaign is aimed at making the Tavern more accessible and safer to Tavern visitors, Restaurant & Pub patrons, and Barksdale Theatre goers. If you would like to see Hanover Tavern become more accessible and easier to enjoy, donate today! Please help us continue our mission of restoration and preservation of Hanover Tavern as an historic, educational, community and cultural resource center. Check out our site plan in the lobby to get a better understanding of the improvements and how it will help you as a Tavern Patron.

### Did you know this about Hanover Tavern?

★ The original Hanover Tavern was constructed in 1733. The oldest part of the current building is 1791.

★ Barksdale Theater was the first performing arts program to open its doors to integrated audiences.

★ The road that passed through here from Richmond to Fredericksburg was on the back side of the building where the Veranda is located.



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## Hanover Tavern 2011 Golf Tournament

Join us for our Second Annual Golf Tournament on October 3, 2011 at the Hanover Country Club. Last years Golf Tournament was a huge success with 26 teams that competed and we would like to see your team there this year! Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, as well as, prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive and the hole in one challenge. Join as a team or as a sponsor and help our great Foundation by having some fun on the links. For more information about the Tournament contact our Executive Director David Deal at [ddeal@hanovertavern.org](mailto:ddeal@hanovertavern.org).



### The Restaurant

To make reservations or to schedule a special event call 804.537.5050. For information about facility rentals, weddings and more, ask for restaurant manager, Sara Dickerson.

### The Theatre

To learn more about upcoming shows, or to purchase tickets, please call the Barksdale box office at 804.282.2620 or visit [www.barksdalerichmond.org](http://www.barksdalerichmond.org)

## Hanover Tavern Self-Guided Audio Tour Sponsored by Barbara M. Rose

The long awaited self-guided audio tour is set to open Thursday, July 21st. Almost a year in the making, the tour features hand-held devices with a recorded tour interpreting a dozen stops throughout the Tavern. The tour focuses on the evolution of the building, architectural features, important events, and interesting visitors and inhabitants.

Once the script went through an untold number of changes, improvements, and readings, we conducted professional voice “tryouts” before selecting Tim Timberlake and Angie Miles as our tour hosts. Additional voices came from Rob Collins and Rosaline Banbury. Background music was provided by “Southern Horizon”. It was an exciting day when we actually did the recordings in our own Bradley Theatre here at the Tavern.

Many stops on the tour utilize existing landscapes, rooms, features, and placards. New exhibits focus on Gabriel’s slave rebellion, Patrick Henry, Margaret Wight, and the Chisholm family.

The tour has been recorded on to 10 rechargeable hand-held devices. Using the tour map designed by Dale Talley, the user walks through the building stopping at numbered locations. By typing in the stop number into the listening wand, the user can then listen to each story and spend as much time as desired looking at the accompanying exhibits.

This has been a great team effort of David Deal, Josh Epps, Barbara Rose, Dale Talley, Angie Miles, and producer Rob Collins. The end result is a very professional product that will be a source of on-going revenue for the Tavern and of enjoyment and education for all visitors.

## Free Event Enables You To Help The Tavern!

On Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, **Hanover Tavern Foundation** will participate in the “**CultshaXpo**” at the Science Museum of Virginia. This event, sponsored by CultureWorks, will draw a crowd and put a spotlight on the region’s arts and culture organizations. Each 501 (c) (3) organization is there to showcase itself by displaying and handing out brochures, talking about its educational programs, selling its memberships, and merchandise, soliciting donations, etc.

**How does it work?** Each person that attends the free event will be given “CultshaBucks” to spend on site that day as real cash. At the end of the day the participating organizations will redeem their “CultshaBucks” for real money from CultureWorks.

The Tavern will be offering memberships, self-guided audio tour admission, Civil War exhibit admission, Civil War bus tour tickets, Harmony in Hanover tickets, and items from the gift shop. Use your free “CultshaBucks” to shop with the Tavern. The more you spend, the more the Tavern Foundation makes. It’s a fabulous way to support the Tavern!

This will be a fun event! We look forward to seeing you at the Science Museum on June 25<sup>th</sup>!

## Hanover County: Impact of the Civil War” Exhibit Sponsored by Hopkins Family Foundation

With great excitement, Hanover Tavern is pleased to announce that the “Hanover County: Impact of Civil War” exhibit opens to the public on July 21, 2011. The display presents personal stories of Hanoverians and those combatants who came to fight as well as lesser known events that all took place in the county during the war. This is the first ever Hanover focused Civil War exhibit to be done.

This exhibit began as an idea in the winter of 2009. Much of 2010 was spent reaching out to and meeting with local residents about the idea of a Hanover related Civil War exhibit. Would these private citizens, organizations, and museums share their collections of artifacts and family heirlooms? We are extremely fortunate that so many were eager to participate and support the idea. This willingness to loan objects to Hanover Tavern has enabled us to display items and relay stories publicly for the very first time. This is truly a community enabled exhibit and we owe these citizens many thanks.

With so many important objects being loaned to the Tavern, the most critical concern was security. We upgraded the existing security system, which is monitored 24 x 7. To protect the items while on display, the Tavern purchased and borrowed numerous exhibit cases. Each exhibit case is alarmed and there are infrared motion recording cameras installed in the exhibit room.

There are approximately 120 artifacts, weapons, documents, and photographs telling intriguing stories that have never been shared with the public. Do you know the story about:

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- Williams Carter Wickham and the “Hanover Dragoons”?
- the 3 Hanover County militia units that became part of the 15<sup>th</sup> VA Infantry?
- the capture of a Spencer repeating rifle?
- the Gilliam brothers at Gaines Mill?
- the Springfield rifle carried by George Palmer of Pennsylvania?

It’s all in the exhibit along with so much more! We hope to see you soon. This is just one of many events to be hosted by Hanover Tavern over the next four years as part of the recognition of the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War.

The exhibit will be open Tuesday – Sunday from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and free for accompanying children under 12.



## Cornhole Tournament 2011

Competition at the second annual Hanover Tavern Cornhole tournament was exceptional this year with 30 teams fighting for the coveted title of Hanover’s best cornhole duo and a first place prize of \$250.00 cash. The event, in its second year saw a tremendous jump in team participation, adding 6 additional teams, while selling the tournament out two weeks prior to the event. Also new to the tournament format was the addition of 10 board sponsors consisting of local Hanover business. In 2010 the Tavern was able to raise \$1,500 and in 2011 we exceeded \$4,500. Thanks to all sponsors and teams!

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## From the Director's Desk

As I sit here thinking about what to write and looking at the articles written by the staff for this newsletter, one thing comes to mind: Hanover Tavern sure is a thriving and busy place! And as one of Hanover County's best historical resources and the center for community activities, that's just the way it should be. Alive and festive!

The building, gardens, and grounds look beautiful this spring. Barksdale closed out another fabulous performance in April and is ready to open a new show July 15<sup>th</sup>. The restaurant served so many patrons as it was one of only about 25 eateries in central Virginia to be selected to participate in Richmond Restaurant Week. Just this spring, we have shared the Tavern story and provided tours to middle school kids from San Francisco, home-schooled children from Hanover, welcome center and tour operators from all over Virginia, local tour buses as well as some from as far away as Georgia, and numerous local clubs and organizations. Working with the National Park Service, we produced another well attended Civil War bus tour.

Please make plans to enjoy the Tavern this summer. Bring a friend, a relative, a neighbor, someone that has never been here before and share this jewel. There is truly something for everyone. I look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,  
David L. Deal

## President's Report

Doesn't time seem to just fly by! This is my last letter as the President of the Hanover Tavern Foundation. Over the last two years much has happened at the Tavern and we are glad that you have been a part of it.

Our membership has more than doubled. If you are not currently a member, please consider joining to help support the Tavern. The benefits are great too: 10% off at the Hanover Tavern & Pub Restaurant; discounts on Tavern Foundation events; 10% discount at the Tavern's gift shop; and \$4.00 off individual tickets to the Barksdale Theater (at the Tavern).

The Harmony in Hanover Concert Series has flourished, bringing 250 to 300 people for a fun filled evening of music, food and dancing to the Tavern as in days of old. We thank the many sponsors and participants that have made the concert series and our "new in 2010" annual golf and cornhole tournaments fundraising successes. We hope that you might patronize the services and products of these generous folks. They are listed on the Tavern's website ([www.hanovertavern.org](http://www.hanovertavern.org)).

History and educational programs have blossomed too and more are in store. The Heritage Music Series and the Speaker's Series were enjoyed monthly. From Tavern tours, colonial magic, visits with colonial Mr. and Mrs. Santa, wreathmaking, Civil War bus tours, live history of the common Civil War soldier, school writing competition and crafts -- all ages had something to enjoy.

To make these events and programs successful, my hat goes off to the Board, Advisory Board, nine truly active and engaged Tavern committees, our volunteers (what would our gardens be without you) and our dedicated staff. It has been my privilege to work side by side with them and I thank them all.

See you at our next event.

Barbara M. Rose

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## Harmony in Hanover 2011

For nearly 4 years Hanover Tavern has been bringing the tavern alive with music from the areas most respected and sought out musicians! The Harmony in Hanover concert series consists of four evenings concerts jam-packed with excitement, tasteful cuisine, and music spread out over the course of the summer and fall.

On April 29, the Kings of Swing (KOS) performed in front of a boisterous crowd of over 200 music lovers in the Hanover Tavern concert tent. KOS rocked the stage with their energetic display of classic swing, the best of Beach, Motown, and "rock and roll". Performing on June 17<sup>th</sup> is the epic and ever popular Ron Moody and the Centaurs, which promises to be a musical roller coaster ride through five decades of rock and soul. On September 9<sup>th</sup> The Fredds will grace Hanover Tavern with their interpretation of alternative rock from the 80's and 90's and on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> the last concert of the year, Richmond Philharmonic will be performing Christmas classics in the Bradley theatre.

Harmony in Hanover is the largest fundraiser for Hanover Tavern Foundation and it would not be

*Ron Moody AND THE Centaurs*



possible without the help of the Harmony in Hanover Committee, the devoted sponsors, energetic performers, and most of all the community! Please contact Austin Howlett for more information or to purchase tickets at 804-537-5050 or [ahowlett@hanovertavern.org](mailto:ahowlett@hanovertavern.org).



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## Patrick Henry's Birthday Celebration at the Tavern!

On June 25<sup>th</sup> Hanover Tavern Foundation will be celebrating the 275<sup>th</sup> birthday of our most famous Hanover County Patriot, Patrick Henry. Though a little belated, Henry's Birthday is actually May 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be putting on a celebration for the whole community in memory of the great orator. The party will be for children and families with plenty of action, including an audience actor play and a magic show by William the Conjuror. William the Conjuror is a colonial magician that is sure to excite your imagination and excite your heart with wonder.

Since this is a birthday party there will be plenty of cake and ice cream to go around for all! Don't miss the celebration of Hanover's own son Patrick Henry and enjoy some historical education at the same time. Just don't tell the kids that they are learning! The festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. and go on till 12:00 p.m.

## Under the Red Roof

There's always something happening under the red roof. Check out our programs, shows and feature events. For more information call the front desk—804.537.5050.

### Harmony in Hanover Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

Harmony in Hanover: Ron Moody and the Centaurs perform in at Hanover Tavern! Tickets are just \$10 and kids 10 and under are free. Gates open at 6 p.m. Concert starts at 7 p.m. Contact Austin Howlett at [ahowlett@hanovertavern.org](mailto:ahowlett@hanovertavern.org) for tickets. Best concert series in Hanover County!

### James River Cellars Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

Dr. Mitzi Batterson will be doing a wine tasting and seminar sure to delight those with a keen sense of taste. She is part-owner and General Manager of James River Cellars Winery in Glen Allen, VA. Program starts at 7 p.m. in the arch room. \$3 to attend **MUST be 21!**

### Civil War Presentation Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

Please join us for the first part of the DVD series honoring the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War. This session will show: The Coming storm, First Blood, The Common Soldier, Caught in the Conflict: The Home Front, AND The War Goes On. Appropriate for ages 8 and up. In the Theater.