

2009 Event Calendar



Monday • September 28th
Picnic Supper - 6:30 p.m.
Program - 7:30 p.m.

Forgotten Heroes from the Buffalo Side of Rockbridge
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Horace Douty
Location: Oxford Presbyterian Church



Thursday • October 1st
“Business After Hours”
Reception at Campbell House
{Refreshments, Tour, Booksigning}
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



Saturday • October 17th • 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Traditional Crafts Festival
Location: Campbell House, RHS Gardens and Grounds



Saturday • October 24th • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
RHS Tag Sale
Location: Former KMart building
Stonewall Shopping Center (next to Food Lion)



Monday • November 30th • 7:30 p.m.
Program: TBA



Saturday • December 12th • 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Victorian Christmas Open House
Location: Campbell House

Scheduled events are subject to change.
Check the RHS website: www.rockhist.org,
or call 540/464-1058 for confirmation.

Rockbridge Historical Society

P.O. Drawer 1409 (Mailing Address)
101 E. Washington St. (Physical Address)
Lexington, VA 24450-1409
540 - 464 - 1058
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RHS Gardens

Summer Hours:
Wednesday - Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Winter Hours:
Wednesday - Friday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMPBELL HOUSE

Either north- or southbound on I-81, take Lexington Exit # 188. Drive westbound on Rt. 60 (Nelson Street) from I-81, proceed several miles. As you come into town, you'll pass the Kroger Grocery on the right, and go up a hill to a traffic signal at the entrance to Col Alto (Hampton Inn). Turn right onto Washington Street. Proceed 2-3 blocks down the hill to the Lexington Visitors Center on the right. Park in their lot. Campbell House is just west of the Visitors' Center, and across the street, at the intersection of Washington and Randolph Streets.

Rockbridge Historical Society

Est. 1939



Campbell House (circa 1845)

RHS Headquarters and Exhibition Space

Museum, Historic Home and Garden,
Exhibits, Reference Library, Picnic Area

Free Admission

Membership

- ❑ **Campbell House Docent** – guide visitors through this historic 1844 house, relate local history, and refer them to sources for genealogical, archaeological, or historic research.
- ❑ **Exhibits** – help plan, lay out, construct and label exhibits to be displayed at Campbell House or in the Lexington Visitor Center.
- ❑ **Interior Repair and Maintenance** – do simple carpentry or other work in the Society’s historic buildings.
- ❑ **Grounds Maintenance** – do seasonal work on the grounds of the Society’s historic properties: leaf raking, trash removal, etc.
- ❑ **Administrative and Clerical Support** – help update the Society’s inventory of its collection of historic artifacts; create paper and digital records.
- ❑ **Photography** – take pictures of artifacts in the Society’s collection; help record special events for newspaper publication.
- ❑ **I’m Not Ready to be a Volunteer** – but enroll me as a member and keep me informed of volunteer opportunities.

Dues Schedule Per 12-Month Period

Regular Memberships: • Family - \$30

• Individual - \$20 • Student - \$10

• Corporate/Business - \$50

Special Memberships: • Benefactor - \$500

• Patron - \$250 • Sponsor - \$100

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone () _____

E-mail _____

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Annual Exhibit

Visions of Rockbridge



Red Roof, Blue Mountains
Pierre Daura (c. 1941)

One of the most enjoyable and important challenges the Society faces is the mounting of our major, annual, themed history exhibit. It goes up in the early spring, and remains on display until the end of the following January. Although it primarily occupies the Remsburg Gallery, our exhibits, often spill out into the rest of our museum space.

Our 2009 Exhibit, Visions of Rockbridge, is composed of more than 50 works by artists, sculptors, and photographers, who both worked in Rockbridge County and took the local area as their subject. The art ranges from an 1866 Michael Miley photo of General Robert E. Lee to photos taken within the past year. The oldest painting is an 1864 William D. Washington depiction in oil, and the most recent is a 2009 Dorothy Blackwell landscape. Included are works by world-renowned artists, as well as regional and local artists and photographers of great talent. It is a stunning display, not to be missed.

About RHS

Rockbridge Historical Society is one of the oldest, largest, and most active, county historical societies in Virginia. Founded in 1939 by local citizens concerned about historic preservation and history education, the Society celebrates its 70th anniversary in 2009. It is a Virginia non-stock, 501 (c) (3) charitable corporation.

The Society’s core missions include local history education and historic preservation advocacy. It also owns a half-square block of downtown historic Lexington, including three magnificent historic buildings, exquisite gardens, and extensive grounds, for which it has sole stewardship responsibility. These properties are the gateway to downtown Lexington. The building dates are 1845, the early 1840’s, and 1778 (Lexington’s oldest building).

The organization also collects historic furniture, artifacts, photographs, maps, and a wide variety of other documents; operates a free museum, conducts six free bi-monthly public programs on local history, produces a regular bi-monthly newsletter, and periodically publishes the *RHS Proceedings*, which preserve our history lectures in book form.

The Society’s reference library and exhibition space at Campbell House are open to the public free of charge, and our docents can provide assistance with local genealogical or historical research. Likewise the RHS gardens and picnic grounds are open to the public at no cost.

Major Society events include a Traditional Crafts Festival in mid-October, and a Victorian Christmas Open House. Both are free.

For additional information, visit the Society’s website at www.rockhist.org