

### **An American Cotillion**

*Saturday, November 1st*

*7:00 pm*

The American cotillion took the form of parties designed for children to learn "proper" social interactions through dance. This event for boys and girls will continue the tradition of the American cotillion.

\$5.00 per child, \$8.00 per adult

Ages 10+

### **The Folly Gift Shop Open House**

*Saturday, November 7th*

*10:00 am to 4:00 pm*

The Folly Gift Shop hosts a semi-annual open house with discounts and refreshments.

### **"From the Shoebox to the Scrapbook"**

*Saturday, November 14th*

*1:00 pm*

Nearly everyone has a box of old photos, newspaper clippings, and mementoes. This workshop will show visitors how to preserve their memories so they may enjoy them many years later.

\$5.00 per person

### **Christmas at Riddick's Folly**

*Friday, December 11th and Saturday, December 12th*

*7:00 pm to 10:00 pm*

An interactive production leads visitors through Riddick's Folly from the uncertain Christmas of 1860, through the Civil War Christmases of 1861-64, to the first Christmas of Reunion and Reconstruction in 1865. Each restored parlor, sitting room, and bedroom serves as a stage for this theatrical presentation by award-winning playwright, Sheri Bailey. Live music, hot cider, and period decorations.

\$3.50 per person, \$5.00 per family

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2008  
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## 2009 *Calendar of Events*



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*All ages welcome unless otherwise noted.  
Calendar subject to change.*

### **Tea with Mrs. Riddick**

*Saturday, January 17th*

*1:00 pm and 4:00 pm*

Ladies will receive tea, scones, and cookies as they learn about life and literature in the Regency period. They will have plenty of time to socialize as well – an important aspect of a 19th century tea!  
\$10.00 per person, Ages 8 and up

### **Abolitionists' Museum**

*Saturday, February 21st*

*1:00 pm*

*Abolitionists' Museum* features Harriet Beecher Stowe, John Brown, Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Nat Turner and David Walker as wax figures in a museum where the curator has hung a Confederate flag. Using words from their writings and speeches these eight historical figures debate what to do with this symbol of a past upon which each had a major impact. Post-show discussion with the audience.

FREE

Open to all ages, though some material may be inappropriate for younger children

### **Coffee with Mr. Riddick**

*Saturday, February 28th*

*1:00 pm and 4:00 pm*

Gentlemen will share coffee and desserts with a brief discussion of the economic crisis of 1837 to follow (offering a new perspective on today's economic concerns). There will be plenty of time to socialize as well.  
\$10 per person, Ages 8 and up

### **The Thirteenth Annual Folly Ball**

*Friday, March 20th*

*8:00 pm*

Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts

Our annual gala fund raiser with dinner, silent and live auctions, and music by The Band of Oz features the theme, "The Folly of the Czars."

\$80 per person, Ages 21+

### **The Riddicks and Their Community**

*Saturday, March 28th*

*1:00 pm*

A conference by Drs. Harold Wilson and Peter Stewart of Old Dominion University, exploring the Riddick family's role and influence within the 19th century Suffolk community.  
FREE

### **The Folly Gift Shop Open House**

*Saturday, April 4th*

*10:00 am to 4:00 pm*

The Folly Gift Shop hosts a semi-annual open house with discounts and refreshments.

### **History & Heritage Weekend 2009**

*Saturday, April 18th – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm*

*Sunday, April 19th – 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm*

Riddick's Folly and The Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society present a weekend of living history. Riddick's Folly will reenact the grand party that took place within its walls following Lee's surrender to Grant in April of 1865. Other events take place at the Suffolk Seaboard Station Railroad Museum. Bus tours of historic sites offered throughout the weekend.

FREE (Bus tour charged separately)

### **"From Morning to Night:" Domestic Service in the Gilded Age South**

*Wednesday, May 18th through Sunday, July 19th*

Riddick's Folly will host a traveling exhibit from the Maymont Foundation. This exhibit explores the lives and work of domestic servants in the latter half of the 19th century in the American South. This exhibit will be on display in the basement of Riddick's Folly where many servants worked over the years.

Standard admission rates apply

### **"A Day in the Life..." Day Camp**

*Daily, Wednesday, June 24th through Friday, June 26th*

Riddick's Folly offers a day-long experience for boys and girls to experience 19th century life. Boys will learn to read maps, build a camp fire, and march in formation like a Civil War soldier. Girls will learn period dances, basic needlework, and the dying art of "being a lady." A period lunch will be provided for all participants.

\$10.00 per person, Ages 7-14

### **An 1860s Picnic**

*Saturday, September 12th*

*11:00 am to 3:00 pm*

Some of the Civil War's earliest battles were treated like spectator sports, complete with civilians bringing picnic lunches to watch the battles from the surrounding fields and hills. In that spirit, Riddick's Folly will host a picnic with period foods and cooking techniques on display.  
\$5.00 per person

### **Hidden Treasures Appraisal Show**

*Saturday, September 26th*

*9:00 am to 3:00 pm*

Suffolk National Guard Armory

Riddick's Folly presents an opportunity for people to clean out their attics and have their "hidden treasures" appraised by experts. Written appraisals will be available for an additional fee.  
\$7.00 per item appraised, no limit

### **A Civil War Wedding**

*Saturday, October 17th*

*2:00 pm*

Riddick's Folly will recreate a Civil War wedding. More than just a reenactment, this will be a live wedding with a bride and groom actually being wed! Riddick's Folly is the venue for both the ceremony and the reception as would have been common practice during the hard times of the Civil War.

\$6.00 per person; invited guests of the bride and groom admitted FREE

### **An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe**

*Friday, October 30th and Saturday, October 31st*

*7:00 pm*

The original master of the macabre, Edgar Allan Poe, will visit Riddick's Folly to tell some of his darkest tales in the spirit of Halloween.

FREE

All ages welcome, but some material may be inappropriate for younger children

*The mission of Riddick's Folly is to provide a tangible link to our community's history through the portrayal of the 19th century Riddick family home.*