

M-NCPPC, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

# *Riversdale*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
JANUARY – JULY 2017



*Riversdale*, a National Historic Landmark, was begun by Henri Joseph Stier, a wealthy immigrant from Antwerp, in 1801. After his return to Europe, his daughter, Rosalie, and her husband, George Calvert, made it their home. Mrs. Calvert's correspondence tells the story of this family and their elegant house, a story that is an integral part of the history of Prince George's County, the state of Maryland, and the nation. Today, this historic house museum of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission offers regular tours and special programs throughout the year.

February is Black History Month. We present an exhibit to share recent research that brings Riversdale's African Americans, both enslaved and free, **Out of the Shadows**. We also highlight the work of those women whose **Work was Never Done**.

Cooking for the large Riversdale household was always a challenge. In 1803, Mrs. Calvert had a cook who would "easily learn what he doesn't know." Learn what YOU need to know to become one of our cooking volunteers at our **Kitchen Guild Open House** in March. Also in March, taste your way through the history of sugar and desserts as you **Satisfy Your Sweet Tooth**. The Kitchen Guild continues to prepare produce grown in our garden for **Seasonal Selections** on selected Sundays through the spring and summer.

Come and join us for music and merriment at our lively **Tavern Night** in April. Enjoy more live music, beginning with two free indoor **Chamber Concerts**. Summer's free **Jazz on the Lawn** series kicks off in June.

Despite the distance separating her from them, Mrs. Calvert was always her parents' "affectionate daughter." Bring your parents or other special adults in your life for FREE **Mother's Day** and **Father's Day** tours.

In the spring of 1804, Mrs. Calvert had a house full of company. In June, come and be a guest in the historic house while enjoying amusements and fine food during our **Regency Ladies' Weekend**.

Mrs. Calvert lamented to her father in 1805, "it has been a long time since I have been to a play." In July, you can attend **Shakespeare in the Parks' As You Like It** right on the lawn of Riversdale. 

## RIVERSDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

- \$20 Student     \$35 Individual     \$60 Household  
 \$100 Portico Society     \$250 CB's Circle     \$500 Rosalie's Circle

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
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VISA/MasterCard accepted. Please make checks payable to Riversdale Historical Society and mail to: Treasurer, Riversdale Historical Society, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20737. *Contributions are tax deductible.* [www.riversdale.org](http://www.riversdale.org)

## THE RIVERSDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Riversdale Historical Society is the volunteer support organization for the museum. The society raises funds for restoration and interpretive projects, trains docents who conduct tours, and operates the Museum Shop. Your membership in the society ensures that this historic site will continue to be a source of pride.



## FROM THE GARDEN TO THE KITCHEN: SEASONAL SELECTIONS

Using produce from the garden and orchard, the Riversdale Kitchen Guild members cook over an open hearth in the Dependency kitchen. Selections are inspired by the traditional seasonal cycles of a 19th century farm. Drop by to watch them work from noon to 3:30 pm on selected Sundays: **February 26, March 19, April 2, May 14 & 21, June 4 & 18.**

**GARDEN TOURS** are also scheduled at 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm on these dates—FREE with paid admission.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Immerse yourself in history! As volunteers, you'll dive right into the behind-the-scenes action as you share the story of Riversdale. No experience is necessary—we'll provide training. **Docents** lead guided tours of the museum. **Education docents** assist with school and Scout programs. Or you can work in the **garden** or **museum shop** or join the **Kitchen Guild** cooking in the Dependency.

# Riversdale

JANUARY-JULY 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

7:30 PM



## TWELFTH NIGHT BALL

Celebrate the traditional end of the holiday season at our Regency-style ball and supper. Black tie or period attire encouraged. Advance payment required; capacity is limited. Fee: Resident\* \$40; Non-Resident \$52

FEBRUARY 1-28 EXHIBIT

## OUT OF THE SHADOWS: ILLUMINATING AFRICAN AMERICANS

Several years ago, Riversdale mounted an exhibit, *Out of the Shadows: Servants in the Spotlight*. The Calvert family papers now on loan to Riversdale are yielding more information about the estate's African American residents, both enslaved and free. With this exhibit, we bring more of them out of the shadows.

Regular tour hours and fees apply.

Valuation of Property in and out of use  
Riversdale from 1780 to 1800  
at \$30 per acre

Name	Value	Total
James	200	
Bartholomew	75	
John	70	
John	65	
Francis	60	
Philip	58	
Samuel	55	150 000
Samuel	54	
Henry	50	
John	48	
James	45	
William Gilbert	45	100 000
John	35	360
Charles	35	
Robert	30	
Sam	25	280
John	25	640
Alexander	15	250 500
Henry	15	
John	10	
John	5	
John	5	75
John	5	80
John	5	
John	5	150
John	5	
John	5	100 000
John	5	
John	5	300 000
John	5	
John	5	200 000
John	5	
John	5	50
John	5	200
John	5	6750

\* Resident fees apply to residents of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. Please note that popular programs where reservations are required may sell out prior to the registration deadline noted.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

12 NOON

## OUT OF THE SHADOWS: A WOMAN'S WORK IS NEVER DONE

Using the open hearth in the dependency kitchen, the Riversdale Kitchen Guild cooks up foods typical of the 19th century African American residents of Riversdale.

Fee: \$5/adult; \$4/senior; \$2/student;  
FREE/ages 4 & under (includes guided  
tour of the house)



SUNDAY, MARCH 5

2:30 PM

## THE RIVERSDALE CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

For this concert, the United States Army String Quartet interprets the theme *Styles*. Stay for a reception after the performance. **FREE**

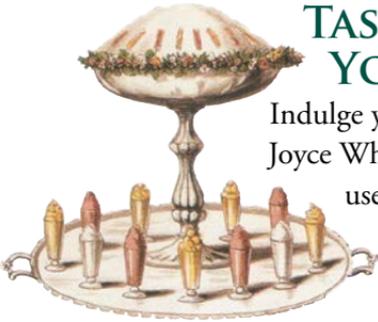
SATURDAY, MARCH 11

1:30 PM

## TASTING THE PAST: SATISFY YOUR SWEET TOOTH

Indulge your sweet tooth as foodways historian Joyce White shares the history of sugar from its use as medicine to a tasty treat. **Advance payment required by March 3.**

Fee: Resident\* \$12; Non-Resident \$16



SUNDAY, MARCH 19

1 PM

## KITCHEN GUILD OPEN HOUSE

Kick off the spring opening of the open hearth kitchen and try something new! Learn tips and tricks from Kitchen Guild members that you can use in your own kitchen. Sample dishes and chat with Guild members about volunteer opportunities. **Registration required by March 10. Ages 14 & up; FREE**



SUNDAY, APRIL 23

2:30 PM

## THE RIVERSDALE CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

The final concert of the season will feature Igor Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale*, with instruments, voice narration, and filmed images. Chat with the artists at the reception after the performance. **FREE**

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

8 PM



## TAVERN NIGHT

Make merry with the lively sounds of the Ship's Company Chanteymen as our basement is transformed into a 19th century tavern, complete with food and beverages. Fee includes a souvenir glass. Ages 21 & up. Advance payment required by April 14.

Fee: Resident\* \$25; Non-Resident \$33

SUNDAY, MAY 14

12:15-3:15 PM

## MOTHER'S DAY IN THE GARDEN

Celebrate mom, grandma, or another special lady with a **FREE** guided tour of the house. End the afternoon with a glass of lemonade and a stroll in the garden. **Limited to one free tour with each paid admission**



SUNDAY, JUNE 18

12:15-3:15 PM



## FATHER'S DAY TOURS

Bring your dad, grandpa, or other special gentleman for a **FREE** guided tour of the house. **Limited to one free tour with each paid admission**

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 24-25

CALL FOR DETAILS

## REGENCY LADIES' WEEKEND

Escape the hustle of modern life and spend the weekend in the Regency era as you explore fashion, food, amusements, and more. You will also have a rare opportunity to spend the night in the museum. **Advance payment required by June 16. Fee: Resident\* \$80; Non-Resident \$104**



### SAVE THE DATES!

AGES 8-12: MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 10-14 10 AM-3 PM

AGES 5-8: MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 17-21 10 AM-1:30 PM

## HANDS ON HISTORY WEEK

Dive into history with activities, crafts, games, and more while exploring the museum and the history of the Calvert and Stier families. There's a new theme each year—stay tuned for details!

Ages 8-12: Resident\* \$35/day or \$150/week;

Non-Resident \$45/day or \$180/week

Ages 5-8: Resident\* \$18/day or \$78/week;

Non-Resident \$23/day or \$96/week



## ON THE COVER

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Riversdale Historical Society, there is a new floor cloth in the grand salon! The stenciled design is taken from fragments thought to be original to the house.



## SUMMER ON THE LAWN

7 PM

This summer, we add a FREE performance of *Shakespeare in the Parks' As You Like It* on July 19 to our popular jazz concerts.

CONCERTS: Wednesdays, June 21, July 5, August 2 & 16

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and your picnic basket to enjoy an evening of entertainment.

*These performances are made possible in part by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council.*

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4811 Riverdale Road  
Riverdale Park, MD 20737

## GREETINGS FROM *Riversdale*

**LOCATION:** 4811 Riverdale Road in Riverdale Park, Maryland, 2 blocks south of MD Route 410, between Kenilworth Ave. and U.S. Route 1, about 1-1/2 miles south of the University of Maryland—College Park.

**DIRECTIONS:** Take I-95/495 to Exit 23, Route 201, Kenilworth Avenue, South. Continue approximately 3 miles. Turn right on MD Route 410, East-West Highway. Proceed 1/2 mile and follow brown Riversdale signs.

**OFFICE/VISITOR CENTER HOURS:** Monday–Friday, 9 am–5 pm

**TOURS AND FEES:** Year round, Friday and Sunday, 12:15–3:15 pm. Tours begin at the Visitor Center every half hour, and the last tour begins at 3:15. Fees: \$5/adults, \$4/seniors (age 60 & up) & group tours for 10 or more, \$2/ages 5–18 and students with valid ID, FREE/ages 4 & under.

**GROUP TOURS** for 10 or more any time by appointment. Riversdale is available for special events and meetings of no more than 75 people.

**THE RIVERSDALE MUSEUM SHOP,** open during tour hours, features a distinctive assortment of books, gifts, and toys.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** The Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities. Register at least a minimum of two weeks in advance of the program start date to request and receive a disability accommodation.

**INFORMATION:** 301-864-0420 / TTY 301-699-2544 / FAX 301-927-3498

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