

## President's Message

### No February Meeting of RHCA

There will NOT be a meeting of the Rose Hill Civic Association in February. There are no issues which need our immediate attention. Since the groundhog in Pennsylvania predicted six more weeks of winter, who are we to tempt Mother Nature. As soon as we schedule a meeting, it will snow that night! Therefore, our next meeting is scheduled for March 27 at 7 p.m. at the John Marshall Library. In the meantime, check [myrosehill.com](http://myrosehill.com) for any updates or new information.

Although there is nothing official, we have heard that the owner of the school property on May Boulevard is doing some interior work in the hope of leasing the building to a school. We don't know how this will affect the plans brought forward for a church and school, but we will continue to seek information. We will work with the county to make sure any use of the property is either in conformance with the rules negotiated for the use by Kindercare or there is a new public hearing and adoption of reasonable conditions for location in our residential community.

### No RHCA Meeting in February

#### RHCA Officers

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Be sure to check the new property assessment letter you either already have or will soon receive from the County in the mail. It will form the basis for your tax bill THIS YEAR. We should have more information about the proposed County budget for the fiscal year 2013, which starts July 1, 2012. As you read about the County budget and formulate any opinions, please come to the March meeting so we can hear your ideas. Over the last few years, RHCA has listed police protection as our No. 1 priority. Continued cuts in the police budget have resulted in fewer patrol officers to answer our call.

#### Volunteer Community Representatives

RHCA also is in need of volunteers to represent the community on two important Lee District committees. The first is the Captains Advisory Council that meets monthly at the Franconia Police Station. Captain Bennett and his staff meet with community representatives, passing on monthly activity in the precinct and answering questions. We could use a regular member and an alternate to share this important function. The CAC meets every third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Franconia Government Center. This group also provides the meals for the police who have to work on Christmas Eve and morning. RHCA annually contributes to these meals. The other is the monthly meeting of the Lee District Association of Civic Associations which meets at 7:30 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at the Government Center. Supervisor Jeff McKay and his staff attend this meeting, providing information and answering questions. There is usually a presentation by representatives of county agencies. Once again, a primary and an

alternate representative would be welcome. The LDACA also sponsors an annual banquet. Rose Hill will pay for your reservation. These two organizations are extremely important to Rose Hill. I try to attend as the schedule permits, but we need a regular presence.

## **Memberships**

Thanks to all of you who have renewed or joined RHCA for 2012. Your support is extremely important. Your dues and contributions help pay for the cost of printing the Rambler, the quarterly landscaping at our entrance sign at Rose Hill Drive and Franconia Road, the annual Rose Hill Beauty program and Veteran's Day recognition, as well as support for our police, schools and charitable organizations. Rose Hill is a safe, comfortable and convenient community in which to live. Our army of volunteers helps make it so. The Rambler is delivered by 18 dedicated citizens nine times per year. Almost every block in Rose Hill has a Neighborhood Watch representative that keeps a constant eye on his or her surroundings for suspicious activity and the well-being of neighbors. If you would like to join the effort, please give one of the officers a call. We'll give you a list of things to watch out for and who to call if you see something. If you are uncomfortable making a call, we'll do it in the name of RHCA. Please fill out the membership form on page 5 and send it, along with your check, to RHCA, P.O. Box 10891, Franconia, VA 22310. Your dues and contributions also pay for the post office box and basic costs of our menu at our meetings. Members provide most of the food and RHCA provides the paper products, etc. If you are unsure if you have joined yet or not, the list of current members is listed on pages 4 and 5. If your name is not listed and you have sent us a check, please give me a call at 703-971-4716 or e-mail me at [sellcarl@aol.com](mailto:sellcarl@aol.com). Ditto for any mistakes. You'll see in the next item that I am prone to mishaps!

## **Update on Lights**

There was an oversight and several mistakes on the list of lighting award winners in the January Rambler. A long-time resident of the 6300 block of Cottonwood Drive says the judges missed the display at 6307, home

of the Dailey family. The long-time resident says it was the best display on the block in the 50-plus years he has lived there. The Daileys moved in in 2010. We also had a mix up on Maryview Street. The excellent display was correctly credited to the Phillips family, but had their address wrong. It should have been 6408 Maryview. The Lawrences at 6330 Maryview were the recipients of an outstanding display award. We also had the name wrong for the Dankers at 6511 Carriage Drive. Don't know how that happened as they've been there for a long time! And, Madge McKay hasn't moved, we just had the street name wrong. She still lives on Wayside Place. Apologies for the oversights and the mix-ups.

## **Civil War Trails Marker**

The proposal to erect a Civil War Trails marker to identify the site of the 1863 Rose Hill Raid has passed its first hurdle. The County Civil War Trails Marker committee has adopted language for the marker and forwarded it on to the state for final approval. The marker will be part of a state-wide program that identifies Civil War sites and encourages visitors to stop and learn about what happened there during the war. The Rose Hill raid occurred on September 28, 1863. Major John Singleton Mosby and his partisan rangers raided the Rose Hill house, then situated at the end of what is now May Boulevard, and captured Colonel William Dulany, the aide to the Union appointed governor of the "Restored State of Virginia". One of Mosby's raiders was French Dulany, Colonel Dulany's son. The site of the marker and information tablet has not been decided. Cliff and Barb James, who live on the cul de sac at the end of May Boulevard, have agreed for it to be placed in their front yard. Since that's as close to the original house as you can get, that is RHCA's preferred location. And, RHCA is planning a re-enactment of the Rose Hill Raid for next year. It will be held on a Saturday, 150 years to the day after the original raid.

## **Annual Shrub/Tree Seedling Sale**

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District's annual seedling sale is under way. You can buy 10 bare-root shrubs and small trees for \$15.95 or seven (7) bare-root trees for \$11.95. Some of the trees in the

latter package will grow as high as 75 feet! The first package includes 4 American hazelnut, 2 elderberrys, 2 serviceberrys and 2 cranberry bush viburnum. Think of the feast the deer will have! The second package includes 1 American plum, 2 persimmons, 2 chokecherrys and one Allegheny chinkapin, the closest native relative to the American chestnut. You can download the order form at [fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedling](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedling). Call the Soil and Water Conservation District at 703-324-1460. You also can pick up order forms on the information desk on the left as you enter the government center at 6121 Franconia Road. Sounds like a good idea, especially for those whose lots back up to the new Rose Hill Reserve development and others who have potential development sites in their back or side yards.

### Emergency Rescue

This incident didn't happen in Rose Hill, but it's worth publicizing in an effort to let you know another example of excellent work by our County emergency responders. Fire and Rescue responded to a call in the Burke area at approximately 1:25 a.m. on Sunday, February 12. A large tree had fallen on a single family home, crashing through the roof into a bedroom, pinning an adult female and narrowly missing an adult male, both of whom were asleep. The mattress and bed frame collapsed on the floor. The female was trapped by the tree and roof materials. Firefighters and other technical personnel stabilized the four-foot in diameter tree and surrounding roof trusses, then made a series of precision cuts in order to lift the tree, branches and other material off the female. Miraculously, she sustained no life-threatening injuries in the harrowing experience. It took more than 75 minutes to rescue the woman following the 911 call. As a result of the damage, the house was uninhabitable. Just another reason for all of us to thank the next emergency responder we encounter, be it police or fire.

### Both Sides Tour, Book

Don't forget the Both Sides Tour to Antietam/Sharpsburg Saturday, April 28, sponsored by the Franconia Museum. Check out the details on [Franconiamuseum.org](http://Franconiamuseum.org) or [myrosehill.com](http://myrosehill.com). The all-day event includes a stop at a house built from the bricks on the

United States Arsenal in Harper's Ferry that was destroyed during the Civil War. It is now the home of ancestors of the original owner and is a working dairy farm. Also, I am happy to report that my book "Thank God He Survived Pickett's Charge" is receiving good reviews from Civil War historians. It is a novel about my great grandfather and his four years as a Confederate private and life after the war. It also contains information on a Union Medal Of Honor winner and a Union private who is my granddaughter's paternal great-great-great grandfather. Information is available on [Franconiamuseum.org](http://Franconiamuseum.org) and [myrosehill.com](http://myrosehill.com).

- Carl Sell

### 10 Cents per Box Top for Rose Hill Elementary and it doesn't cost you a Dime!

Look for the Box Tops for Education logo on items you buy and Rose Hill gets 10 cents on each one. Clip save them in a Ziplock baggie and drop them



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And, make sure your Giant, Safeway or Harris Teeter card is registered to support Rose Hill Elementary School. The Rose Hill ID number is 02297 for Giant, 6559459 for Safeway and 6041 for Harris Teeter. Register online for Giant at [giantfood.com/aplus](http://giantfood.com/aplus), click on designate schools and enter Rose Hill elementary. For Safeway, log on to [escrip.com](http://escrip.com) and designated Rose Hill Elementary and log on the [Harristeeter.com](http://Harristeeter.com) and designate Rose Hill Elementary. Use the corresponding ID numbers above.

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## 2012 Membership List

Nouri & Suham	Abbou	6115 Rose Hill Drive	Don & Lynn	Hoffman	5002 Treetop Lane
Nancy	Anderson	4500 Apple Tree Drive	Thomas & Shirley	Holliday	6613 Cottonwood Drive
Nida & Jerry	Antonio	6406 May Boulevard	Emily	Hood	5012 Treetop Lane
Rebecca	Bagdasarian	6214 Driftwood Drive	Cliff & Barbara	James	6412 May Boulevard
Frank & Rayma	Bale	6315 Willowood Lane	D.J.	Jameson	4707 Split Rock Road
Rick & Patti	Ballard	4519 Lark Lane	F.	Jencks	6416 Willowood Lane
P.G.	Bauseman	4531 Roundhill Road	Matthew & Cynthia	Johnson-Dailey	5009 Eastchester Circle
Margie	Beach	4429 Roundhill Road	Marvin & Frances	Justice	6402 Rose Hill Drive
Daniel	Bearth	6417 Rose Hill Drive	Jason & Heather	Justice	4713 Apple Tree Drive
Ruth Connie	Beatty	6428 Rose Hill Drive	Ann & Charles	Kimberly	6504 Cottonwood Drive
Vikki	Beatty	4415 Roundhill Road	Karen	Kinlin	6408 Willowood Lane
Sandy	Benarick	6270 Rose Hill Drive	Susan & Brent	Kroetch	4700 Flower Lane
Phillip & Carol	Bishop	6310 Climbing Hill Road	Mildred	Lane	8410 May Boulevard
Carl & Margaret	Bon	5001 Eastchester Circle	Ronald & Katherine	Lender	6406 Rose Hill Drive
Jeannette	Bottomley	5003 Eastchester Circle	Jayne & Karla	Letsche	6502 Cottonwood Drive
Gary	Bravy	6214 Climbing Hill Road	Edward	Lewis	6117 Leewood Drive
Mark & Lorraine	Broxterman	6424 Haystack Road	James	Lockwood	6114 Clovergrass Drive
Ralph	Carico	6112 Leewood Drive	Jamey & David	Lord	6208 Redwood Lane
Sarah & Craig	Casella	6519 Carriage Drive	Wellington & Ann	Machmer	6200 Willowood Lane
Raul & Kelly	Castillo	6414 Willowood Lane	Jane & John	Madaris	4422 Roundhill Road
Roger & Carol	Christiansen	6409 Mayview Street	Gerry	Mason	6503 Carriage Drive
Robert G.	Ciccotelli	6511 Haystack Road	Mary	Mayo	6122 Leewood Drive
Donald Ball & Jacque	Clark	6307 Willowood Lane	Margie & Frank	McConnell	6220 Thornwood Drive
Natalie & Alexander	Cook	6111 Clovergrass Drive	Madge	McKay	6402 Wayside Place
Lois	Corbin	6221 Blossom Lane	Donald & Nancy	McMinn	4804 Apple Tree Drive
Stephanie Young/ B.	Darren Springer	6403 Willowood Lane	Mimi	Minarik	6518 Telegraph Road
Robin & David	Digman	6217 Blossom Lane	J.M.	Neidermeyer	6500 Haystack Road
Dennis	Dzierzawski	6210 Thornwood Drive	Herbert & Grace	Newman	4910 Silo Road
Joseph	Finnegan	6409 Hayfield Place	But The	Nguyen	6512 Rose Hill Drive
Anna	Fish	6301 Cottonwood Drive	David & Linda	Nichols	6416 Rose Hill Drive
Barry & Zoe Ann	Freitag	6303 May Boulevard	Charles & Jeska	Pfefferle	6503 Haystack Road
Michael Smith & Ratri	Friend	6111 Leewood Drive	Jo Ann	Ponce	6203 Willowood Lane
L. Seiss	G. Miller	6415 Willowood Lane	William	Poppe	6100 Leewood Drive
John	Good	4604 Roundhill Road	Monica	Reed	6422 Rose Hill Drive
Mike & Bonnie	Greek	6330 Willowood Lane	Adam & Rita	Rice	6431 Carriage Drive
Chris & Susie	Guinto	6515 Haystack Road	Jim & Nancy	Richey	4402 Roundhill Road
Maureen	Hass Smith	6304 Cottonwood Drive	Nancy	Ridgway	4609 Cottonwood Place
Joe & Lorraine	Hatcher	6102 Leewood Drive	Dennis & Sylvia	Robison	4514 Sturbridge Place
Elmer & Alice	Haupt	6208 Thornwood Drive	Judy Taylor & Carlos	Rolon	6503 Rose Hill Drive
Robert & Shirley L.	Herr	6103 Leewood Drive	Arlene & Nathan	Shapiro	6216 Driftwood Drive
	Hestvik	4515 Sturbridge Place	James & Marie	Sherfey	6413 Rose Hill Drive
			Diane & Marty	Shupack	6419 Haystack Road

## 2012 Membership List

Burt & Debbie	Slack	4903 Apple Tree Drive
Carolyn	Slenska	6308 Climbing Road
Bill & Jean	Stemple	6306 Cottonwood Drive
Mary	Stinnette	4520 Apple Tree Drive
Terry	Stone	4522 Apple Tree Drive
Ray	Stone	4528 Roundhill Road
Tom	Strah	6421 Rose Hill Drive
Tinker & Don	Szamborski	4615 Winston Place
Alberta	Taylor	6308 Cottonwood Drive
Barbara	Taylor	4433 Roundhill Road
John & Dorothy	Thibeau	6216 Saddle Tree Drive
Jeanne M.	Thompson	
Jean	Thomson	6302 Cottonwood Drive
Nina	Tisara	6408 Hayfield Place
James W.	Troy	5004 Eastchester Circle
Stien	Van Egmond	6508 Cottonwood Drive
Linda & Morgan	Walton	4900 Silo Road
Fran	Watts	6508 Haystack Road
Don & Nina	Weber	6120 Dew Grass Drive
Louise & Rick	Westgate	6708 Greendale Road
Karen	Wheless	6709 Greendale Road
Jeff	Williams	6121 Dew Grass Drive

***To join or renew your membership in the Rose Hill Civic Association...***

**Please fill out this form or online at [myRoseHill.com](http://myRoseHill.com) and mail, along with your check, to the  
RHCA, P.O. Box 10891, Alexandria, VA 22310.  
If you have questions, feel free to call any of the officers.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed is a check for:  \$10 Membership

\$\_\_\_\_ Donation for upkeep and landscaping of the Rose Hill entrance sign

\$\_\_\_\_ Donation for RHCA General Fund

# Rose Hill Community Calendar

## Around Rose Hill

- ★ **Every Wednesday and Saturday.** BINGO! Franconia Volunteer Fire Dept. Early Bird, 7pm. Regular sessions, 8pm.

## John Marshall Library

6209 Rose Hill Dr., 703.971.0010. Call ahead to register for events. Hours: M, T, W – 10am-8pm; Th, F – 10am-6pm; Sat – 10am-5pm.

- ★ **Ongoing Event.** Personalized Computer Training. Basics for beginners: Internet and Microsoft Word. Call for appointment. Adults.
- ★ **March 3.** Friends of the John Marshall Library Used Book Sale. 12:00 pm.
- ★ **March 7.** Fun for Twos and Threes. 10:30-11:30 am. Come for stories and activities. Age 2-3 w/ adult.
- ★ **March 10.** Science Rocks with Flumpa & Friends. 10:30 am. Music, science and movement with Wendy and Flumpa the tree frog. All ages.
- ★ **March 12.** Book Bunch. 3:30 pm. Join us for a book discussion. Age 7-8 w/ adult.
- ★ **March 14.** Toddler Time. 10:30 am. Stories and activities. Age 13-23 months. One adult per child.
- ★ **March 15.** Book Discussion Group. 7:15 pm. Adults.
- ★ **March 23.** Preschool Storytime. 11:00 am. Join us for stories and activities. Age 3-5 w/ adult.

## Thomas Edison High School

5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310; Office – 703.924.8000; Fax – 703.924.8097



There were no updates to the calendar as of the printing of this edition.

## Mark Twain Middle School

4700 Franconia Rd., Alexandria, 22310; Office – 703.313.3700, Fax – 703.313.3797



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## Rose Hill Elementary School

6301 Rose Hill Dr., Alexandria, VA 22310  
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Fax: 703.313.4297



- ★ **March 2.** Read Across America - Dr. Suess.
- ★ **March 9.** SCA Crazy Hair Day.
- ★ **March 23.** PTA Spaghetti Dinner Night. Rose Hill Cafeteria. 5:30-8:30 pm.



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# Rose Hill Business Directory

**Only those residents who are members of the Rose Hill Civic Association or provide services in kind will qualify for a free listing in the business directory. Membership dues are the source of funds for the printing of The Rambler. A membership form for 2012 is included in this issue.**

## HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING

**Dove Heating and Air Conditioning.** We service and install heat pumps, air conditioners, furnaces, hot water heaters, and humidifiers. David and Linda Nichols, 703.971.8897. The Nichols have been in business for 24 years and have lived in Rose Hill for 34 years.

## REAL ESTATE

**Exit Metro Realty.** Angie Vereen, 571-233-6395, [angie@exitmetroliving.com](mailto:angie@exitmetroliving.com). Our extensive experience and expertise in the Alexandria, Lorton, and Vienna real estate market will benefit you whether you are looking to buy or sell a home in the area. Licensed in Virginia and Maryland.

## LAWN SERVICES

**Fortney Lawn & Garden.** David and Jimmy Fortney, 703.960.8869. Although they live in Virginia Hills, the Fortneys work closely with RHCA to maintain the median landscaping on Rose Hill Drive.

## Free All Day Yoga Open House



**Walk-ins Welcome**

**Saturday, March 13th**

9:00-9:45am\* - Beginner Yoga

10:15-11:00am\* - Yoga Flow

11:30am-12:15pm\* - Fiery Sun Stretch

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2:00-3:00pm - Yoga Reception

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## HOUSE CLEANING

**Ingrid Hayslip.** 703.362.5672. A 14 year resident of the Rose Hill area, I clean houses including move-in and move-outs.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

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## DECK AND FENCE

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## QUILTS

Hand made quilts. Sally Dankers and her mother, Marjorie Parkyn, make quilts for sale. They are one of a kind and very beautiful. Call 703.971.8064 or e-mail [oraclemarjorie@aol.com](mailto:oraclemarjorie@aol.com).

## SPEECH-LANGUAGE THERAPY SERVICES

Speech Beginnings, PLC. A recently opened private practice in Rose Hill, Speech Beginnings, PLC offers speech-language screenings, evaluations, therapy and consultations. Services provided by a licensed and certified speech-language pathologist with over 19 years experience. Call 703.508.2272 or email [speechbeginnings@gmail.com](mailto:speechbeginnings@gmail.com).

## FIREWOOD

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**BOOKKEEPER NEEDED:** In need of Bookkeeper for 2 small accounts, one is a 501(c)(3); the other is home-based business. Small budget. Current records already on QuickBooks. Preferably retired person, Rose Hill neighbor. Contact Nina Tisara, 703-313-6212.



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## Advertising in *The Rambler*

Listing in the Business Directory is free to Rose Hill residents who are members and own their business, but placing an actual advertisement is open to all with rates per month as follows:

- ★ Business card: 3 1/2" x 2", \$10
- ★ Quarter page: 3 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$25
- ★ Half page: 7 1/2" x 4 3/4", \$50
- ★ Full page: 7 1/2" x 9 3/4", \$100

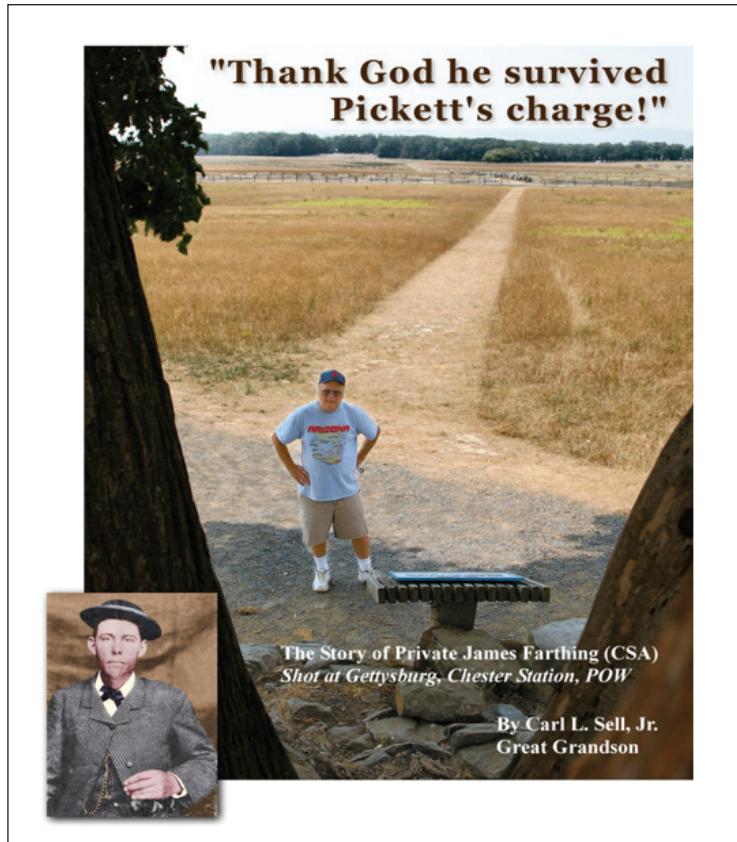
Ads may be bought for either one month only, month-to-month, or as many months in advance as desired. Our newsletter is published 9 times a year, excluding July, August, and December.

Advertising in *The Rambler* is an excellent way to reach the 700+ homes in our community. In addition, the ads are placed on our website, [www.myRoseHill.com](http://www.myRoseHill.com), for the world to see.

Anyone interested in placing an ad may call me at 703.625.7046. Artwork can be sent to [richtdowney@gmail.com](mailto:richtdowney@gmail.com) in tiff or jpeg format or hardcopy mailed to P.O. Box 10891, Alexandria, VA 22310. Checks made out to RHCA should be included with ads and sent to the P.O. Box.

— Richard Downey

# A Sesquicentennial Report About A Private's Long March



Carl Sell was a sportswriter and editor for the Washington, D.C. Star newspaper. He also spent 15 years as the Director of Sports Information at George Mason University. A former member of the Fairfax County Planning Commission and chairman of the Fairfax County Park Authority, he also has written two books and numerous articles for the Franconia Museum and currently is working on a book on the history of the Franconia Volunteer Fire Department. His mother grew up in Chatham, VA, and is one of 13 grandchildren of the subject of the book.

This book about his great grandfather in the Civil War is on sale either by contacting the author at [sellcarl@aol.com](mailto:sellcarl@aol.com) or 703-971-4716. It also can be purchased on line at [franconiamuseum.org](http://franconiamuseum.org). Go to the Museum web site, click on items for sale and use Pay Pal to buy the book. The price is \$26.25, including tax. Add \$5 for shipping and handling. The book also is on sale at the Franconia Museum in Franconia, VA and the Pittsylvania Historical Society in Chatham, VA. Each organization receives a portion of its sales.

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**BOTH SIDES TOUR VIII**  
**Civil War Sesquicentennial Event**  
**Lee's Maryland Campaign of 150 Years Ago**

Visit the site of Stonewall Jackson's bombardment that aided in the fall of Harpers Ferry. See a current residence that was constructed from the bricks of the destroyed United States Arsenal two years after the war. Spend the afternoon at Sharpsburg/Antietam, where Union and Confederate forces clashed on the bloodiest day in U.S. military history. View all stages of the battle starting with the initial Union charge, the carnage at Bloody Lane, the standoff at Burnside Bridge and the arrival of troops on the right flank that saved the Confederates from total defeat after the Union breakthrough.

**Saturday, April 28, 2012**  
**Sponsored by the Franconia Museum**

Start the day at 8 a.m. with coffee, and donuts at the Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road. Board a comfortable rest-room equipped motor coach for the trip to a local historic site and then head west to Harpers Ferry to visit Schoolhouse Ridge and historic Alta Vista, now the site of the restored house and a working dairy farm. Enjoy lunch at Ryan's Buffet in Martinsburg, West Virginia, and then head for Sharpsburg/Antietam in Maryland. Hear vignettes about the war along the way.

**SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION**

After lunch, we'll stop at a little-known site in Williamsport, Maryland, where Jackson crossed the Potomac River en route to Harpers Ferry, then Lee crossed both on his way to Gettysburg and his retreat back to Virginia the following year. The site is along the C&O Canal and only a very short walk from the bus!

**COST:** \$100.00 Each. Includes Bus Ride, Buffet Lunch (including gratuity) and a Snack Card to spend on the way home, as well as all entrance fees.

At Alta Vista, you'll meet a modern-day family that helps produce the milk you buy at the store. Learn how the milk gets from the cows to your table. Hear about the original building and current restoration of the house.



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