From the end of the Revolution in 1783 until his death in 1799, George Washington entertained a constant stream of visitors, old soldiers, friends, politicians, and diplomats at his Mount Vernon estate. Here are a few just waiting for his Excellency, General Washington, to arrive and share a few moments with them. A portrait of “Colonel Washington in the Virginia Regiment” overlooks the scene from above the fireplace.
Welcome to the American Village’s Independence Day Celebration of our country’s 240th birthday!

The countdown to America’s 250th birthday begins this July 4 as we celebrate the 240th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. In just ten years this generation will experience the best opportunity since the country’s Bicentennial (1976) for a resurgence of knowledge, patriotism and pride in our Nation.

It’s not too early to begin preparing. First, we must recommit our country to teaching young people about the founding principles expressed in the Declaration of Independence. We must affirm our country’s heritage of liberty is exceptional and worthy of our aspiration and service. We must rekindle the spark of liberty that defines us as an American people.

We are at a time marked by so much discord in our world and in our national life. We should remember that “we the people” are united as a Nation by a shared love of liberty and by our constitutional system of self-government.

On the 240th birthday of the United States of America, let us renew our own commitment as citizens and pledge our allegiance once more to this republic, “…one Nation, under God, with liberty and justice for us all.”

Founder and President, American Village Citizenship Trust

Show Your Colors!

Order your distinctive, personalized “God Bless America” license plate today. Proceeds support the Alabama Veterans Living Legacy project at the American Village. www.revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/index.html

You are Cordially Invited to the Independence Ball
A Celebration in Dance, Music & Song
4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Liberty Hall (location A on the map)
Thank You to our Visitors, and those who make this day possible:

Our Volunteers
More than 140 men and women are volunteering their time and service today to help make your visit enjoyable. Please join us in thanking anyone wearing a red American Village shirt!

Our Reenactors, Musicians & Entertainers
1st Pennsylvania Regiment Continental Army Reenactors
   Allen Cousins, Erich Cousins, Mike Dabbs, George Graham,
   Jake Haynie, Chris Long, Troy Mason, Joshua Pearson, Don Relyea,
   Dan Valles
The South Carolina Militia Reenactors
   Shawn Baker, Jay Schuelley, Shane Scroggins
1st Hamilton Legion Reenactors
   Shannon Baxter, Roy Collier, Dan Dykes, Jim Friberg, Harry Floyd,
   Dan Hutchenson, Dan McMichael, Foy Pippin, Berney Talley
The Colonial Consort
   Lori Arovino, Rick Arovino, Sarah Hansen,
   Laurie Middaugh, Katie York
The Ain’t Misbehavin’ Band
   Franklin Bell, David Carlyle, Bill Darden, Bob Derickson,
   George Graham, Jenny Lee, Ken Lee, Marjorie Lee, Kelly Morgan,
   Todd Morgan, Vince Perry, Rick Roper, Chris Spiker, Rick Starnes,
   Bill Wilkes, Harry Wootan
The Clog Wild Cloggers
   Sharon Camp, Misty Freeman, Elizabeth Gowens, Katie Hill,
   Wendy Huguley, Kaila Kinsey, Jan Lamford, Tammy Ratlings,
   Judy Reed, Patricia Rogers, Olivia Smith, Selena Smith, Margaret Snyder,
   Kay Trimm, Brad White
Rita Allen ..........................  USO Singer
Al Bouler .......................... Dave Crockett
Ronald Dauphenae .................. Dr. Benjamin Franklin
Justin Finch ........................ Chapel Organist
Alan Goldspiel ...................... Spanish Guitarist
Tami Smitherman ................... USO Pianist

Our Staff & Contract Support Team
Jessica Averett, Rebecca Beaty, Randy Benefield,
Johnny Curry, Jennie Glenn, Mike Jones,
Kittey Keener, Terry Lawley, Ben Lawson,
Martha Lewis, Kerri Pate, Melanie Poole,
D. A. Price, Jeff Stewart, Terilyn Stewart,
Chuck Totten, Pete Walker, Jodie Wasyluka

Special thanks to: “Dollar Bill” Lawson,
Montevallo High School FFA, Montevallo Fire and Rescue Service, Montevallo Police Department,
Montevallo Community Band, Ken Jones and Regions Bank, The Shelby County Commission

Our Costumed Historical Interpreters
William Stewart (Officer of Interpreted Programs) . . . Patrick Henry
Noel Stewart* (Manager, Junior Interpreter Program) . Abigail Adams
Chris Long (Manager, Military Programs) . . . . Major James Moore
Nancy Moore Estes* (Manager, Historic Costumes) . Dolley Madison
Angel Tillman* (Choreographer of the Ball) . Young Martha Washington
Amy Bell ................................ Backstage
Charlie Bell .......................... Alex Richmond
Drury Bell* .......................... Dancer, Independence Ball
Rush Brunson* ........................ Thomas Jefferson
Rebecca Evans* ........................ Eleanor Calvert Custis
Lesli Johnson ........................ Phillips Wheatley
Jennifer Lee .......................... Lucy Knox
Joshua Pearson ........................ Continental Soldier (Encampment)
John Carter Simmons ................ Election Officer (Dave Crockett)
Brendan Young* ...................... George Washington
*Dances in the Independence Ball

Our 2016 Junior Interpreters
Katy Barnes .......................... Young Patriot Spies
Sarah Bateman ........................ Winds of Change
Bonnie Bell .......................... It’s Swing Time; Independence Ball (Dancer)
Anna Blankenship .................... Young Voices of the Revolution
Barrett Bowling ....................... Road to Revolution
Ella Brasher .......................... Colonial Crime and Punishment
Nathan Brasher ....................... Colonial Crime and Punishment; Ball (Musician)
Peter Ditoro .......................... Continental Soldier (Encampment)
Ashlee Hall .......................... Young Patriot Spies
Lauren Haoglund ..................... Young Voices of the Revolution
Micah Houston ....................... Colonial Crime and Punishment
Justin Lewis .......................... Young Voices of the Revolution
Abigail Mathis ....................... Winds of Change
Brandon McGraw ..................... Narrator, Battle at Concord Bridge
Josiah Montgomery .................. Young Voices of the Revolution
Mary Beth Sanders ................... Winds of Change
David Smith .......................... It’s Swing Time; Independence Ball (Dancer)
Lauren Smith ......................... Winds of Change
Mia Stowe .......................... Young Voices of the Revolution
Abigail Taylor ........................ Liberty Tree
Bella Trent .......................... Colonial Crime and Punishment
Madelyn Wiehl ........................ Young Voices of the Revolution
Anna Grace Wesson ................. Young Voices of the Revolution
Caroline Winchester ................. Young Voices of the Revolution

Noel Stewart
Manager, Junior Interpreter Program

The American Village is a SMOKE FREE CAMPUS. Thank you for not smoking.
Some Things to See and Do

(most programs run 15 to 30 minutes)

11:30 (One Time Only) .......................................................Young Voices of the Revolution Q
A vignette with the 2016 Junior Interpreters; The Barn

11:30, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30 ………………………Lucy Knox, A Soldier’s Wife L
General Henry Knox’s wife tells of her wartime experiences; Founders Hall

11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 ………………………Thomas Jefferson prepares to write a Declaration N
Assembly Room – Washington Hall

11:30, 1:00, 3:00 ………………………………George Washington 1775 N
Mount Vernon Room – Washington Hall

11:30, 12:30, 2:30, 3:30, 6:00 ……………………………………Volley Fire and Battle Cry U
Can you muster into the Continental Army? Encampment

11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 …………………………Life with the delightful Dolley Madison M
The Meeting House

12:00, 1:30, 2:30 …………………………Young Martha Washington N
Mount Vernon Room – Washington Hall

12:00, 1:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 ……………………….....Phillis Wheatley, A Poet’s Journey L
Founders Hall

12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:30, 4:30 ……………………USO Show at the Veterans Canteen C
Estes Theatre

12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 ………………………………………………Young Patriot Spies M
The Meeting House

12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 Alex Richmond speaks with “Common Sense” about Thomas Paine N
Assembly Room – Washington Hall

12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:00, 6:45 ………………………………Patrick Henry I
“Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death” Speech; Lucille Ryals Thompson Colonial Chapel

12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 ………………………Patterns of Industry N
A lesson in 18th Century fashions; Mount Vernon Room – Washington Hall

12:30, 2:00 …………………………The Colonial Consort L
Founders Hall

12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30 …………………Colonial Crime and Punishment T
Begins in Courthouse and concludes at Stocks and Pillory

1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 ……………………………The Liberty Tree M
A young lady’s account of revolutionary Boston; The Meeting House

1:00, 2:00, 3:30, 4:30, 6:00 …………………………Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier T
Courthouse

1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 …………………………The Winds of Change Q
Young patriots and loyalists share their conflicting views; The Barn

3:30, 5:00 ……………………………….A Conversation with Patrick Henry, Esq. M
The Meeting House

3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 …………………………The “Electrifying” Dr. Benjamin Franklin N
Assembly Room – Washington Hall

4:00, 5:00, 6:00 ………………………………Popular Hits of the 18th Century N
Music on the Spanish guitar; Mount Vernon Room – Washington Hall

Children’s Activities:

Sidewalk Art for Independence
Draw what Independence Day means to you.
Tent at the picnic area, 11:30-6:00 while supplies last

Play Tavern Games
Play 18th century table games.
Back of Courthouse, T on the map, 12:00 until 6:00
RESTROOM NEXT DOOR

RISE Raptors
See live HAWKS & OWLS and learn about these intelligent birds.
End of the Freedom Trail, X on the map, 12:00 until 5:00
RESTROOM NEARBY

Games on the Green
Play Stop and Go, Hoops, Trap Ball, Cat in the Corner or Beast, Bird or Fish.
Constitution Green, 11:30, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:30, 5:30

Sign the Declaration of Independence, play bean bag toss and solve the puzzles of history
Rotunda, G on the map, 12:00 until 6:00
RESTROOM IN BUILDING

Party Like it’s 1776
Dress up with clothes from the colonial trunk; color a patriotic birthday page; play nine pins or join a game of croquet.
Carriage House, E on the map, 12:00 until 6:00
RESTROOM IN BUILDING

Where’s GEORGE?
Find the four cutouts of George Washington and collect a prize.
Pick up a game sheet AT THE INFORMATION TENT.
More Things to See and Do

It’s Swing Time!
Enjoy the “Big Band” sound of Ain’t Misbehavin’.
12:00 and 2:00 in Liberty Hall

Clog Wild Cloggers
5:00 (Barn) and 6:30 (Main Stage)

Americana Organ Concert
3:00 and 4:00 in the Colonial Chapel

Colonial Evening Prayer
5:00 in the Colonial Chapel

Tour the National Veterans Shrine
11:00 until 7:00

Visit the White House Oval Office
11:00 until 7:00

Explore the Pettus Randall Museum of American History
11:00 until 7:00

The Battle at Concord Bridge
Location V on map
Times: 1:30 and 5:00 p.m.
See patriots engage the redcoats as the “shot heard ‘round the world” ignites a Revolution.

Participate in the Children’s Wagon and Flag Parade
12:30 • Independence Circle
Judged participants MUST be age 14 and under and should be in line by 12:15.
PRIZES AWARDED IN SEVERAL CATEGORIES

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6:30 p.m.
A presentation of traditional American dance

Thomas Jefferson reads the Declaration of Independence
7:00 p.m.

The Montevallo Community Band presents
A Patriotic Musical Prelude
7:15 p.m.
Dr. Joseph Ardovino, Director

7:45 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies ................................................................. “Dollar Bill” Lawson, WDXB 102.5 The Bull
Invocation, Washington’s Prayer for the Country .......................... Phillis Wheatley, portrayed by Lesli Johnson
Welcoming Remarks ................................................................. Tom Walker, Founder and President, American Village Citizenship Trust
Presentation of the Colors ............................................................ 1st Pennsylvania Regiment
Trail Life USA, Troop 1 (Alabaster)
Cahaba Valley Young Marines

The Pledge of Allegiance ............................................................. Children in the audience*
The National Anthem ..................................................................... Katelyn Babb
accompanied by The Montevallo Community Band
Salute to America’s Military Veterans ........................................... The Montevallo Community Band
Duty, Honor, Country ................................................................. Narrator: Johnny Curry, American Village Citizenship Trust
accompanied by The Montevallo Community Band
Huzzahs ...................................................................................... Major James Moore, Continental Army, portrayed by Chris Long
and accompanied by the audience

The FIREWORKS!

Celebrating America’s 240th Birthday with Grand Illuminations (after twilight’s last gleaming)

*Children who wish to help lead the Pledge of Allegiance are invited to come to the front of the stage at this
time, and remain afterwards to receive a sticker for their participation.
Be a Junior Interpreter

Each spring students (grades 6 through 12) who are interested in fine arts performance and history may audition to participate in American Village summer programming. At least 25 will be selected to assist our professional educational interpreters in presenting the customs and times of the 18th century. Our junior interpreters receive professional training and may participate in various historical vignettes like those you see today.

Apply for next year’s program online at www.americanvillage.org, call Noel Stewart at 205-665-3535 x 1029 or e-mail nstewart@americanvillage.org. The program is free, but participants are required to purchase their 18th century costume. The deadline for application to the 2017 summer program is December 31, 2016.

Become a Friend of the American Village

The American Village Citizenship Trust is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization, and operates through a combination of public and private support.

We hope you will consider making a tax deductible contribution in support of our vital work. Visit the Information Tent at the top of the hill to see how you can become involved by donating your time, your talent, or your treasure. You may also write or call us:

The American Village Citizenship Trust
P. O. Box 6
Montevallo, Alabama 35115
1-877-811-1776 or 205-665-3535

Make a gift online at www.americanvillage.org

Weather Warning:

In the event of stormy weather, please enter the nearest building and wait for an “All Clear” announcement from Village Staff. Please follow all weather warnings and alerts and follow all instructions when given. The American Village follows the National Weather Service advice to suspend outdoor activities for 30 minutes after seeing lightning or hearing thunder.
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