



The Sesquicentennial of the Civil War
Fredericksburg-Stafford-Spotsylvania Sesquicentennial
Committee
Schedule of Events and Programs
Years 1 and 2

2011

- February – June:** “Letters and Diaries of the Civil War”—an exhibit at the Fredericksburg Area Museum.
- May 7:** ***Bearing Witness: Letters and Diaries, Songs and Passages***
A day of community history, tours, and music, culminated by a concert by the Chamber Chorale of Fredericksburg, the National Park Service, and the Fredericksburg Area Museum. Fredericksburg Baptist Church, 7:30 p.m. (admission)
- June 10-12:** **At the Abyss: Virginia Goes to War (Chatham)**
A participatory and living history event at Chatham, featuring music, theater, people’s re-enactments, talks, tours, and special programs.
- November 12:** **“Years of Anguish” II: Virginia Goes to War.**
Featuring Gary Gallagher and Peter Carmichael. Dodd Auditorium, the University of Mary Washington.
- December 17-18:** ***Holiday without Joy: Christmas in the Civil War***
Chatham and elsewhere.

2012

**March 2012 –
May 2013.**

“We can never go back”

An exhibit at the Fredericksburg Area Museum

March 24:

“The Churches Remember”: **City of Fredericksburg**

The first of three annual days commemorating the experience of local churches during the war. (Stafford will be 2013)

April – May:

Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, a Man of All Times.

A special travelling exhibit at Chatham, by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

April 14

Fisk Jubilee Singers (commencement of the Crossing Event).

At the University of Mary Washington.

April 21

Years of Anguish III: Slaves and Freedom.

Featuring David Blight (Yale) and Thavolia Glymph (Duke).

May 4-6:

To Freedom: A Milestone Event

A major event, featuring special tours, music, theater, and a core commemorative moment marking the crossing of 10,000 slaves into Stafford County. Signature Commemorative Event

May 19:

Mr. Lincoln Visits Stafford and Fredericksburg

Special programming at Chatham and special tours in Fredericksburg.

June-December:

“Lost Photographs of the Civil War”

An exhibit at the Fredericksburg Area Museum.

June 30-July 2

“Under the Yoke: The Union Occupation” A Milestone Event.

At Chatham and elsewhere, the weekend will look at the experience of both soldiers and civilians during the Union occupation of Stafford and Fredericksburg in 1862. Will include special programs, tours, demonstrations and a special focus on, “Whose Independence? Fourth of July 1862”

December 10-11:

Battle of Fredericksburg Anniversary. A major milestone event.