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Battersea to Present Free Public Programs

Digging up Battersea's Past – Archaeological Discoveries, Oct. 23;

Restoring Battersea: Understanding and Using Lime Workshop, Nov. 1

October 23

Digging up Battersea's Past – Archaeological Discoveries

In celebration of Archaeology Month, new discoveries unearthed this summer at Battersea and what they reveal about how the villa evolved, how it was organized, its social and economic structure, and early uses of out-buildings and the landscape will be presented by Josh Duncan, archaeologist at Cultural Resources, Inc., on Thursday, October 23, 9:30 a.m. at Battersea, the 1768 estate of Col. John Banister, on the Appomattox River in Petersburg. Banister was Petersburg's first Mayor, prominent colonial businessman, lawyer and Revolutionary War leader.

Visitors are encouraged to bring pocket magnifying glasses for a close-up view of about 50 artifacts selected from over 2,000 artifacts discovered this summer that reflect activity at the site from prehistoric time through the 20th century, including an archaic point, coins and buckles, objects related to industry, and fragments of pottery, glass and dishes.

Kathleen Kilpatrick, Director of the Virginia Dept. of Historic Resources, will provide opening remarks about the historic significance of Battersea and the importance of the perpetual historic easement recently granted by the City of Petersburg.

November 1

Restoring Battersea: Understanding and Using Lime Workshop

Take part in the restoration of Battersea while learning how to use lime to restore historic buildings. Members of Battersea's Conservation Team, including nationally recognized experts, will provide a free educational workshop for homeowners, architects, restoration specialists, craftsmen and the general public at Battersea, Saturday, November 1, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Demonstrations will include making and applying limewash to Battersea's exterior and removing Portland cement parging from below the water table. Discussion will include the chemistry of lime; using lime for mortar, plaster and finishes; mixing and matching historic lime mortars; and damage caused to older buildings by use of Portland cement pointing and renders.

Members of Battersea's Conservation Team have been involved with conservation projects at dozens of National Historic Register properties throughout the U.S., including Gunston Hall, Wickham-Valentine House, Menokin, and Stratford Hall in Virginia.

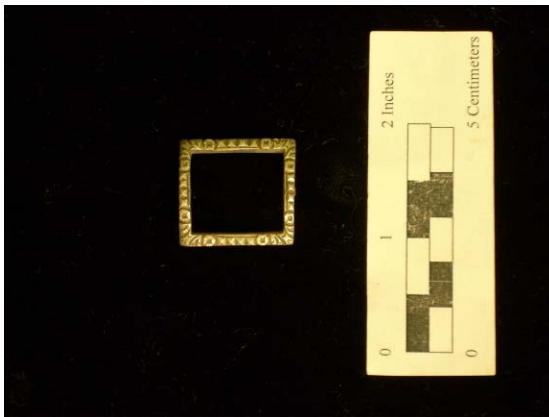
For further information, call (804) 732-9882 or visit www.batterseainc.com

Directions: Take the Washington St. exit off I-95 towards Old Towne Petersburg. Continue west on Washington St. Immediately after West St., turn right onto Battersea Lane.

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18th century white salt glazed stoneware. *Courtesy Battersea, Inc.*



Colonial period pants leg buckle. *Courtesy Battersea, Inc.*