

## WEEKEND SCHEDULE FOR THE BFA GATHERING IN WILLIAMSBURG, VA, MAY 15-16, 2026

### Fees for this Meeting:

Because of generous gifts from wonderful members, which we have used to offset a significant amount of our costs, as explained by George in his newsletter, our meeting fees are based on the number of evening dinners attended by each person. **If you attend all planned BFA events and both dinners, the Total Charge will be \$160.00 per person. If you attend all planned BFA events and only one dinner, the Total Charge will be \$80.00 per person.**

### Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>:

**May 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am:** All participants gather in the main lobby of the Doubletree Hotel. Our Executive Shuttle will leave the Doubletree at 10:30 am for the Jamestown Settlement.

**May 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am:** Arrive at Jamestown Settlement, receive passes and check-in to the park. If you are not taking the shuttle, please allow enough time to drive, park, and be ready to meet those arriving on the shuttle. Time and place will be in the pre-meeting Final Schedule.)

**May 15<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am:** Presentation of *Follow the Dragon* by our own Merry Outlaw, co-curator of this exhibit. This fantastic exhibit has been widely acclaimed as most exceptional.

**May 15<sup>th</sup> 12:30 pm:** Private lunch at the Jamestown Settlement Café. **Please note: The Café needs to know for each person if you have a food allergy or dietary restrictions. If you do, please make note of this on your Registration Form where indicated along with your lunch menu choice number from the following choices:**

#### Café Menu, with selection numbers

- 1) Angus Hamburger (A fresh all-beef hamburger) \*\*
- 2) Angus Cheeseburger (A fresh all-beef hamburger served with American cheese)\*\*
- 3) Jumbo Hot Dog (A 1/4 lb. beef hot dog on classic hot dog roll)\*\*
- 4) Turkey and Cheddar (Oven Roasted Smoked Turkey and Green Bay Mild Cheddar Cheese served on our signature Wheatberry bread with lettuce and tomato)\*\*
- 5) Ham and Swiss (Honey Cured Ham and Big Eye Swiss served on marble rye bread with lettuce and tomato)\*\*
- 6) Chef Salad (A Gourmet Entrée Salad topped with ribbons of Ham, Turkey, Swiss, Cheddar, Cucumbers, Carrots, Tomatoes, and Hardboiled Eggs. Served with Grandma's chocolate chip cookies and your choice of salad dressing)
- 7) Chicken Caesar Salad (The classic combination of romaine lettuce, croutons, red onion rings, and fresh grated Parmesan cheese. Topped with a chicken breast, served with Grandma's chocolate chip cookies and Caesar dressing)
- 8) Tuna Salad Sandwich (Homemade Tuna Salad served on signature Wheatberry bread)\*\*
- 9) Chicken Salad Sandwich (Chunky Chicken Salad served on signature Wheatberry bread)\*\*

\*\* Each of the menu selections above (except salads) will be served with Ruffles potato chips, Grandma's chocolate chip cookies, a bottled Aquafina water, and appropriate condiments/dressing.

**Elementary Group Menu** (\$10.99 per person; no menu item #---letters added instead by BFA)

- a) Hamburger (A fresh all-beef hamburger)
- b) Cheeseburger (A fresh all-beef hamburger served with American cheese)
- c) Turkey and American Cheese Sandwich (Sliced Oven-Roasted Turkey Breast and American Cheese on White Bread)
- d) Cheese Pizza (Individual personal pan pizza)
- e) Pepperoni Pizza (Individual personal pan pizza)
- f) PB&J (The classic combination of Smooth JIF Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly on White Bread)
- g) Chicken Strips [Two (2) each, golden deep fried chicken strips]
- h) Gluten Free\* Chicken Strips [Two (2) each, baked, served with GF chips (ADD \$2.00 extra per order)]

\*For Gluten Free Order, Please Select One: \_\_\_\_ Lifestyle or \_\_\_\_ Celiac

**May 15<sup>th</sup> after lunch:** You are free to roam the grounds of the Settlement, view exhibits and shop until it is time to return by shuttle to the Doubletree.

**May 15<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm:** Board our shuttle for the return trip to the Doubletree where those who had not previously checked in may do so.

**Friday Night's Dinner at the Doubletree**

**5:30 pm:** The day continues with a cash bar opening in our designated dining room. Kick back and enjoy your cousins' company over a cool libation.

**6:30 pm:** The tradition continues with our always popular **Southern Style Country Buffet**

**Menu:**

Salads: Tossed Chopped Salad with peppers, red onions, tomato, and cucumber and dressing of either Ranch or Italian and Southern Style potato salad

Entrees: Authentic Pulled Pork and, of course, Southern Fried Chicken

Sides: Southern Style Mac n' Cheese, Southern Style Green Beans with Bacon & Onions, Coleslaw, Sweet Corn Bread, and Rolls for the BBQ

Dessert: Carrot Bundt Cake and Berry Cobbler

**Our Speakers will be Matt Abbitt, Elaine Powell, and Ray Smith**

**Ray Smith, BFA President-Elect,** Welcome and the Unveiling of the New BFA website  
His presentation is entitled *Telling the World About Joseph Bridger*

**Matt Abbitt, President of St. Luke's Historic Church and Museum's Board of Directors**  
His presentation is on St. Luke's Legacy Fund

**Elaine Powell, BFA Social Secretary**  
Her presentation is entitled *Bridgers and Bacon's Rebellion*

## **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> :**

**10:00 am:** The day is yours to enjoy as you will. Some of you will be attending The Jamestowne Society luncheon meeting at Kingsmill Resort, beginning about 11:00 am with a social hour before the luncheon begins. Kingsmill is just minutes from the Doubletree. (For more information, contact Janet Ross at [jmorganross@verizon.net](mailto:jmorganross@verizon.net).) Others may want to go to Yorktown (26 minutes away) and visit the historic museum and battlefield where our nation's independence was finally secured. If you are interested in naval ships and history, you cannot beat the Mariners' Museum (entry fee \$1.00 per person) in Newport News (34 minutes) where the USS Monitor is undergoing conservation. And, of course, there is Colonial Williamsburg (13 minutes) where you can visit wonderful shops and sample excellent fare at any of the local restaurants or eateries. Enjoy your day in the cradle of our democracy.

**3:00 pm: Board Meeting at the Doubletree (preliminary time, may change)**

## **Saturday Night's Dinner at the Doubletree**

**5:30 pm:** The day continues with a cash bar opening in our designated dining room. Share your experiences of the day with your cousins' before sitting down to a wonderful dinner and presentations.

**6:30 pm:** One of Doubletree's specialty dinners, the **Steakhouse Buffet**

### **Menu:**

Soup:	Mushroom Bisque
Salads:	Sliced Heirloom Tomatoes with Cucumber, red onion, & red wine vinaigrette; Iceberg Wedge Salad with bacon cracklings, blue cheese crumble, & buttermilk ranch dressing Chilled Green Asparagus with pancetta, mustard vinaigrette
Entrees:	Grilled Filet Mignonette with peppercorn brandy sauce; Herb Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast with thyme jus; and Grilled Salmon Filet with corn salsa and lime butter
Sides:	Baked Creamed Spinach with ground nutmeg and butter crisp topping; Baked Peewee Potatoes with smoked salt, truffle oil, sour cream, and chives; Grilled Vegetables
Dessert:	Double Chocolate Truffle Cake; Carrot Cake bundt with caramel sauce

## **Our Speakers Will Be George Bridger and Bill Carrell**

**George Bridger, BFA President, Welcome**

His presentation is entitled *BFA Update - Board Highlights*

**Bill Carrell, BFA Founder, Vice President, and Registrar**

His presentation is entitled *Who Was Joseph Bridger?*

## **Closing Remarks and What's Next?**

**George Bridger, BFA President**