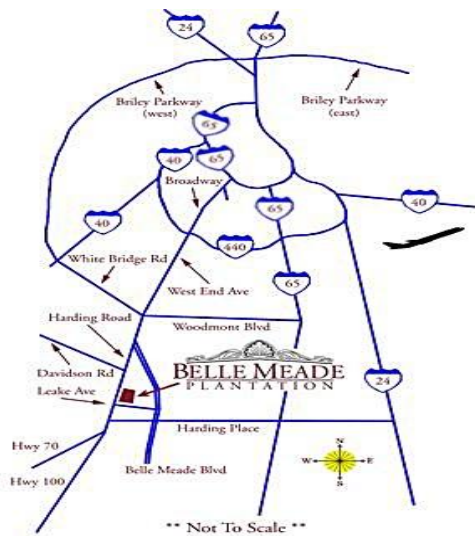


Planning to Join the Book Club!

Reservations: Please write, call, or e-mail the Education Programs Coordinator that you plan to join the Civil War Book Club Discussions, or if you have any questions. **There is no fee to join!**
Check-In: On the day of the Book Club Discussion each month, please check in at the Belle Meade Plantation Gift Shop/Visitor's Center to find the location for the meeting.

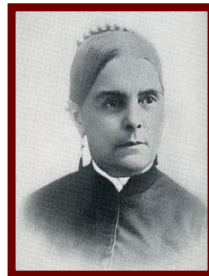


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Civil War Book Club

January – December 2012 Book List



Join in the Commemoration!

In honor of the Civil War Sesquicentennial from 2011 to 2015, Belle Meade Plantation will be hosting a variety of events to commemorate the courage and sacrifices made by both men and women North and South during the Civil War.

To highlight the commemoration, Belle Meade Plantation will be conducting an ongoing Civil War Book Club, which will start in 2012 and run through 2015.

Each month a new book will form a discussion, with a focus not just on Civil War battles but the lives of personal soldiers, generals, as well as young men and women caught up on both sides of the conflict.

On the last Saturday of each month, a book discussion will take place at Belle Meade Plantation for a time of reflection, sharing, and light refreshment among all those interested in the American Civil War.

The discussions will last from 3:00-5:00 p.m., in either the Mansion or the Carriage House at Belle Meade Plantation. The book discussions will be the last Saturday of each month, except for December, when the date will be December 15, 2012.

Meet the Authors & Descendants!

As a special part to this inaugural Civil War Book Club, a couple of the authors and descendants have agreed to come and take part in our discussions.

January - Mrs. Ruth Hill Fulton McAllister: Private Sam Watkins great-granddaughter.

March - Mrs. Cornelia Granbery: Cornelia P. McDonald's great-great granddaughter.

April - Reverend Larry J. Daniel: A Methodist minister and author of *Shiloh: The Battle that Changed the Civil War*. **Rev. Daniel will also be doing a book signing in the Gift Shop before the Discussion.**

May - Dr. John G. Selby: Roanoke College History Professor and author of *Virginians at War: The Civil War Experiences of Seven Young Confederates*. **Dr. Selby will also be doing a book signing in the Gift Shop before the Discussion.**



Dr. John Selby



Rev. Larry Daniel

THE 2012 BOOK LIST

JANUARY

Company Aytch or a Side Show of the Big Show: A Memoir of the Civil War

By: Sam R. Watkins

This is the fascinating story of Private Sam Watkins and Company Aytch of the 1st. TN. Infantry through the marches, battles and every day camp life in the Army of Tennessee. Now for the first time read Sam's second edition, which he never saw published.

FEBRUARY

The Bloody Crucible of Courage

By: Brent Nosworthy

This study is an in-depth look into how and why Civil War commanders on both sides employed the best-known combat methods of the day in all the branches of service through the Civil War.

MARCH

A Woman's Civil War: A Diary with Reminiscences of the War from March 1862

By: Cornelia Peake McDonald

Follow the astonishing story of a young mother in war-torn Winchester, VA. As she tried to protect her children, home, and an un-yielding spirit from collapse in the midst of the war around her.

APRIL

Shiloh: The Battle that Changed the Civil War

By: Larry J. Daniel

A captivating book to read and understand more unique aspects about one of the Civil War's bloodiest battles, especially in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary on April 6-7, 2012.

MAY

Virginians at War: The Civil War Experiences of Seven Young Confederates

By: Dr. John G. Selby

This noteworthy book looks at the lives of seven young adults both young men & women throughout the Civil War. By understanding their lives both on the front and at home, we can piece together the hardships they faced during the Civil War.

JUNE

To the Gates of Richmond: The Peninsula Campaign

By: Stephen W. Sears

Follow the remarkable tale of the largest campaign in the Civil War through the eyes of General McClellan's grand plan. Also, discover the accession of General Robert E. Lee, who had to drive McClellan back from Richmond in late June of 1862. This campaign would cover seven eventful days that would change the course of the Civil War.

JULY

For Cause and Comrades: Why Men Fought in the Civil War

By: James McPherson

This intriguing book focuses on the many reasons why so many men both young and old joined their family, friends, and neighbors in the epic struggle of their lifetime, the American Civil War.

AUGUST

The Class of 1846: From West Point to Appomattox-Stonewall Jackson, George McClellan and Their Brothers

By: John C. Waugh

Find out more about this extraordinary set of classmates that would produce over twenty generals in the Civil War and test the bonds of loyalty and friendship for both sides of the conflict.

SEPTEMBER

The Gleam of Bayonets: The Battle of Antietam & Robert E. Lee's Maryland Campaign September 1862

By: James V. Murfin

A great book on the overall history of America's greatest single day conflict in its history with over 23,000 men killed, wounded, or reported missing following the battle. Learn more of the stories of these brave men on both sides in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary on September 17, 2012.

OCTOBER

General Edmund Kirby Smith C.S.A.

By: Joseph H. Parks

This is a great biography of an often forgotten Confederate General, who held the same post the longest than any officer on either side. This post was the Trans-Mississippi Department, or often known as "Kirbysmithdom." Find out more about "Kirbysmithdom" and the interesting life of its commander.

NOVEMBER

The Fredericksburg Campaign: Decision on the Rappahannock

Edited By: Gary W. Gallagher

A great collection of essays by many leading Civil War historians including Gary Gallagher, William Marvel, George C. Rable and others that discuss many intriguing aspects of this campaign from November & December 1862.

DECEMBER

The Battle of Stones River: No Better Place to Die

By: Peter Cozzens

This is a noteworthy account of one of the Civil War's greatest battles. It takes a piece-by-piece look at all of the major battle actions that took place during the last days of December 1862 and first days of January 1863. A great book to study for the commemoration of the battle's 150th Anniversary.