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June Events at the Manassas Museum

City of Manassas, VA . . . Book talks, walking tours, and plantation tours are on tap for June at the Manassas Museum.

On Tuesday, June 9 at 10 a.m. children ages three to five and their caregiver are invited to enjoy storytelling, crafts, songs and outdoor exploration during Pre-K Tuesday at the Manassas Museum. The program is \$10 per child and advanced reservations are encouraged at www.manassasmuseum.org.

Historic Downtown Manassas Walking Tours are Thursdays and Fridays at noon from April through October at the Manassas Museum. Stroll through Historic Downtown Manassas and learn about the City's history. Costumed interpreters share stories about Historic Downtown during the Civil War and about the rebirth of the area after war and fire. The tours are included with admission to the Museum.

Liberia Plantation Tours are on Sundays at Noon throughout the summer. Enjoy a tour of the historic 1825 plantation house where Civil War soldiers and presidents tread. Tours are included with admission to the Manassas Museum.

Through July 15 visitors to the Manassas Museum can peruse the exhibit: *Protecting Manassas*. This exhibit is free for all police, fire and rescue personnel and their families. In the late 1800s, when Manassas was still a growing little town, volunteers retrieved buckets and ladders from the train depot and ran to fight fires, while a town sergeant patrolled the streets with nothing but a nightstick and handcuffs. *Protecting Manassas* explores the evolution of the police, fire and rescue departments from these humble beginnings to their central place in today's community.

Join local author James S. Price at the Manassas Museum on June 14 at 2 p.m. for a discussion of his book *The Battle of First Deep Bottom*, a work on a pivotal moment in the Petersburg Campaign and the close of the Civil War. What was supposed to be a raid on Confederate railroads and a breakthrough to the Confederate capital of Richmond turned into a bloody skirmish during the Battle of First Deep Bottom in July of 1864.

On Sunday, June 28, at 2 p.m. Author Garrett Peck will detail the years poet Walt Whitman served as a hospital missionary in his new book, *Walt Whitman in Washington, D.C.; The Civil War and America's Great Poet*. During this Manassas Museum Book Talk Peck will

speaking about Whitman's more than six hundred hospital visits. Walt Whitman was already famous for writing *Leaves of Grass* when he journeyed to the nation's capital at the height of the Civil War to find his brother George, a Union officer wounded at the Battle of Fredericksburg. With the 1865 publication of *Drum-Taps*, Whitman became poet laureate of the Civil War, aligning his legacy with that of Abraham Lincoln. He remained in Washington until 1873 as a federal clerk, engaging in a dazzling literary circle and fostering his longest romantic relationship.

For these and other events at the Manassas Museum, visit www.manassasmuseum.org.

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