



David Caldwell Historic Park



Blast From the Past

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Five Fun Facts From the Frontier

- 1) *The diets of the colonists consisted mainly of soup and "spoon-meat" like hashes.***
- 2) *For some cups, coconuts were used to make goblets. Such coconut goblets were mounted in silver.***
- 3) *There were rarely individual drinking cups at the dinner table. It was customary to pass a drinking cup or bowl around to their neighbors.***
- 4) *In the early days of the Massachusetts settlements, the preferable way to travel was by boat between Boston, Salem, and Plymouth.***
- 5) *Many games were played with the kernels of corn: fox and geese, checkers, and games in which the corn served as counters.***

During the summer, a lot of parents contemplate what inexpensive activities they can do with their children. Throughout these hot months, the DCHP offers fun and educational activities for not only the youth, but for their parents as well. We will have games, arts and crafts, a story time, and colonial dancing. Such games include hoops, sac toss, other activities from the colonial era, and educational board games. With arts and crafts the children will recreate haversacks, purses, and other things from the colonial period. Listen to stories

about the trials and tribulations of colonial life. And if that is not enough, learn various colonial dances that will make the most inept dancer seem like they have been dancing (colonially) for years.



This will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 11am to 3pm starting June 24 till August 21. There is no fee so come whenever you like. For any questions please call (336) 373-3681 or email us at history@greensboro-nc.gov.

The Interpretive Center is just one tree on a path adorned with the rich foliage of colonial history. We encourage you to take a few hours to stroll back in time and appreciate the similarities and differences of their lives and your own.

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These few games offer children and parents the chance to learn about the colonial past while having fun together.



Dig It: David Caldwell Archeological Excavation

Throughout the summer, we invite any willing person wanting to participate in the Archeological excavations at David Caldwell Historic Park.

Currently Archeologist Ken Robinson is heading up the investigation in



hoping to find new outlying structures in the heart of the Caldwell farmstead. Already we have found many artifacts dating back to the late 18th century and early 19th century. Such artifacts include a plethora of pearlware, fractured eating utensils, different types of buttons, pigs teeth, burnt animal bones, and one lead shot. These new discoveries will help shed

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Local historian Gary Brown interviewed by local channel Carolina 14.

Recently, the excavation has brought some media attention to the park. On

Wednesday June 4th, an article in the Greensboro's News and Record featured the excavation. Staff Writer Jamie Kennedy Jones came out and interviewed archeologist Ken Robinson and local historian Gary Brown. They were also featured on a couple of local news channels a few days later.

If you have an itch and want to satisfy your archeological inkling, come out and help sift through history. We encourage the young and old, families and individuals to come out and help. If you would like to participate, we recommend that you

wear clothes you do not mind getting dirty, gloves unless you like the feel of dirt on your hands, sunscreen for the bearing Carolina sun, and tennis shoes to guard your toes. To the right is the schedule for future digs at the park. Hope to see you there!



DCHP staff member showing newly discovered artifacts to intrigued visitors.

Archeology Schedule

Tuesday, June 24
 Wednesday, June 25
 Monday, June 30
 Tuesday, July 1
 Wednesday, July 2
 Monday, July 21
 Tuesday, July 22
 Wednesday, July 30
 Thursday, July 31
 Tuesday, August 5
 Wednesday, August 6
 Tuesday, August 12
 Wednesday, August 13
 Wednesday, August 20
 Thursday, August 21
 Tuesday, August 26
 Wednesday, August 27

Artifacts Before:



Artifacts After:



There (above left) is a picture of a fractured bowl in a dozen pieces. That same bowl (above right) was glued together and appears to be one third of a complete bowl. The bluish tint on the bottom of the bowl indicates that the bowl is pearlware. Cobalt was commonly used in the glazing method of pottery make which had a slightly blue tint. Because of this evidence we can conclude that this piece of pottery was made between the 1780s to the 1820s. This shows that this would have been used by David and Rachel Caldwell. As we uncover more artifacts we hope to discover more of how they lived their lives.