



# AN ITINERARY OF THE *Forgotten Stars*



## The Quill

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S FERRY FARM

Where ink once spilled and the seeds of a nation were sown, the Quill whispers of youthful dreams not yet bound by duty. Stand where Washington became a leader, and you may feel the faint stir of history drafting its first lines. Here, past and present mingle, as if the very air still carries the scratch of an unseen pen.

## The Painter's Flame

GARI MELCHERS HOME & STUDIO

In this quiet sanctuary estate, brushstrokes burn brighter than fire, capturing fleeting light and everlasting truth. Each canvas is a window into another world, and each garden path invites the soul to linger. Step softly, for even the shadows seem painted with intention.



## The Sentinel

CHATHAM MANOR, NATIONAL PARK

Silent and unyielding, the Sentinel has watched centuries unfold across the Rappahannock's banks. Its walls bear the echoes of war, of love, of grief, and of resilience. Stand before it, and you may feel the weight of eyes long gone, guarding stories that will never fade.

## The Keeper's Garden

GOVERNMENT ISLAND

Among quarried stone and wild song, the Keeper tends a garden older than memory. Here, nature has reclaimed what hands once took, weaving roots through the remnants of our nation's foundation. Step into the hush, and you may hear the murmur of earth's oldest promises.



## The First Flame

PATAWOMECK MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER

Long before borders and battlefields, the First Flame was kindled by the Patowomeck people, its warmth still carried in the stories they share today. Within these walls, their history breathes and their spirit endures. To walk here is to honor a fire that never dies.

# EVENTS TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR WEEKEND

There's always something happening in Stafford! Scan the QR code to find more info on each event or head to [www.TourStaffordVA.com/ThingsToDo](http://www.TourStaffordVA.com/ThingsToDo)



## Oktoberfest

6 BEARS & A GOAT BREWING CO.

Raise a stein and celebrate at the 4th Annual Fredtoberfest! This lively German-style Oktoberfest is coming home to the Brewhouse for the very first time, featuring local breweries, live music, traditional dancers, authentic eats, fun contests, and plenty of festive cheer.

## The Sound of Music

RIVERSIDE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Broadway's best in Virginia brings the hills alive with this timeless classic. Experience the heartwarming story, unforgettable songs, and world-class performances that make Riverside one of the region's premier stages. A show as dazzling as New York, but right here in Stafford's backyard.



## Farmers Market

LONG FAMILY FARMERS MARKET

A Sunday morning tradition where local farmers, bakers, and artisans gather to share the very best of Stafford. Stroll through stalls filled with fresh produce, handmade goods, and friendly faces—you'll taste the difference of homegrown. It's not just a market, it's a celebration of community.

## Founding Frenemies

CENTRAL RAPPAHANNOCK REGIONAL LIBRARY - PORTER BRANCH

Alexander Hamilton may have risen to legendary status on Broadway, but his real-life story is just as dramatic. From his service alongside George Washington to heated feuds with Jefferson and Madison, Hamilton's relationships with Virginians shaped not only his life, but the foundation of America itself.



Scan for dates, details, and more events like live music, trivia nights, and fall activities that will make you feel like the main character