

A Showcase of the “Bad Guys” of History Brigand’s Grove will take place at Historic Tunnel Mill in Charlestown on August 10 and 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Come join them for a weekend of history like you’ve never seen!

In a secluded valley, through which winds a well-travelled road there lurks... DANGER! Beware wayfaring strangers, or you shall be waylaid! In this deceptively peaceful hollow, those who live outside the law are waiting for opportunity... Highwaymen stalk the roads. Pirates lurk in the creek. All sorts of undesirables will descend upon Historic Tunnel Mill in Charlestown for a weekend of fun... At least until the Magistrates arrive!

Throughout the weekend, visitors will see a variety of historical “bad guys”, period street performers, confidence men, cannon demonstrations, duels, swordfights, bare-knuckle boxing demonstrations and live Celtic and Early-American folk music! There is plenty to see and experience for all ages! Family-friendly atmosphere! Reenactors from the time-period 1700-1820 will be on hand to talk about historical living.

Their spies have informed them that there will be a raid on a coach-wagon at the 200-year-old Historic John Work House by ruffians around 11 a.m. on Saturday. At 3 p.m., a battle will break out between River Pirates and Highwaymen, both vying for control over the valley! On Sunday, the fun continues! Attend the historical church service at 10 a.m., then stick around for the coach-raid at 11 a.m. There’s a lot to do and see all day, so bring the family and plan for fun! This is an all-ages event designed to make learning about history fun and exciting!

Admission is free and parking is only \$5 per car! Concessions are provided by BSA Troop 80, however, picnicking is also permitted. Come enjoy the historical park! Guaranteed to be fun for the whole family! (Come both days and receive a discount on parking!)

Historic Tunnel Mill is located at 3709 Tunnel Mill Road in Charlestown. Find them on online at www.historictunnelmill.org to learn more.

BACKSTORY

The Historic John Work House was built in 1811 as a part of the Tunnel Mill site (actual working grist mill which is no longer there). It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001. In the Spring of 2010, a historically-oriented company, Taylor Rose Historical Outfitters, contracted with the owners, the Boy Scouts of America, to restore the building and grounds and use as a primary business location, education and historical interpretive center.

SCHEDULE:

Welcome to Historic Tunnel Mill!

Saturday:

10:00 a.m.- Event open to public—Live Music from Don and Esther Drewry in John Work House all through the day. Free tours from 10am to 5PM.

11 a.m.- Raid the Coach! Held at the John Work House

12 noon- Live Music from The Maid and the Soldier at the Distillery

1 p.m.- “An American Rough-and-Tumble” Historical Prize-Fight Demonstration

2 p.m.- The Incredible Tale of Mad Anne Bailey at the Distillery

3 p.m.- BATTLE River Pirates fight Highwaymen over control of the valley!

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4 p.m.- Cannon Demonstration in Reenactment Field

Sunday:

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all through the day. Free tours from 10am to 5PM.

10 a.m.- Historical Church Service at the John Work House

11 a.m.- Raid the Coach! Held at the John Work House

12 noon- Live Music from The Maid and the Soldier at the Distillery

1 p.m.- “An American Rough-and-Tumble” Historical Prize-Fight Demonstration

2 p.m.- Swordfight Demonstration—in the Boxing Ring

3 p.m.- BATTLE River Pirates fight Highwaymen over control of the valley!

4 p.m.- Event Closes

Bring this program with you when you come back on Sunday and get ½ off parking!

Special thanks to their Sponsors and those who helped make this event happen:

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