

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Celebrating Rural Community**

Saturday, June 2, 10-6 PM and Sunday, June 3 11-5 PM, rain or shine. At Rassawek Vineyard, 6276 River Road West, Columbia, VA 23038, in western Goochland County.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$30 for additional wine tasting. Children under 12 are free. 10% discount for active military with current ID. Purple Heart recipients admitted free. More information available at [www.rassawek.com](http://www.rassawek.com).

The Center for Rural Culture (CRC), a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of rural history, tradition, and culture, will bring a specially-curated group of artisans, farmers, foodmakers, historians, and authors to this year's Spring Jubilee at Rassawek Vineyards on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (<http://rassawek.com/rassawek-spring-jubilee/general-info/#>). This family-friendly event features "makers" from all around the region, including wineries, craft brewers, distilleries, and creators of art and craft. The CRC has been invited to join this year, bringing some special demonstrators, vendors, and exhibitors who will showcase particular elements of rural culture and history.



Tanya Cauthen, a recent winner on the TV series *Chopped* and the proprietor of Belmont Butchery in Richmond, will be at the Spring Jubilee on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. (<http://belmontbutchery.com/>) Cauthen, whose top-quality meat is sought after by Richmond foodies and chefs, will answer cooking questions and offer samples of her delicious products. She will be cooking in vintage cast iron from Vintage Kitchen Cast Iron and Collectibles, whose wares she sells in her shop. Vintage Kitchen is owned by Katie Hoffman (a native of Cumberland County) and her husband, Brett Tiller. "We are really excited about Rassawek's Spring Jubilee this year," says Hoffman. "Our cast iron fits right in, because it's always been such a part of the rural cooking tradition. Plus, the vintage pieces—unless you pay a small fortune—have much better cooking surfaces than the new ones. We spend a lot of time seeking out nice old pieces of cast iron, then restoring them to their former glory. It's fun to send them home with excited cooks and

collectors.” Vintage Kitchen will be there for both days of the Jubilee with a large selection of cast iron, featuring pricier collectible items as well as very reasonably priced cook’s pans.



Fall Line Farms and Local Roots will be on hand Saturday and Sunday with presentations and product information featuring local small farmers and artisans. On Sunday, Wild Earth Farms will demonstrate kraut making. They offer a line of fermented products that are local, seasonal and full of all the enzymes and other beneficial organisms that benefit our health and help us maintain a better balance in our lives and environment. Hobby Hill Farm Fresh of Powhatan will have their delicious hand made pretzels available with a demonstration on Sunday. These pretzels are a Virginia’s finest product and absolutely irresistible!



The Center for Rural Culture, though it has a strong emphasis on food, also promotes other aspects of rural life, and there will be representatives of those elements, too. Artist Luke Fleischman, a native of Goochland county, currently lives on a small farm in Cumberland County where he creates art using steel, acrylic paints, and discarded gardening and farm implements. He is a graduate of the University of Richmond with a BA in art and psychology and is the 1984 recipient of the Phillip Frederick Award in Art from the University. Fleischman's whimsical creations are popular at a number of craft and art shows, and he also takes commissions. Families can stop by to paint a horse shoe to take home.



Luke's sister, Margaret Fleischman, a self taught local historical enthusiast brings another element of rural culture to the Spring Jubilee with her private collection of Native American artifacts. Margaret is also a native of Goochland county and a resident of Columbia.



Meet Channel, an adorable miniature horse who is in training as part of Grey Horse counseling llc. This is a Cumberland based program that offers mental health services for adults and groups using various treatment modalities including experiential and talk therapy that can include equine and canine partners.

Rassawek's Spring Jubilee is a non-profit event. It is an opportunity to collaborate with the Greater Goochland community and beyond, sharing a passion for keeping trade skills alive by onsite build demonstrations and for educating the public through demonstrations by local artists, craftsmen, musicians, and chefs. Rassawek's Spring Jubilee supports local programs by celebrating the local, the handmade, and the homegrown. We spotlight those with a passion for craftsmanship and creativity, who strengthen communities, create pride of place and heritage, and foster a vibrant culture where we all work, live, and play.

The Center for Rural Culture is dedicated to preserving the rural fabric of our communities. The Center for Rural Culture seeks to support local economies and agriculture, to protect rural landscapes and traditions, and to conserve natural and historic resources.

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