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Battles fought in the Carolina Backcountry were pivotal for the American Revolution - find out more at Historic Brattonsville's annual event "The Battle of Huck's Defeat"

McConnells, S.C. - An 800-acre living history plantation in York County, Historic Brattonsville is the actual site of an important Patriot militia victory known as the Battle of Huck's Defeat. The annual event includes a reenactment of the 1780 battle between the local Patriot militia and Loyalist troops commanded by the loathed British commander Capt. Christian Huck. Historical interpreters also portray how Martha Bratton, wife of militia commander Col. William Bratton, and Watt, an enslaved African American, helped to save the day.

Reenactments of two pivotal American Revolution battles take place during the two-day "Battle of Huck's Defeat" event on Sat. July 14 and on Sun. July 15. Throughout the weekend Historic Brattonsville will come alive through cavalry and camp life with reenactor regiments from all over the Southeast.

The Battle of Huck's Defeat:

Saturday, July 14 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with Battle of Huck's Defeat reenactment at 2 p.m.

Sunday, July 15 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. with Battle of Fishing Creek reenactment at 2 p.m.

Highlights for 2018's Battle of Huck's Defeat:

"The Battle of Huck's Defeat" includes a wreath laying ceremony at noon on Saturday, sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). The ceremony involves members of the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and Children of the American Revolution placing wreaths at the 1903 DAR monument commemorating the Battle of Huck's Defeat. This year the wreath laying ceremony will include the unveiling of new portraits of Col. William Bratton and Capt. Christian Huck. The painter, Thomas Kelly Pauley, a resident of York, S.C., specializes in historical portraits; his work has been featured in several documentaries produced by South Carolina Educational Television (SCETV). The portraits have been commissioned by Culture & Heritage Museums (CHM) and underwritten by DAR and private donors. Pauley and CHM historian Michael Scoggins will be available for a meet & greet afterwards in the Orientation Room.

Special presentations during this year's "The Battle of Huck's Defeat" include "A Visit with Mrs. Catherine Greene." Wife of the commander of the Southern Continental army, Nathaniel Greene, Mrs. Greene will be portrayed by Carin Bloom. Bloom is a historical interpreter and museum program associate at Middleton Place Foundation in Charleston. Performances are scheduled for Sat. at 11:30 a.m. and Sun. at noon.

Visitors can shop along sutlers' row for period wares during the two day event. Sutlers' row includes fascinating goods from Pumpkintown Primitives, Knightengales & Gilson's colonial American-style glass works, handmade toy guns by Bruce Roberts, and wig maker John Taylor Brantley. Shanlie Wolter will be demonstrating the traditional craft of creating heirloom quality hand-cut paper silhouettes.

Ongoing activities include live fiddle music of the era performed by Nash Lyle and Zach Lemhouse, historical cooking demonstrations, children's militia drills and musket firing demonstrations.

An 18th-century style church service will be held on Sunday morning at 10 a.m.

Food concessions & Kona Ice will be available for purchase on both days.

Historic Brattonsville is located at 1444 Brattonsville Rd McConnells, SC 29726.

NOTE: Brattonsville Road will be closed; please look for detours.

Admission: Adults \$8; Seniors \$7; Youth 4-17 \$5; 3 and under free; CHM members admitted free of charge.

For more information about upcoming events at Historic Brattonsville, visit www.chmuseums.org

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Attached image: British Dragoons charge into the Carolina Backcountry during the 2016 reenactment of the Battle of Huck's Defeat

Learn more about featured guests and sutlers here:

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/carin-bloom/#experience-section>

<http://www.pauleyportraits.com/>

<https://www.silhouettesandsuch.com/about>

<http://www.pumpkintownprimitives.com/>

<https://www.ealonline.com/directory/artist.php?id=3131>

<https://www.ealonline.com/directory/artist.php?id=4357>

About Historic Brattonsville:

Historic Brattonsville features over thirty colonial and antebellum structures, including two house museums. The plantation spreads over 800-acres and includes farmed land with heritage breed animals, a Revolutionary War battlefield site, and a nature preserve with miles of walking trails. Seasonal events, reenactments, and living history programs interpret Southern rural life from the 1750s to the 1850s.

Historic Brattonsville is included in “The Green Book of South Carolina” – a travel guide to African American cultural sites. <https://greenbookofsc.com/>

Culture & Heritage Museums (CHM) is a family of museums in York County, S.C., which includes Historic Brattonsville, Main Street Children’s Museum, McCelvey Center and Museum of York County. The mission of CHM is to communicate and preserve the natural and cultural histories of the Carolina Piedmont, inspiring a lifetime of learning.

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