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Living History Saturdays at Brattonsville focuses on women on the plantation

Local author Pat Veasey presents two programs on Catharine Ladd, Brattonsville's first schoolmistress

McCONNELLS, S.C. - Historic Brattonsville presents "Powerful Women on the Plantation" on Jan. 25 as part of the weekly series - Living History Saturdays. The program celebrates the women of one of the largest plantations in the upstate during the early nineteenth century. Learn about Harriot Bratton, her highly skilled cooks, and Brattonsville's first schoolmistress – Catharine Ladd. Cooking demonstrations, house tours of the Homestead, and other historical activities will be ongoing.

Meet local author Pat Veasey

During "Powerful Women on the Plantation" on Jan. 25, Pat Veasey will lead two programs on Catharine Ladd, an educator who Dr. John Bratton hired to open and run a female academy on the plantation in 1839. Veasey, an award winning educator and author, will present at the Bratton Academy at 11 a.m. and at 2 p.m. with book signing opportunities following each presentation. Veasey's recently published book - "A Relentless Spirit, Catharine Ladd: Southern Educator, Entrepreneur, and Author, 1808-1899" is available in Historic Brattonsville's gift shop.

Powerful Women on the Plantation is Jan. 25 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Pat Veasey presents at 11 a.m. and at 2 p.m. on Jan. 25

Historic Brattonsville is located at 1444 Brattonsville Rd. McConnells, S.C. 29726

General Admission: Adults \$10, Seniors \$8, Youth 4-7 \$6; free for CHM members and ages 3 and under.

For more information visit chmuseums.org or call 803.684.2327

IMAGES: photo of Pat Veasey, courtesy of the author

About Historic Brattonsville:

Historic Brattonsville features over 30 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 is a family of museums in York County and 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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