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Lecture on African American Dress Scheduled

What was the clothing for slaves like, and how do we know what they looked like?

On Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 7 p.m., Sully Historic Site hosts the illustrated lecture, “Had on and Took with Her: African American Dress, 1790-1840” by Dr. Ann Wass. Using autobiographies, published travelers’ accounts, and newspaper advertisements seeking the return of slaves who ran away, the lecture highlights the variety of clothing worn by African-American men and women 200 years ago. Reproduction slave clothing will be available for viewing.

Speaker Ann Buermann Wass has a Ph.D. in costume and textile history from the University of Maryland. Author of *Clothing Through American History: The Federal Era Through Antebellum, 1786-1860*, Dr. Wass has also written articles and juried presentations on a variety of subjects. She is the history/museum specialist at the Riversdale House Museum in Riverdale Park, Maryland, where she has mounted several costume exhibits and directed costume-themed programs. She designs and makes Federal era clothing for herself and her husband as they do living history interpretive programs. Dr. Wass is a member of the Costume Society of America and the Jane Austen Society of North America.

Sully is the 1794 home of Northern Virginia’s first congressman, Richard Bland Lee. The site is included in the National Park Service’s Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. During the Lee time period, over 50 slaves, men, women and children, lived and worked on the farm. Runaway ads for slaves during the Lee time period have been found in period newspapers.

Light refreshments will be available before and after the lecture. Due to the darkness outside when walking, please remember to bring a flashlight with you to the program. Space is limited so please reserve your space by January 31. For reservations or for more information and directions call 703-437-1794.

This talk is sponsored by the Sully Foundation, Ltd. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, VA 20151, off Rt. 28 (Sully Road) ¼ mile north of Rt. 50 and 5 miles south of the Dulles Toll Road.

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