In her class “European Lace and Chintz of the 17th and 18th Centuries,” instructor Carolyn Cerini demonstrates how bobbin lace is made. *Photograph by Lisa Brickey.*

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**Town & Gown for April**

Town and Gown begins at 11:45 at the School of Education, Matoaka Woods Room.

**April 6 Apples and Dragonfruits: Comparing Causes and Consequences of Western and Chinese Foreign Aid.** *Mike Tierney, Director, AidData Center*
April 13 Making Cuba Connections--Take Two. Ann Marie Stock, W&M Libraries Faculty Scholar, Professor of Hispanic Studies and Film and Media Studies

April 20 Climate is What You Expect, Weather is What you Get: How the Earth's Climate System Works, and What is Changing. Dennis Taylor, Professor Emeritus, W&M School of Marine Science and VIMS

April 27 Williamsburg's Weather and Climate: Learning From the Past, Thinking About the Future. Chuck Bailey, W&M Professor and Chair, Department of Geology

Wanted! Your Great Ideas for Town & Gown

You're invited to participate in a group to brainstorm next fall's presentations. They generally meet once prior to the semester to develop a list and distribute the "asks." If you're interested or have ideas for Town & Gown, send the office (chriswren@wm.edu) an email ATTN: Connie McCarthy.

Exciting Spring Events

- **Saturday, April 29** - Bus/boat tour of the Mariner's Museum and the Battle of Hampton Roads, led by historian John Quarstein. [Register Now]
- **Wednesday, May 3** - Dinner at "A Chef's Kitchen" with Chef John Gonzales. Registration opens April 7.

CWA Supports Scholastic Bowl
On February 25 the College of William & Mary hosted the 20th annual Virginia High School League’s Scholastic Bowl state championships. And, for the 13th year, the Christopher Wren Association was a proud partner in this event.

Teams from 24 high schools across the Commonwealth came to campus for the competition. At the end of the day six state champion teams were crowned, one in each of six groups from small enrollment schools to large. In addition, an All-State team of the five top individual scorers was announced.

Scholastic Bowl is just one example of how CWA supports our sponsoring college. A small steering group of our members coordinated local arrangements, including reserving space, recruiting officials, registering and photographing teams, arranging for food and parking, and more. Of the 60 people needed to put on the competition, more than 40 were members of CWA.

*Contributed by Don Darnton. Photograph by George King.*

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This semester several of our loyal and highly regarded instructors have experienced illnesses that have prevented them from presenting their excellent courses. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as we eagerly await their recoveries. We remain grateful for their past contributions and look forward to future fellowship and lifelong learning.

- Shubir Ghosh
Protecting Your Passwords

When requested by members, staff can look up your login information. If you tend to keep the same password for everything, you may prefer to pick a unique one for the CWA registration website. Only paid staff has access to this information, and they only look it up if a member is having an issue. Private information is never shared with other parties.

Thinking Ahead - And We’d Like Your Help

As soon as our spring semester ends, the CWA staff begins working on the upcoming fall catalog. With a large number of offerings, we have an impressive catalog. To help offset the cost of printing, we are working hard to obtain support from local advertisers. We are looking for a few people who might enjoy helping with this effort. Please contact the CWA office if you're interested!

Teaching Fulfills Lifelong Dream for Doug Cummings

What leads a person to become a Christopher Wren instructor? For Doug Cummings it was a love of National Parks.

Doug is a proud New Yorker who attended Manhattan College on a baseball scholarship. (He was good enough to tryout with the San Francisco Giants and Detroit Tigers.) Married while still in college, he and his wife, Eileen, found time to finish their undergraduate degrees and continue their educations while raising four children and building successful careers in the telecommunications industry.

Eighteen years ago Doug and Eileen moved to Williamsburg and, while looking for volunteer opportunities, landed at the Colonial National Historical Park, due to their love of the National Parks. Eileen chose Historic Jamestown and Doug chose the Yorktown Battlefield. This allowed him to use the MA in History he earned at Wagner College and the postgraduate work in Colonial History in the Ph.D.
program at NYU. In 2005 Doug became the only volunteer to give tours. On most Fridays, you can catch Doug’s 45 minute walking tour of either the siege line surrounding the battlefield or Yorktown itself, explaining its significance as a tobacco port and pointing out interesting sites such as the Victory Monument. You may have seen his picture in the Daily Press a few weeks ago in an article about Yorktown.

Doug heard about the Christopher Wren Association from a chance encounter with a man living in Kingsmill. The man was so enthusiastic that Doug looked into it and soon signed up for his first classes, one on Australia and another on the Battle of Williamsburg. He was soon hooked as a student. In 2010 he offered his first class as an instructor on The Battle of Yorktown. He had gained a lot of information volunteering at the battlefield and finally had the opportunity to fulfill his dream of teaching. He has offered a number of classes on different historical subjects over the years and still takes classes as a student. Watching him talk about his classes, it's easy to understand why he is such a popular instructor. He gets a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face.

Contributed by Joan Byerly

Oops!

The last Wren Pen neglected to mention that Tom Thompson wrote the excellent article about John Livecchi, and Fred Eddowes gets credit for the feature on the Botticelli exhibit. Nancy Ohlinger took the photographs of the pastels class.
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