

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **LET'S TALK INVENTIONS: THE RUCKER BATTEAU AND THOMAS JEFFERSON'S INNOVATIONS TALK TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019 AT THE AMHERST MUSEUM**

Amherst -- Join Thomas Jefferson at the Amherst Museum as he discusses the creation of the first batteau by Anthony and Benjamin Rucker in Amherst County and his role in helping them obtain a patent on the batteau. Jefferson will also enlighten us on his own innovations and inventions. You won't want to miss this exciting program as Thomas Jefferson returns to Amherst!

Thomas Jefferson is portrayed by Bill Barker of Williamsburg. He has portrayed Jefferson for over thirty-five years throughout the United States and abroad. Bill appears as Jefferson for The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, having joined the staff in 1993, in the development of Jeffersonian programs for the Foundation. His performances include venues such as the White House, Monticello, the Palace of Versailles as well as appearances in programs aired by *ABC*, *NBC*, *CBS*, *PBS*, *CNN*, *The History Channel*, and *C-SPAN*. He has received numerous commendations including the Sydney N. Stokes Award from the Jefferson Legacy Foundation.

This program is made possible by The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust and is open to the public with no admission fee. The Museum is located at 154 South Main Street in Amherst.

Light refreshments will be served.

The Amherst County Museum and Historical Society is a nonprofit educational organization whose mission is to discover, collect and preserve objects related to the history and genealogy of Amherst County. The society exhibits, interprets and offers its collections to provide educational experiences for people of all ages.

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**The Rucker Batteau and Jefferson's Innovations**

**Sunday, January 6, 2019**

**2:30 p.m.**

**Amherst County Museum & Historical Society**



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