GEORGE WASHINGTON IN OLD SALEM

In 2011 Old Salem Museums & Gardens is celebrating the 220th anniversary of President George Washington’s two-day visit to Salem, on May 31st and June 1st, 1791, the end of his Southern Tour. Old Salem’s programming from March through July will focus on various aspects of George Washington’s life and career.

The President left Salisbury about 4:00am on May 31st and arrived in Salem about 3:00 in the afternoon. He was accompanied by his secretary, Major Jackson and the “necessary servants.” Altogether there were seven men and eleven horses that were accommodated at Salem’s Tavern. On June 1st, North Carolina Governor, Alexander Martin came to Salem to meet with the President. The people of Salem extended warm hospitality to these special guests, which included good meals, good music, and tours of the town, trades shops, and schools.

APRIL 2 –

WASHINGTON'S FAVORITE OPERA

Join us for "The Poor Soldier," Washington's favorite opera, with UNCSA.

The Poor Soldier was George Washington’s favorite opera. The opera department of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts will perform this charming piece in Gray Auditorium, Old Salem Visitor Center.

Prior to the performance, Dr. David Hildebrand of the Colonial Music Institute, will set the stage and talk about the role of music in Washington’s life. A reception and Question & Answer session with performers and Dr. Hildebrand will conclude the evening.

Please call 336.721.7350 for ticket information. $20 adults; $18 students; 7:00pm