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Newcomer House Porch Programs Offered into Fall

Keedysville, MD – The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWHA) will continue its inaugural season of Porch Programs at the [Newcomer House](#), HCWHA's Exhibit & Visitor Center at Antietam National Battlefield, on four Saturdays this fall. Visitors can hear the presenters throughout the day on each of these dates; check web listings for specific times. The Porch Program series began in April and covered topics including secret codes and ciphers of the Civil War era and the popular pastime of marbles.

September 17: [19th Century Medical Practices](#)

Portraying the persona of Dr. Edward Stonestreet, Clarence Hickey will bring to life 19th century medical techniques such as demonstrating Civil War anesthesia instruments and removing a bullet. Dr. Stonestreet will discuss transportation of the wounded, pain management, and pre-op, operative, and post-op care. This program will take place on the 154th [anniversary of the Battle of Antietam](#).

October 8: [Period Photography](#)

John Milleker will demonstrate photography techniques of the Civil War era. A relatively new invention in the mid-19th century, photographers' images of the destruction wrought by battle brought civilians closer than ever to the realities of war. This program will take place during [living history weekend](#) at the battlefield.

November 12: [Women Soldiers of the Civil War](#)

Did you know that more than 400 women served in the Civil War dressed as men? Scholars Audrey Scanlan-Teller and Tracey McIntire will lead a fascinating presentation on the women soldiers of the American Civil War.

December 3: [Newcomer House Illumination](#)

Held in conjunction with the annual Antietam Memorial Illumination, the individualized luminaries created by the public will be displayed on the Newcomer House grounds beginning at 2:00 PM.

The Newcomer House is located at 18422 Shepherdstown Pike in Keedysville, MD. On each of these days, the Newcomer House will be open from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For more information, contact Newcomer House Manager Rachel Nichols at rbknichols@gmail.com or (240) 308-1740.

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