



Peonies & more with the Women of St. Stephen's

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025, 7:30 A.M.-5:30 P.M.

Join the Women of St. Stephen's for a day trip to Charlottesville and Nelson County with stops at Caspari Design Store, Pharsalia, and afternoon tea at the Clifton Inn.

The bus arrives in St. Stephen's parking lot at 7 a.m. for a 7:30 a.m. departure. Coffee from the Café @ St. Stephen's will be available, and a continental breakfast served before we head west.

Caspari Design Store

Caspari, Inc. opened its first boutique in 2001 in Paris and followed that with the opening of the Caspari Design Store in 2005 in the heart of the downtown shopping district in Charlottesville. Originally opened to showcase its imported Christmas cards designed by European artists, the store quickly became known for its lines of beautiful, artful paper products, decorative pieces for the home (often British made) and its creative displays of table settings and vignettes enhanced by floral arrangements, real and artificial.

During our visit, we will meet the store's district manager and Lauren Wade, our wonderful and very helpful May Fair House rep. We will hear the Caspari story, learn what's trending, and shop for what you can't live without!

Pharsalia

Pharsalia, the home of Foxie and Richard Morgan, sits on the shoulder of dePriest Mountain in the Tye River Valley in Nelson County. This 1814 home was built by Major Thomas Massie for his son William and his bride, and remained in the family until her death at age 75. Out of the family for 60 years, it was purchased in 1951 by Perkins and George Flippin, the fourth generation of Massie descendants. Foxie
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is their daughter. She and Richard have lovingly restored and preserved their home, now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Spring at Pharsalia is a time of abundant peonies! There are thousands ranging in color from deep reds to coral to white. Peony Arranging 101 by Foxie, advice on successful planting and care of peonies, and a tour of the peony gardens will highlight our visit. Flowers will be available for sale in various floral design packages.

The Clifton Inn

The Clifton Inn, a boutique hotel, is located within sight of Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello. The original structure was built in 1799 in classic colonial style by Jefferson as the home for his daughter Martha and her husband Thomas Mann Randolph, and named “Clifton.” In spring 2018, the current owners and managers of the Clifton Inn contracted with Blackberry Farm Design to reimagine the inn’s interiors with both an appreciation for the past and an eye toward the future. The result is a chic, contemporary take on a classic country estate.

Late afternoon is tea time! The Clifton Inn will serve hot and iced tea and an array of delicious tea sandwiches and sweets for our enjoyment. Memorable views of the Blue Ridge Mountains will end our day as we head home to Richmond.

Proceeds from trips and tours offered by the Women of St. Stephen’s contribute to their outreach grants.

Cost and lunch choices

The cost of \$165 per person includes breakfast, lunch, transportation, and all fees, taxes, and tips.

Box lunch choices are as follows; please indicate your choice on the registration form.

- Roast beef; roast beef, horseradish sauce, lettuce, tomato, Kaiser roll
- Santa Fe vegetarian; havarti, avocado, onion, lettuce, tomato, Dijon, dill mayo on wheat
- Turkey & apple chutney; smoked turkey, cheddar, apple chutney, lettuce, Dijon on pumpernickel

Please read carefully: Space is limited to 35 people and is filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Your check for \$165 payable to the Women of St. Stephen’s holds your place. **Reservations are due by May 5** to Fern Newsom, 106 N. Wilton Road, Richmond, VA 23226. If you must cancel, please note that we are unable to refund your fee unless your space is filled, either with a substitute you find, or from our wait list. All are welcome; this trip is not limited to St. Stephen’s parishioners.

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Please complete this form and send, with your check, to Fern Newsom, 106 N. Wilton Rd., Richmond, VA 23226; **deadline: Monday, May 5, 2025.**

Name _____

Best phone number (with area code) _____

Email address _____

Box lunch preference (check one) ☐ Roast Beef ☐ Santa Fe Vegetarian ☐ Turkey/Apple Chutney

Food allergies _____