

ITINERARY (CON'T)

Sunday, August 16th - Farewell

Breakfast / Brunch

Check-Out

- Hotel: Hotel Vervana
- Time: 12pm

Departures

Notes: Museum tours (self-guided), are available on Sunday as well, and

Bennington Battle Days info (re-enactors, celebrations etc.):

Battle Days festivities going on:

https://www.benningtonvt.org/community/battle_day.php

8/15/26 & 8/16/26 - Bennington Battle Monument - 10 am to 5 pm Saturday, 10 am to noon Sunday. Battle of Bennington encampment with re-enactors and cannons and musket demonstrations. **WARNING:** for neighbors, people with small children or dogs, musket and cannon fire entails loud noises.

8/15/26 - Moodus Drum and Fife Presentations - Bennington Battle Monument - Monument Circle. Starts at noon. 4 sets of 20 minutes with 10-minute breaks. A free open-air concert with the Moodus Drum and Fife takes place on the lawn. A 135-year-old tradition, the Corp played at the dedication of the Monument in August of 1891, same drums, and same style. Bring a chair or blanket and sit back and enjoy an afternoon of 18th century music.

Matteson Song: "A Farewell"

(Sung to the tune of "Auld Lange Syne")

The Mat-te-sons are gathered here,
We cannot be forlorn;
The Mat'son Clan is gathered where,
Its ancestors were born.

The Mat-te-sons from far and near,
With in-laws came along,
For Mat-te-sons have naught to fear,
Our Coat of Arms is strong.

So Sister Mat-te-son, my dear,
and Brother Mat'son, too,
We greet you with a cheerful song,
And dread to say, "Adieu!"

-Charlotte Matteson Tefft



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Friday, August 14th - Arrival & Welcome

Optional Activity:

1) Bennington Museum Guided Tour (as a group) begins _____ sharp. Meet Geoff at the front entrance.

OR

2) Bennington Museum Self Guided Tour (on your own) available 10-3pm

Time: 10am – 3pm Self Guided Tours available (takes 1-2 hours)

Location: Bennington Museum Main Entrance, 75 Main Street

Details: We have the option of a guided museum tour and/or a look at the Matteson Archives located in the library with an archivist*

*For appointments please contact the Museum Library directly ahead of your trip.

OR

3) Enjoy Bennington and the area on your own.

Boxed lunch to arrive 12pm at Main Entrance

Lunch from Elm St Market in Bennington (<https://www.esmbennington.com/menu>)

Preorder lunch by calling Geoff 707-225-1550

Hotel Check-In

- Time: 3pm
- Location: Hotel Vervana - 141 Main St, Bennington, VT 05201

Welcome Gathering/Business Meeting (See agenda mhcoa.org/MattesonReunion2026)

- Time: 6pm-9pm
- Location: Mount Anthony Country Club - 180 Country Club Drive, Bennington, VT

Dinner

- On Your Own. The country club has a restaurant, **OR** grab a Bennington Guide at your hotel there are plenty of good options close to the hotels.

Evening Activity-Business Meeting (See agenda mhcoa.org/MattesonReunion2026)

- Time: 5-9pm
- Location: Mount Anthony Country Club - 180 Country Club Drive, Bennington, VT

Saturday, August 15th - Family Day

Morning / Breakfast: on own

Optional Morning Activity: Headstone Cleaning Session

Pay respect to your ancestors and give their monument a sprucing up in time for the 250th

Time: 10am-2pm

Location: Grandview Cemetery with Geoff (North Bennington) or Maple Hill Cemetery with Connie (Shaftsbury)

Other Options:

Food truck festival 8/15 Downtown Bennington 11am-7pm

Free time to explore Bennington Area

Family Photo

- Time: 6pm
- Location: Mount Anthony Country Club (Photo location TBD)

Evening Program/Business Meeting (see agenda)

- Time: 6pm
- Location: Mount Anthony Country Club

Family Reunion Dinner

- Time: 6:30-8:30pm
- Restaurant/Venue: Mount Anthony Country Club