

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 10:30 am sharp. Meet Geoff at the front entrance.

OR

2) Bennington Museum Self Guided Tour. Time: 10 am – 3 pm (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 (802) 447-1571.

OR

3) Enjoy Bennington and the area on your own.

4) Join Connie and Kevin cleaning gravestones at Maple Hill Cemetery 11-3

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

Preorder lunch by calling Geoff 707-225-1550

Boxed lunch to arrive 12 pm at Museum Main Entrance

Hotel Check-In

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

Welcome Gathering

- Time: 4 pm
- 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: 6:30-9 pm
- 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: 10 am-2 pm

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

Other Options:

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

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