



Historic Staunton River Foundation

Friday, August 22, 2014

Dear Foundation Members, Park Personnel, Patrons, Donors, & Friends,

On behalf of the Historic Staunton River Foundation, I would like to invite you to attend the Foundation's **Annual Meeting** on **Saturday, September 6** to be held in the **Roanoke Station Visitors Center** (Randolph on the Charlotte County side) promptly at **6:00 P.M.**

For several years now, the Foundation has been hosting an "annual meeting" for its members, donors, supporters, Park staff, and volunteers. All have proved to be quite successful and well received with a delicious meal, interesting speakers and lectures, door prizes, special recognitions, and reports of the life and sustainability of the Foundation and Park. As a loyal member, donor, supporter, or volunteer of the Foundation, please consider attending this event, and I welcome you to bring a friend or a guest, who are interested in the Foundation, Park, Staunton River, Mulberry Hill, Staunton River Bridge, Walking Trails, Wildlife, War Between the States, Native Americans, Archaeology, Genealogy, or History. There is so much to see, learn, smell, hear, touch, and love at our Park. We continue to build our membership and increase awareness of the Foundation's mission and goals!

Supper for the Annual Meeting will be available; however, in order to feed all those present (members, Park staff, friends, and guests), we are asking **any and all in attendance** to **bring a covered dish** (vegetable, casserole, salad, bread). As with tradition, the meats (ham and fried chicken), beverages, and all paper products will be furnished by the Foundation and its Board of Trustees.

Following the meal Dr. Brian Bates, a familiar face each May with the Longwood University Archaeology Field School, where for more than a decade he and his students and other doctors have called the area home during their several week stint in researching the Late-Woodland Period Sappony Indian Village we know locally as the Randy K. Wade Site. This area of local interest will be the subject of his presentation during the Annual Meeting. Dr. Bates has an impressive Curriculum vitae: currently he is the Professor of Anthropology in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice at Longwood University in Farmville, where is he also the Department Chair. We look forward to this delightful presentation to our close friend and supporter of the Staunton River Battlefield State Park, so we hope you and your friends and family will attend to hear about the long term research project and the latest findings at the Wade side.

At the conclusion of the presentation, several brief reports from the Board of Trustees and Park will be presented and nominations to the Board of Trustees will be made and approved by the Foundation's membership. I hope you will make plans to attend our Annual Meeting, not only to enjoy good food and fellowship, but also to hear an extraordinary guest speaker, and become more conscious of the status of *your* Foundation and the Staunton River Battlefield State Park. If you have any questions, please email info@historicstauntonriverfoundation.org or phone 434.454.7157. Please remember to visit our website (www.historicstauntonriverfoundation.org), and I hope to see you at the Park!

Regards,

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President

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