



Historic Staunton River Foundation

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

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 7** to be held in the **Roanoke Station Visitors Center** (Randolph on the Charlotte County side) promptly at **6:00 P.M.** **Please note this is a change from our usual Thursday meetings!**

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, or dessert). As with tradition, the meats (ham and fried chicken), beverages, and all paper products will be furnished by the Foundation or the Board of Trustees.

Following the meal, Chief Otis Martin of the Sappony Indian Nation will be the guest speaker. Chief Martin is no stranger to the Foundation or the Battlefield, as he a member and Chaplain of the Board of Trustees. He was appointed as Chief of the Tribe by the Council in 1992. He currently is highly devoted to the Caval Baptist Church, where he serves on the Building & Grounds Committee, Band Committee, and many more. God and family are very important to him. Chief Martin is a member and Vice-President of the United Tribes Commission. For more than fifty years, he has been married to his lovely wife, Musette, and together they have three grown children: Charlene, Jonathan, and Darren. The Chief and his bride currently reside in Roxboro, North Carolina. Chief Martin will provide an in-depth history of the Sappony Indian Tribe (formerly known as the Indians of Person County, NC – they changed their name in 2003). In 1911, the State of North Carolina legally recognized the Tribe, and in 1913, the Commonwealth of Virginia did the same. He also will share the history of some of the rare antiquities that Dr. Brian Bates of Longwood University has unearthed over the past decade. Additionally, he will demonstrate some of the weapons and tools used by his ancestors and will be dressed in full period regalia. Chief Martin welcomes you to visit the Tribe's website at www.sappony.org.

At the conclusion of Chief Martin's 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