

The SCOOP

A Newsletter of the Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology and Cultural Resources FOFA



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The Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology and Cultural Resources, and the Cultural Resource Management and Protection Branch of the Fairfax County Park Authority are pleased to sponsor:

Colchester Archaeological Research Team

OPEN HOUSE



Saturday, May 3rd 9:30 AM -2:30 PM
Old Colchester Park & Preserve
10605 Furnace Road
Lorton, Virginia



PLEASE JOIN US...

...for a day of archaeology and history at the Old Colchester Park & Preserve. Exhibits will showcase Native American cultures, the Colonial Port Town of Colchester, Historic Architecture, and the use of Geographic Information Systems for archaeological research.

Archaeological tours of the Town of Colchester will be given at 10:00 a.m. and noon. For the more adventurous, an approximately hour-long hiking tour highlighting the history and nature of the park will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Parking for the Open House will be at Mason Neck West Park, located at 10418 Old Colchester Road.

A shuttle will transport visitors between the parking area at Mason Neck West Park and the Old Colchester Park & Preserve.

CELEBRATE HISTORY AND CULTURE

Since 2010, C.A.R.T. has researched the archaeological and architectural history of the Old Colchester Park & Preserve. People have left their mark on the land for at least 10,000 years and C.A.R.T. is revealing their secrets.

NEW C.A.R.T. BLOG

Can't Make the Open House? You can follow C.A.R.T.'s accomplishments online at www.cartarchaeology.wordpress.com !

FOFA SPRING SYMPOSIUM

Our April 19th symposium was a huge success, thanks to all who participated and attended. FOFA would like to especially thank our symposium speakers for their excellent and informative presentations, as well as Kirk W. Kincannon, the new Director of the Fairfax County Park Authority, for his opening remarks. Finally, a special thanks to William Crowell for baking ginger cookies as a "historical" snack for the conference.

CRMPB "WISH" LIST

The archeology laboratory of the Cultural Resource Management and Protection Branch has compiled a "wishlist" on Amazon.com for much needed laboratory supplies. Show your support by making a purchase!

<http://amzn.com/w/18YXX03IWX9HJ>

FOFA is a 501c(3) non-profit organization that supports the Cultural Resource Management and Protection Branch of the Fairfax County Park Authority.



2014 Symposium speakers (left to right): Tracy Harwood Jenkins, Elizabeth Crowell, Garrett Fesler, Kelley Fanto Deetz, David Shonyo, Matthew Laird, and Julia King (not pictured)

2014 EAGLE DAY

Contributed by Meagan Veness

There was a large turnout on a beautiful day at Mason Neck State Park for the 2014 Eagle Day. With many various tables from an assortment of county organizations and vendors, visitors learned about local birds, wildlife and history, as well as better water and land conservation practices.

The Cultural Resource Management and Protection Branch of the Fairfax County Park Authority and FOFA tables were staffed by Megan Veness and Jean Cascardi. They informed the public of the ongoing excavations and discoveries at Old Colchester Park & Preserve, located a few miles from the Mason Neck State Park. A few visitors signed up for the FOFA Scoop newsletter and were very excited to volunteer with the FCPA, and to attend future events with FOFA in support of Fairfax archaeology and cultural resources.