

**The E-Newsletter of the  
Loudoun Archaeological Foundation, Inc.  
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Welcome to this initial issue of the Loudoun Archaeological Foundation's E-Newsletter. We hope that this periodic newsletter will serve to introduce the Foundation to those local persons interested in archaeology, as well as to the residents of the Greater Loudoun County community, and to keep that community knowledgeable about and updated on the programs and activities of the Foundation.

***Operating Philosophy***

The basic operating philosophy of the Foundation is to conduct professional community-based archaeological investigations in an ethical manner and in a fashion that will facilitate public archaeological education.

***Organizational Structure and Financing***

The Foundation has been established as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the rules of the federal Internal Revenue Service.

All current officers and directors of the Foundation are non-paid volunteers, each with decades of formal education and experience in either historic conservation and preservation or non-profit organizations. Additional officers and board members will be added as the Foundation matures. Also, a distinguished panel of experts with experience and training in the various subjects areas related to archaeology soon will be appointed by the Board of Directors to serve as an Advisory Board.

The Virginia General Assembly recently authorized the Foundation a matching grant in the amount of \$37,500 for 2007 and we are currently accepting cash contributions as well as soliciting various in-kind contributions from local businesses and citizens (see our list of critical needs that follows). To date, we have collected over \$4,000 in cash contributions and commitments for in-kind contributions already are in excess of \$30,000. We will be starting our formal cash fund-raising efforts later this month.

***Programs and Activities***

Our archaeological investigation and education programs also will get underway this month. We anticipate conducting archaeological investigations at three separate sites from June through August of this year. The dates and locations will be announced soon. Other details on specific investigations will be provided on the Foundation's website at <http://loudounarchaeology.org>, by email alerts, and through local media sources.

***Major Achievements to Date***

Getting the foundation organized and up-and-running in a short, four-month period has involved a number of major tasks for the officers and board of directors; needless to say those tasks could have not been accomplished without the great support we have received from so many people, particularly Joanna Costen and Kate Miller of the Foundation's Board of Directors and the many civic, political, and business leaders.

Consequently, we want to express our special appreciation to those persons and business entities, as well as a large number of citizens, whose support has contributed so greatly to our early success:

First, we want to express the Foundation's deep gratitude to David Bailey Associates, a Richmond public affairs group which contributed not only much of the administrative effort to get the Foundation organized and chartered but also the fees for these services as in-kind contributions to the Foundation.

To Mary Gustafson, we thank you for your excellent work in developing, on very short notice, the Foundation's logo.

To Mary Beth Hall, of Montpelier, we owe you our appreciation for the design and development of an excellent information brochure for the Foundation.

To Sheri Hill and Joy Stanton, thank you for developing our volunteer contact list and various other contact activities; these efforts will be instrumental in enabling the Foundation to achieve its goals.

To David Clark and Heidi Siebenstritt, David and Judith Bailey, Tom and Donna Hyland, Amy Bertsch, Chris and Judy Gerow, Tim and Jan Hyland, Brian Barrier, Ali Noshirvani, Steve and Jennifer Hyland, Brett Dezarn, Mike Pursifull, Karen Quandeck, The Herring Law Firm, Leffler & Hyland, PC, Metropolitan Health Care, and the Plumbing, Heating and Mechanical Contractors Association, your generous in-kind and/or cash contributions have really made a big difference.

To Senator Mark Herring and Delegate Joe May, thank you for your confidence and support by sponsoring General Assembly budget amendments to help finance the Foundation.

If we have missed anyone in these citations, please know that the oversight was unintentional; all of your services have been important to the Foundation.

### ***Specific In-Kind Donations Urgently Needed by the Foundation***

As noted above, many people have been generous, through both cash and in-kind donations, in helping the Foundation get up-and-running, But establishing an archaeological foundation is an expensive proposition because of the high costs involved in purchasing basic archaeological equipment and supplies. Consequently, we have an urgent need for the following critical equipment and supplies if the Foundation is to effectively and efficiently accomplish the 2007 archaeological investigation and public education goals that have been established by the Foundation:

#### ***Office Equipment & Supplies***

- a. New Desktop Computers (two or more, one Mac and one PC)
- b. New Laptop Computers (2)
- c. Quicken accounting/budget software
- d. Audio Visual Equipment: Digital Projector, Large TV, and DVD Player
- e. Large Dry-Erase Board or Chalkboard

#### ***Field Equipment & Supplies***

- a. New Digital Camera (***Donated -Thanks to Anonymous***)

- b. Field Radios (4)
- c. Good Used or New Field Theodolite, GPS & Other Surveying Equipment (**Donated - Thanks to Dewberry and Davis**)
- d. Good New or Used 4-Door Extended Cab Pickup Truck (4 WD, AT,AC)(**Donated – Thanks to Ted Britt Ford**)
- e. Good New or Used All -Terrain Vehicle (with pickup truck type bed) & Trailer
- f. Waterproof Canopies (2) - (8'X 8' or larger)
- g. Good New or Used Metal Detectors (3)
- h. Gasoline-Powered Generator
- i. Small Tractor with Weed- and Brush-Mowing attachment
- j. Gasoline-Powered, Heavy-Duty Weedwacker
- k. Tarps - all sizes (12)

**Lab Equipment & Supplies**

- a. Electronic Balance Scales (2)
- b. Portable Electronic Balance Scales (2)
- c. Scanning Microscopes (2)
- d. Ohaus Scale - Dial type (500g) with weight set
- e. Cafeteria-type Carts & Trays

If you, or anyone that you may know, would be interested in donating one or more new or used of any of the above-listed items, please contact Dr. Clark: [dclark@loudounarchaeology.org](mailto:dclark@loudounarchaeology.org), or Tom Hyland: [thyland@loudounarchaeology.org](mailto:thyland@loudounarchaeology.org) at the Foundation. All donations to the Foundation are eligible for a federal income tax deduction at fair market value.

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