



Spring 2007

Sat., May 5 - 4 PM Rent Party at Bob & Adele Smith's house

Sat., June 2 - River Stewardship Day

June 8 - Locust Grove Wine & Arts Festival, Walkerton

June 18-22 - Christ Church School's Mattaponi River Camp

Aug. 4 - Walkerton Day

Fall 2007 TBA- Pamunkey River Sojourn



Thanks to Greg and Chris Onyshuck for hosting our St. Paddy's Day Rent Party.

Rent party set for May 5

The next rent party will be Saturday, May 5 at the Bob and Adele Smith's home on the Mattaponi River. If you're a new MPRA member or would like to get together with other folks who are interested in the rivers, this is a great opportunity. Our rent parties also help us fund raise for MPRA projects.

Bring your favorite beverage, \$5 and some food to share and come have a great time.

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Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers Association newsletter

Make plans to volunteer for River Stewardship Day on June 2

Summer is closer than you think and so is River Stewardship Day. Traditionally held in September, we decided to move the event to June this year to avoid hurricanes and involve schools more. The new date coincides with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Clean the Bay Day enabling us to partner with other groups in the watershed to get the Chesapeake Bay watershed spruced up for Jamestown 2007 Celebration visitors.

River Stewardship Day not only helps clean up our waterways, but it gives people who may not have access to the rivers an opportunity to get on the water, see wildlife, learn to appreciate the value of our river resources, and understand what a remarkable place we strive to protect.

"We'd like to have more boats this year," said Kitty Cox. If you have a motor boat and would be willing to take a few folks to clean up the rivers, call Kitty at the King William Litter Control Office at 769-4917.

Volunteers are asked to meet at one of three briefing sites Saturday morning, June 2 at 8:30. Choose Dick Campbell's Cottage on the Mattaponi, Rainbow Acres Campground in King and Queen or at the Glass Island Boat Landing in West Point to pick up trash bags and get assignments. We need volunteers to help pick up trash by boat and on foot. You can also volunteer for stewardship activities including water quality sampling, wetlands inventory and looking for prothonotary warblers.

After the clean up, volunteers are invited to a picnic at Dick Campbell's Cottage, including barbeque, chicken and ice cream from Ice Cream Connection. There will be door prizes and awards for the most unusual, the largest trash find and the most unusual critter spotted.

We're also looking for sponsors and door prizes for the event. If you have items to donate or know of a business that would like to get involved, let Kitty know. Call Kitty to register at 769-4917.



MPRA will host River Tent at Wine and Arts Festival

Enjoy wine tasting, artwork and a day of music at historic Locust Grove Farm in Walkerton on Sat., June 9 from 10 AM until 5 PM. Artists and Virginia wineries will be attending the event on the bluffs of the Mattaponi River. MPRA will be helping out again this year by hosting a River Tent and kids' activities. If you volunteer to help, you can get in free.

Catherine Short, Cooperative Extension agent, has booked the Water Wizard van for the event. Volunteers are needed to help demonstrate the Enviroscape model and lead other activities. We also plan to set up a big sheet of paper for children to paint on. We also need volunteers willing to

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Online shopping can benefit MPRA

Are you an on-line shopper? Then you have heard of Amazon.com, the Internet's leading online store selling everything from books to music, movies, electronics, clothing, tools and housewares.

MPRA has partnered with Amazon.com to help with our programs. With every purchase you make, a percentage of the total sales is awarded to MPRA. All you need do is access Amazon.com via links on our website, make a purchase, and Amazon.com credits MPRA with a percent of the total sale. Aside from entering Amazon.com from the MPRA website, you do nothing else. There is no additional charge to you and any discounts that may apply through normal modes will also apply. MPRA does not take your order nor is any information about your order available to MPRA.

Thanks to our savvy webmaster, Bob Gray for setting this up. You can help the Pamunkey Indian Museum by doing the same thing from their site which is linked to www.MPRA.org under our friends page.



Locust Grove Arts and Wine Festival, cont.

police the grounds during the event to pick up trash.

Invite your friends and neighbors to come and make this year as big a success as last year. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate, \$5 for non-drinkers, and children 12 and under are free. For advance tickets or more information, call 804-769-8201 or visit www.locustgrove1665.com.



Rent party, continued

Directions to the Smith's house, 310 Old Fraziers Trail, West Point, VA (phone:769-1969.)

Directions from Central Garage — Follow Rt. 30 east about 17 miles. Turn left onto Rt. 640

(Wakema Rd.), the first left after Colossee Baptist Church. There is also a large sign directing drivers to the Mattaponi Indian Reservation and Museum. Go about 2 1/2 miles to the 90 degree right hand turn in the road. Straight ahead is Wakema Farm and 90 degrees to the left is Old Fraziers Trail.

Follow Old Fraziers Trail until it becomes the Smith's driveway and continues on to the house. From West Point — Follow Rt. 30 west about 10 miles to Rt. 626 (East Rose Garden). Turn right. You will be in front of Jim Hall's Store. When the road dead-ends into 640, turn right and go about 1 mile until the road takes a 90 degree turn to the right. Go 90 degrees to the left onto Old Fraziers Trail. Follow the road until it becomes the driveway to the house.(Word to the wise — Do not try it to GPS it. You will end up in downtown West Point!) Note: 2301 Wakema Road may get you to the 90 degree turn, so just look for the Old Fraziers Trail street sign.

Invite a friend to join. MPRA - \$15 year for individual or family, \$50 Business/organization

Make checks to: Mattaponi & Pamunkey Rivers Assoc. Mail to: MPRA, Box 157, Walkerton, VA 23177.

Include your name, address, phone, email address and special interest in the river.

The Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers Association is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 charitable non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and stewardship of the resources of the Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers.

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