



Annual Meeting January 24, 2016

This year's annual meeting will be at the Oconee County Library in Watkinsville on January 24 at 2:30. On the agenda is election of officers and planning for the up coming year. Scott Messer, of Head of UGA Historic Preservation will be coming to tell us about the preliminary archaeological findings at the Iron Horse property, across the river from the Scull Shoals Historic site. The final report is not finished but Scott can tell us some of the interesting things they have learned so far and some of the speculations they are making based on that information. It should be an interesting discussion.

Year one of the privet removal project

The blacksmith ruins are now visible!



This view is looking over the blacksmith shop area in the upstream direction.

It shows that area has also been cleared. This work cleared up to cover the area of the two room house. There is still a row of privet along the edge of the river but it is nothing like the jungle that used to be there.



Looking downstream from the Blacksmith shop

The privet along the mill trace, around the bridge and behind the warehouse is also gone.



View of the bridge

You can even see the trail bridge that the Friends built years ago from the warehouse area!



Looking from the warehouse down the trail to the 2 chimney house on the hill.

Speaking of the bridge, I found an old photo in the archives of the bridge builders.

Bridge builders



Friends of Scull Shoals build trail bridge

Wayne Ford/Staff

Left to right front row: Ronnie Rogers, Simon Reiter, Gina Beckham. Jerry Paterson, Jack Wynn back: David Sauterteig, Maxine Singleton, Bates Beckham, Billy Dailey, John Reiter, Bob Skarda and Rick Bridges

The photo was taken by Wayne Ford and appeared in the December 26, 2001 issue of the Athens Banner Herald

Forest Service Annual Oconee Forest Health and Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project Meeting December 2, 2015

Bob Skarda, Debbie Cosgrove, Marc Gavin and Peggy Sommer all attended the meeting this year. In addition to hearing about updates on the privet project and praise about Stacy Lundgren we were able to emphasize our concerns for the historic village, the care of the mound area and the status of the report Marc made concerning rebuilding the trail between the recreation area and the historic site. There are currently no plans to go ahead with this project but Marc left the meeting promising to update and resend his report.

Stacy Lundgren, who used to be the Forest Service Archaeologist, accepted a job in Hawaii and although everyone one misses her, the Forest Service has not yet hired someone to take her place.

Storytelling Event Canceled

Due to tall grass and family obligations of those involved in planning it, this year's event was canceled. Considering that it rained that weekend it was probably a smart move.

Pollinator Talk

Ron Smith has graciously agreed to come to the Durham Herb walk to present a talk on pollinator gardens. The first attempt was poorly attended due to rain earlier in the day and the second one was canceled when rain was forecast for the day of the talk. Debbie and Ron are promising to try again in the coming year.

Now is the time to renew membership

Thanks to those listed below who renewed their membership for 2015 and to the new friends who took advantage of our special discount rate.

Jodi Barnett, Charles & Joyce Baugh, Sandy Bird, Charles & Laura Carter, Chris Chandler, Debbie & William Cosgrove, Violet Dawe, Marc A. Galvin, Aron Hendrix, Jim & Ruth Hendrix, Lesley Jones, Stacy Lundgren, Myra & Kevin Mackey, Dan & Betty Nuckolls, Ronald Rader, Robert and Joan Rushton, Donna Shaw, Faye and Dennis Short, Bob & Deb Skarda, Peggy Sommer, Allen & Dorothy Vegotsky, Clark & Ellen Whitaker, and Jack Wynn

Help us continue our programs into 2016 by remembering to renew your membership. Send your checks to FOSS P.O. Box 295 Greensboro, GA 30642. Individual dues are \$25 and family dues are \$35. The rate for new members is now \$20 (1 year only).

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