



Friends Annual Meeting January 22

Our official Annual Meeting of the Friends of Scull Shoals, Inc. will be held at the Athens-Clark Library, Saturday, January 22. Board meets at 9:00 am, and Business Meeting starts at 10:00. This is the time when we elect new officers, and plan for the coming year.

All Officers, Board Members and Friends of Scull Shoals: present, past, and future, are encouraged to attend! If you have nominations or suggestions for Officers or Board Members, please contact out-going **President Bob Skarda:** bob@hotwtr.com.

Topmost among the plans will be for the **Spring Festival**. This year, the Board has agreed to host a **Passport In Time Reunion** for all those volunteers who have worked on the PIT project at Scull Shoals and elsewhere in the past. The Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests has hosted PIT projects since nearly the beginning of the nation-wide PIT program. Several hundred volunteers were involved, and as many of them as can be contacted will be invited to attend the reunion.

If you know of a past PIT volunteer who has moved, and you have his or her new address, please contact **Jack Wynn:** jtmfwynn@windstream.net.

We will also be outlining plans for other activities throughout the year: Dr. Durham's Herb Walk tours, guided tours of the old mill village, and other projects.

Museums Pros Hear About Scull Shoals

Museum professionals of the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries (GAMG) hold their convention in Cartersville, January 19-21.

This year, **Peggy Sommer** and **Jack Wynn** will discuss three of the Friends' projects. "What's new at Scull Shoals: Ideas You Can Use," will cover the 8th grade history project: *Scull Shoals Curriculum*, Dr. Durham's Herb Walk, and **Whitney Rice's** down-loadable guided tour of the Mill Town Ruins. **Peggy** and **Jack** have attended GAMG frequently.

Dr. Durham's Herb Walk a Big Success

Twice lately Dr. Durham's Herb Walk has hosted guided tours, first for the Friends members, and later for the public. During the November Tour, there were more than 50 people present, including a large contingent from the Georgia Botanical Gardens in Athens.

The public guided tour was covered, with photos, in the *Athens Banner Herald* and other area newspapers, and on the Society for Georgia Archaeology's web site: www.thesga.org. This story is still available on-line.

Currently **Dr. Allen Vegotsky** is writing a scientific text on the herbs used by Dr. Durham, and he will likely assist or participate in future tours.

Debbie and Friends continue work on the Herb Walk, and mulch is required for the bare areas. "We really need leaves for the Herb Walk! Please bring any bags you have collected to the annual meeting, or if you are in the Athens area we will come by and pick them up! Thanks, Debbie"

Thanks to Forest Service for Clean-up

If you have not visited Scull Shoals Mill Village lately, you should go! Recently the **Oconee Ranger District Teams** have done a great deal of work to spruce up the mill town site. Having **Archaeologist Stacy Lundgren** on the District is getting Scull Shoals some attention, it would seem!

Parking barriers were renewed, gravel was added to the parking lot, and mowing and weed-whacking have cleared the site nicely! You can get around easily and view the ruins without obstructions.

The overgrowth of privet and vines inside the warehouse-store walls will be removed once the hunting season is over. The interior has been obscured for sometime by these unwanted species, but the center will be cleared when the snakes have hibernated for the winter!

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Don't forget to *RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP* in the very non-profit Friends of Scull Shoals, Inc! There's a new membership form now available on the Friends web site: www.scullshoals.org!