

National Preservation Month

in the Rockbridge Area

“River, Road & Rail”



May 2010

The Ruth Anderson McCulloch branch of Preservation Virginia, Historic Lexington Foundation, and the Rockbridge Historical Society join to celebrate National Preservation Month with a series of events focused on the evolution of our area’s transportation systems and the importance of preserving the reminders of these systems.

Saturday, May 15—2pm-3:30pm
Auditorium at Kendal at Lexington

History of Early Transportation in Virginia
Ann Miller, Senior Scientist/Historian,
Virginia Transportation Research Council

Tuesday, May 18—5:30pm-7pm
The Meeting Room Lexington’s Old Court House

- Panel discussion on “River, Road & Rail”*
- **Charles Bodie**—Rockbridge Area Turnpikes
 - **Bill Trout**—James River and Kanawha Canal
 - **Tom Kastner**—The North River Navigation System
 - **Ken Koons**—Late Antebellum Commerce on the North River Canal
 - **Matt Paxton**—The Railroad Comes to Lexington
 - **Francis Lynn**—Impact of the Great Depression on Buena Vista’s Road System

Saturday, May 22—10:00am-4:00pm
Jordan’s Point in Lexington

Celebrating Rockbridge’s Transportation Heritage

Educational Displays by Area Preservation/Conservation Organizations (10am-4pm)

Historic Lexington Foundation-led Tour of Jordan’s Point Park (12:30pm)

Stonemasonry Discussion and Demonstration (11:00pm and 2:00pm) by John Friedrichs
Demonstrations by the James River Batteau Society

Interpretative Display of Canal System by Philip de Vos of
Virginia Canals & Navigations Society at the Miller’s House at Jordan’s Point

Talks on Canal System at Reid’s Lock by Steve Harrington (12:30pm-3:30pm)
Steve Harrington/Preservation Virginia Photographic Markers: The Railroad Comes to Lexington; East Lexington’s Railroad “Y”; Covered Bridge at the Maury; North River Navigation and Canal, Then and Now; and Jordan’s Point Through the Years.

RACC “Bike, Walk, ‘n Roll Day” down Main St./ dedicated car-free lane (10am-noon)

Hiking the Chessie Trail and Woods Creek Trail (10am-4pm)

Sunday, May 23—Beginning 2pm
Stono on VMI Post

Special Guided Tours of Stono by Historic Lexington Foundation and VMI

Saturday, May 29— 2pm
Preservation Month Reception at Hopkins Green

Cake, lemonade, and a display of student art and written works submitted to the HLF’s 2010 Creative Writing & Art Contest “Rivers, Roads & Rails: Preserving Historic Transportation Features.”

All events free and open to the public