



Augusta County Historical Society

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“Preserving the Past for the Future”

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Dear Friends of the Augusta County Historical Society,

Hold onto your hats! The speaker for the 20th Annual Augusta County Historical Society banquet on **Saturday, March 19, 2016**, could very well be the best ever! **Jon Jarvis, THE Director of the National Park Service, will regale us with the story of “America’s Best Idea: The National Park Service.”** The agency turns 100 this year and Jarvis, a Rockbridge County native who has spent 40 years wearing the NPS green uniform, revels in being able to spin stories about the only federal agency with “a constitutional mandate to have fun (the Pursuit of Happiness)!”

And what place is more appropriate as a venue for Jarvis to talk about the nation’s more than 400 historic sites, beautiful landscapes, and amazing places than right here? Not only are we the home to Shenandoah National Park, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District, the Blue Ridge Parkway, and the Appalachian Trail, but Stuarts Draft is the birthplace of John Colter. You might remember that this Lewis & Clark Expedition scout went on to become a famous mountain man and the first white man to explore Yellowstone, which is the **FIRST** National Park! And, guess which U.S. President signed the National Park Service into existence a century ago? If you said Woodrow Wilson you are absolutely right!

As always the evening at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel & Conference Center is designed to provide a special historical journey into the past as well as a gathering of those who want to support the historical society’s mission of “Preserving the Past for the Future.” The festivities begin at 6 p.m. with social time. Dinner follows at 6:45 with awards and the keynote speaker immediately after that. The night will also feature a fundraiser drawing for trips, pieces of art, and other prizes.

The opportunity to have Director Jon Jarvis come home to the Valley and speak about our special places as well as those across our great nation is a once-in-a-lifetime event. We would like you to be a part of the evening in a very meaningful way and to help the society continue its mission of preservation and education far into the future. This year there are five different categories by which you can honor our area’s heritage.

Centennial \$1,000

John Colter \$750

Old Faithful \$500

Pathfinder \$250

Patron \$150

We hope you can join us for this incredible evening. The Society can be reached by phone at 540-248-4151, by mail at P.O. Box 686, Staunton, VA 24402, or by email augustachs@ntelos.net. We’ll see you on March 19!

Sincerely,

Nancy Sorrells & Linda Petzke

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Banquet organizers, Augusta County Historical Society

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Presents



The 20th Annual Spring Banquet
Featuring National Park Service Director

Jonathan Jarvis
**“Celebrating 100 Years of
America’s Best Idea”**
The National Park Service



Saturday March 19, 2016 - 6-9 p.m.
Stonewall Jackson Hotel & Conference Center

Yes, we would like to help Support the Heritage of Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County by being a sponsor for the Annual Spring Banquet at the level checked!

Centennial: \$1,000 Receives four tickets, special recognition in program and on poster, place to hang your banner, table to display promotional materials, and recognition on table signs.

John Colter: \$750 Receives two tickets, special recognition in program and on poster, place to hang your banner, place to display promotional materials, and recognition on table signs.

Old Faithful: \$500 Receives two tickets, special recognition in program, place to display promotional materials, and recognition on table signs.

Pathfinder: \$250 Receives one ticket, special recognition in program, and recognition on table signs.

Patron: \$150 Receives one ticket and special recognition in program

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