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Augusta County
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SPRING BANQUET



**THE ROAD TO BLACK NED'S FORGE:
A STORY OF RACE, SEX, AND TRADE
ON THE COLONIAL AMERICAN FRONTIER**

GUEST SPEAKER

Join us as we travel back in time to a period when Augusta County was America's western frontier. One of Augusta's first tradesmen along the Great Wagon Road was an African-American blacksmith named Ned Tarr. And, therein lies the story...



TURK MCCLESKEY

Professor Turk McCleskey received his doctorate from The College of William and Mary in 1990 and joined the Virginia Military Institute faculty in 1994. His research and publications focus on the eighteenth-century colonial American frontier, especially Augusta County. His book, *The Road to Black Ned's Forge: A Story of Race, Sex, and Trade on the Colonial American Frontier*, is about the first free black landowner west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. His present research involves the numerical and social analysis of debt litigation in colonial Virginia. Copies of McCleskey's book will be available for purchase and autographing.

THE AUGUSTA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE 19TH ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

Turk McCleskey

"The Road to Black Ned's Forge"

**A Story of Race, Sex, and Trade on
the Colonial American Frontier**

Social & Cash Bar • Silent Auction • Annual Awards
Dinner & Program

Monday, April 27, 2015

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Social 6 p.m. Dinner 6:45

Stonewall Jackson Hotel &
Conference Center
Staunton, Virginia

Individual Seats - \$50

Patron Reserved Seats - \$150 (includes two reserved seats)

Banquet Sponsor - *There are a variety of banquet sponsorship opportunities that include tickets. Contact the ACHS office for more information and a sponsor form.*

Limited Seating Available

Make your reservations now. Return the enclosed RSVP card by **April 22**, or contact Betty Lewandowski at (540) 248-4151 or augustachs@ntelos.net

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