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Annual Meeting Recaps Great 2010 for FoWB

Message from the President:

2010 was good year and 2011 will be even better!

Recap of the annual meeting....

Saturday, November 13, Friends of Wilderness Battlefield (FoWB) hosted its annual membership meeting at the Lake of the Woods Church in Orange County.

With a full schedule of activities and an estimated 60 guests in attendance the meeting kicked off at 11:00 a.m. with a "State of the Organization" report by the president, **Zann Nelson**.

"This is by far the most dedicated and well-governed group I have ever had the privilege to serve. This devoted group of largely local citizens operates at top efficiency without a single paid employee. It is remarkable," Ms. Nelson stated.

The highlights noted more than 8,000 hours of volunteer service donated to the Wilderness Battlefield and Ellwood Manor benefiting the local communities, tourism and the National Park Service.

Reports were then provided by **Jeff Slunt**, Treasurer; **Carolyn Elstner**, Vice President and Ellwood Restoration Project Chair; and **Mark Wakeman**, Battlefield Resources Committee Chair.

Newly elected members of the FoWB Board of Directors are **Duane Hamilton**, **Diane Logan** and **Gary Mauss**. **Zann Nelson** was reelected to a three-year term..

FoWB also recognized several volunteers for special service. They were retiring board members: **Linda Resler**, **Carolyn Rourke** and **Jim Smith** and exceptional volunteers: **Dick Bergmann**, **Duane Hamilton**, **Greg Mertz** and **Det Wilkens**.

The prestigious FoWB Advocate Award was presented to **Carolyn Jones Elstner** for exemplary service to Ellwood Manor and the Wilderness Battlefield. See page 3.

Guests were treated to a special program entitled *Inspiration and Innovation: General John B. Gordon in the Wilderness* by **Greg Mertz**, Supervisory Historian, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

After a wonderful barbecue lunch organized by long-standing volunteer and former FoWB board member, **Lisa Van Winkle**, Greg Mertz led a walking tour of the Gordon Flank Trail.

A great day was had by all!

And for 2011 ...

There is a full array of activities scheduled at Ellwood Manor including medical programs, a tribute to Civil War mothers, commemoration of the 147th anniversary of the battle, Memorial Day events, 18th Century craft demonstrations, and a 19th century Christmas-just to name a few.

Two major events in the 2011 calendar are the 9th Annual Dinner and Auction and a battlefield bus tour led by noted Civil War historian and author, **Gordon Rhea**. *Please watch our web site for details.*

The Battlefield Resources Committee under the leadership of **Mark Wakeman** is really stirring things up. The annual Park Day activities will be expanded to

include far more than the important task of picking up trash.

The projects on Mark's list are most ambitious and will require the commitment of enthusiastic volunteers throughout the year.

There are numerous ways that you can be a part of this hallowed place and a champion of its preservation and legacy.

We always welcome new members and of course volunteers to the Ellwood Interpreter and Ground Force teams as well as the critical battlefield projects.

Log on to www.fowb.org for links to blogs and such that cover the aftermath of the Walmart hearings and trial proceedings and the outcome of Walmart's surprise withdrawal decision.

Wishing you the best for 2011 and I hope to see you soon.



Zann Nelson, President

Walmart withdraws from Wilderness Battlefield site, but is the Battle over, yet?

FoWB offers to help with new Route 3 location

January 26 was a red-letter day for historic preservation in America. As lawyers prepared for a second day of pre-trial hearings in the Circuit Court in Orange, Walmart suddenly announced it was withdrawing its plans to build a Supercenter in federal study area at the gateway to the Wilderness battlefield.

"I am just thrilled," FoWB President **Zann Nelson** said at the courthouse.

"We didn't anticipate this as an outcome and we couldn't be happier.

"This opens all kind of doors to build a win-win future for all of us -- for preservationists, for Walmart and for Orange County.

For three years, a Wilderness coalition of historic and environmental preservation organizations had opposed the location and the manner in which the county board of supervisors approved a Special Use Permit to allow the over-sized facility to be built.

Nelson said that FoWB was a steward of the Wilderness Battlefield as a national resource.

"Because most of our members live within just a few miles of the battlefield,

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2011 FoWB Events and Activities Calendar

January 26: FoWB vs. Orange County Board of Supervisors hearing ends with Walmart withdrawal from the battlefield site, Orange County Courthouse
March/April: Ellwood interpreter training sessions, March 5 and 16 and April 16
April 2: Civil War Trust-History Channel annual **Park Day**
April 25: Daily opening of Ellwood during Easter week, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
April 30: Beginning of 2011 Ellwood season, Living history to commemorate the 147th anniversary of the battle, including a Civil War medical program with **John Pelletier**
May 7: 9th Annual **Dinner and Auction**, Germanna Technology Center, Culpeper
May 8: **Mother's Day** activities at Ellwood Manor: Special readings and refreshments, schedule TBD. House open 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
May 28: **Memorial Day** activities at Ellwood Manor. Program schedule TBD, House open 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
May 30: Wilderness Battlefield Bus Tour led by **Gordon Rhea**, noted Civil War historian and author
July 23: Civil War medical program with **John Pelletier** at Ellwood Manor
September 25: "**Taming the Wilderness**," demonstrations of 18th century life in the Wilderness
October 15: Civil War medical program with **John Pelletier** at Ellwood Manor
October 30: Ellwood closes for the season.
November 6: Luncheon for Ellwood volunteers
December (TBD): a **19th Century Christmas** at Ellwood Manor with a visit from **Santa**
Note: Additional activities will be posted throughout the year online at www.fowb.org

Be Part of Park Day on April 2

GRAB YOUR WORK GLOVES

Pitch In To Do Your Part

FREE T-SHIRTS, DRINKS, ETC.

By Mark Wakeman, Chair

FoWB will host national Park Day on the Wilderness Battlefield, Saturday, April 2. Volunteers are needed to help clean up the battlefield and roads running through it. In addition, will be some landscaping and painting.

This is the 14th annual Park Day sponsored by the Civil War Trust (CWT) and the History Channel. It is an opportunity to bring Civil War enthusiasts together locally and nationally in an effort to help keep our nation's Civil War sites and parks in top condition.

Park Day 2011 at the Wilderness Battlefield will be one of more than 100 Civil War battlefields, parks and historical sites that are participating again this year.

Last year, Wilderness Battlefield Park Day was a huge success. Over 100 people participated. At least 10 area scout troops pitched in.

Volunteers collected more than 100 bags of trash, plus car bumpers, tires and construction debris. Another 100 bags of

leaves and brush were cleared from the parking areas, monuments and throughout the battlefield..

Scouts who take part will receive a free commemorative patch from CWT while supplies last. Scout leaders should contact FoWB in advance to order the proper number of patches.

FoWB will provide free water and snacks to all volunteers.

Volunteers should bring work gloves and safety vests if they own them. The National Park Service will provide trash bags and other tools.

Volunteers should meet at 8 a.m. at the Wilderness Battlefield Exhibit Shelter, on Route 20, about two miles west of its intersection with Route 3. Extra parking will be available along Hill-Ewell Road at Saunder's Field.

The event will proceed in the event of minor inclement weather. If there is a severe weather forecast or warning, the event will be rescheduled for April 9. Event rescheduling will be announced via the FoWB web site at www.fowb.org as soon as a determination is made.

For early registration or more information, contact the Battlefield Resources Committee at battlefield@fowb.org.

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we felt we should step in and take a stand for that stewardship given us.”

The coalition’s goal always was to limit massive commercial growth at the gateway to the battlefield and never to oppose a Walmart Supercenter in the county.

She said, “Our position has always been an alternative site would satisfy all parties. We’re very hopeful we can all partner together ... and move forward in what looks to be a positive future.

“We have said all along we felt there was an opportunity for all the stakeholders to come to a mutual agreement that benefits everyone.

“Walmart’s decision opens the door for those kinds of discussion.”

Nelson said the coalition is developing a Gateway Study to help guide land-use decisions near the battlefield and in the Route 3 corridor of Orange County. She said the group has offered to share the results with all the parties.

Nelson expressed hope for building relationships among all parties involved in the case.

She noted the win-win theme was also expressed by National Park Service director **Jon Jarvis** who said, “Walmart has crafted a solution where battlefield resources and the visitor experience will be protected, while still providing for the commercial needs of Orange.

“Hopefully, this is the end of three years of controversy and is a new beginning for

cooperative preservation.”

FSNMP Superintendent **Russ Smith** said he hoped Orange officials and the Park Service will now collaborate on planning the future of the Wilderness area.

CWT president **James Lighthizer** issued a statement, “We applaud Walmart officials for putting the interests of historic preservation first.

“Sam Walton would be proud of this decision.”

Plaintiffs’ attorney **Robert Rosenbaum** of Arnold & Porter said, “We look forward to working with them and the county to preserve this land for posterity as part of our national heritage.”

He echoed the hope of all the plaintiffs that the decision would send a signal that the preservation community is willing to fight for historic sites.

Nelson agreed, “The word has gone forth across America that historic preservation must be respected in future commercial plans near hallowed ground and historic sites,” she said.

“The Wilderness coalition was invaluable in this win and I am especially proud of FoWB and am grateful to all its members who helped fight this battle and who deserve to credit for helping in this hard-won victory.”

But Nelson cautioned that - at press time- no formal papers of withdrawal had been signed by Walmart -- so the battle is not over just yet. We remain cautiously optimistic.

To follow the Walmart case, go to the FoWB web site: www.fowb.org.

Elstner Receives Advocate Award

Carolyn Jones Elstner, a descendant of the last family to live in Ellwood Manor, became the second recipient of the FoWB Battlefield Advocate Award, presented at the annual FoWB membership meeting.

The award is given to a person or organization who has demonstrated a lifetime, or substantial period, of significant contribution to the Wilderness Battlefield.

The Stafford County resident has been a member of FoWB almost since its inception and she has been a member of the organization’s board of directors since 1996. She is currently FoWB vice president.

Elstner is chair of the Ellwood committee and has served as liaison with the National Park Service in the three phases of the \$600,000-plus restoration of Ellwood. In addition, she has coordinated the Ellwood interpreter program and the Ground Force.

In making the award, Advocate Award committee chair **Dale Brown** said, “I think it’s safe to say that she has contributed more hours to the preservation of the Wilderness Battlefield portion of the park and its cultural resources, and has a greater knowledge of the history of Ellwood Manor, than any other person alive today.”

The first recipient of the award was Frank S. Walker in 2008.



Congratulations to newly elected FoWB board members Duane Hamilton, Diane Logan and Gary Mauss

Phase III Second Floor Ready by Opening Day

Blue Mountain Builders of Earlysville, Va., arrived at Ellwood on January 10 to begin Phase III of the house's restoration – the four bedrooms on the second floor.

The main stairwell was immediately covered in plastic to insure as little debris impact as possible on the fully restored first floor and its exhibits.

Master craftsman **Garrett Irwin** then built a chute from a second-story window down into a dumpster (right) on the north side of the house.

All non-salvageable ceiling lathe and plaster is exiting the house in this manner. Drywall will replace it.

The interior plaster walls, however, can be repaired and re-plastered and will be done so by Stafford County's Two Worlds Renovations.

The rehabilitation and painting of all woodwork is where Garrett's skill will show itself. That includes wainscoting, crown molding, windows, doors and mantelpieces.

Completion of the work is expected by mid-April.

The Friends of Wilderness Battlefield is still in need of additional funds to reach this goal. If you would like to donate, please contact **Carolyn Elstner** at (540) 373-6240 or melstner@aol.com, or go to the website www.fowb.org.

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The Ellwood Ground Force Wants YOU!

Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park brags about the Ellwood Ground Force, the all-volunteer team that manicures Ellwood Manor's surroundings, saying the site is the best kept in the entire Park.

Would YOU like to be part of that reputation?

Do you like working in an outdoor landscape, both luscious and historic?

Are you available for two or three hours on Thursday mornings?

Join the Ground Force team.

We furnish comradeship, coffee and water, donuts, and -- of course -- equipment like tractors, mowers, saws, trimmers, rakes and other yard maintenance tools. The NPS provides safety training, too. Bring your own work gloves; we provide everything else.

You get the picture, right?

What are you waiting for?

Call or email crew chief **Det Wilkens**, today! dwilkens2@verizon.net or (540) 972-6741.

Be an Ellwood Interpreter; Training Dates Announced

Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park (FSNMP), under the management of FoWB, will open Ellwood for its fourteenth season on April 25.

In 2011, Ellwood will be open to the public 113 days.

Eleven weeks of these are daily openings; the rest are Saturdays and Sundays. This requires a staff of approximately 50 interpreters (docents), each serving a minimum of one full or two half days per month, with some additional time on weekdays.

Between now and February 21, FoWB is accepting applications for the position of interpreter, so called because these volunteers interpret Ellwood's history for visitors.

New interpreters must be or become members of FoWB. They will receive two full days of mandatory training given by the organization and the National Park Service.

A mandatory training session for new interpreters will be held March 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For their second mandatory training session, they may choose either March 16 or April 16. Veteran returning interpreters must attend one of the two latter dates for their mandatory training session. The sessions on those days run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided at all three session dates.

Upon completion of training, interpreters will receive a free FoWB polo shirt to wear on the days they are at Ellwood.

For more information, call **Carolyn Elstner** at (540) 373-6240 or email her at melstner@aol.com. You will find the application on the Friends' website, www.fowb.org.

FoWB Officers Elected

At its regular meeting in December the FoWB Board of Directors re-elected the following officers for 2011:

President: Zann Nelson

Vice President: Carolyn Elstner

Secretary: Dorothy Mosso

Treasurer: Jeff Slunt

IN MEMORY OF
ELLWOOD VOLUNTEERS
JOHN IRVINE
AND
ERNIE PATAKY

19th Century Christmas at the Lacy's Ellwood

A very special Christmas was held at Ellwood on December 18. FoWB turned back the clock to the days of the Lacy family to the turn of the century.

Santa (aka Director Dale Brown) visited with children, posed for photos and answered questions about how Christmas customs have changed since the Victorian era.

Santa is shown here getting Christmas wish lists from sisters Jewell and Josephine Miner of Culpeper.

FoWB interpreters told of how the Lacy family may have celebrated the season at Ellwood in the 19th century. Below left is FoWB director Robin Nimmo in her period dress.

Ellwood was decorated with traditional Victorian Christmas finery, courtesy of the Fawn Lake Garden Club.

Dr. John Tole of Evergreen Shade sang and performed period music on banjo and guitar.

Along with Good Ol' St. Nick himself, visitors, children and workers alike all got into the Christmas spirit.



Students recreate historic event from Battle of the Wilderness

A diorama depicting the famed "Lee to the Rear" incident at the Widow Tapp farm during the Battle of the Wilderness has been created by elementary school students and is on display at the Chancellorsville Battlefield Visitor Center.

The diorama was created by a sixth-grade art class at Ni River Middle School in Spotsylvania County.

Art teacher Paul Allen worked with the 11-year-olds over six weeks to build the project. Model-maker Tim Barb of Springfield taught model-building techniques to the students. The project was funded by the International Plastic Modelers' Society chapter in Northern Virginia.

FSNMP Park Ranger Caitlin Stuart is shown at right with the diorama.

Caitlin worked with the students throughout the project, providing details of the soldiers' lives in war and the battle of the Wilderness itself with an emphasis on the historic event when General Lee attempted to lead his troops forward against the Federals on May 6, 1864. Members of the Texas brigade finally persuaded him to move to safety at the rear of the battle lines. It was well they did because they suffered 500 casualties out of 800 men on the field that day.

Caitlin is on duty at the Chancellorsville Visitor Center and said the diorama will be displayed there into May.



For the Wilderness Battlefield

CWT Raises \$1 Million to Acquire 49 acres in Saunders Field

As swiftly as John B. Gordon's men swooped down on the right flank of the Sixth Corps, the Civil War Trust raised a million dollars to permanently protect 49 acres of historic Saunders Field on the Wilderness Battlefield.

A campaign to raise the funds to purchase the land owned by Warren Middlebrook was announced at a press conference on the site on October 27. Just two months later, the Trust announced it had raised the necessary funds for the property, which is completely surrounded by the Fredericksburg Spotsylvania National Military Park.

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian James McPherson (far right) of Princeton, N.J., addressed the October 27 press conference about the importance of the acquisition. He said, "to come here is a deep emotional experience.

"I've seen people break down in tears here at the Wilderness."

McPherson noted this battle was one of the key turning points in the Civil War.

"Grant's decision here eventually shaped the United States and the world."

CWT's President Jim Lighthizer and park superintendent Russ Smith also spoke and praised Middlebrook for his willingness to offer the property to become a key part of the battlefield.

Then, on January 5, 2011, CWT issued a press release announcing the completion of the fund-raising drive and said it had raised \$1,085,000 to meet the purchase agreement with Middlebrook, who was granted lifetime estate rights.

The Middlebrook property on May 6, 1864, was the scene of the Federal counterattack against Gordon's troops that kept the Confederates from routing the entire Sixth Corps by a flank attack.



Civil War Study Group at Lake of the Woods focuses on Wilderness

By Dwight L. Mottet

Residents of Lake of the Woods (LOW) who are interested in Civil War history joined together last fall to form an organization to illuminate Civil War actions, especially during the Battle of the Wilderness, that took place on LOW property. The Civil War at Lake of the Woods Study Group began with 18 members.

Lake of the Woods is a private, gated community that covers 2,600 acres, almost half of which are inside either the core area or the study area of the Wilderness Battlefield as designated by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission in 1993.

The group elected the following officers: Pete Rainey, President; Bill Wilson, Vice-President and Treasurer; and Joe Rokus, Secretary.

The objectives of the Civil War at Lake of the Woods Study Group include:

- to educate residents of the Lake of the Woods about the Civil War events that happened in the LOW geographic area;
- to erect Civil War- related historical/educational interpretive signs in LOW;
- to provide and install display cases displaying Civil War artifacts found in the LOW area at public locations such as the LOWA Club House and the Woods Center;
- to compile a narrative of the Civil War events that happened within the Lake of the Woods area, with emphasis on the Battle of the Wilderness in May 1864, and
- to conduct special events to draw attention to the LOW-area military activities during the Civil War Sesquicentennial from now through 2015.

Among the projects the study group will research are mapping the original Culpeper Mine Run Road that the Federal Sixth Corps used to enter the battle, the Sixth Corps hospital that covered the grounds around the Spotswood home, which was near the entrance to LOW, the Gordon flank attack, which began on LOW land and the various Confederate and Federal units that utilized the area in May 1864.

In recent years, Friends of Wilderness Battlefield had set aside funds to restore two Battle of the Wilderness interpretive panels inside LOW. The signs depict the trench lines of the Federal and Confederate forces in the battle of the Wilderness. The panels (one of which is shown left) had been

on Lakeview Drive for more than 20 years, but have been removed because the weather has damaged them beyond repair. The Study Group will make recommendations on upgraded replacements for them.

The organization is open to all residents of LOW and meets on a regular basis at the Woods Center. For more information, contact Dwight Mottet at dwightmottet@aol.com.



Do BCS National Champions and the Battle of the Wilderness Have Something in Common?

Did you know there is a connection between the Battle of the Wilderness and the mascot of the BCS national champion Auburn University football team?

Former FoWB director **Brian Wolfe** uncovered it on the Rocky Mountain Alumni Club web site and notified the Wilderness Dispatch. We checked and found that the story appears annually in the football team's official Media Guide, so it must be true.

Here is the legend:

A Confederate soldier from Alabama was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness and left on the battlefield. Stumbling back to his unit, he found a wounded young eagle, which he put in his pocket. He eventually recovered and nursed the eaglet back to health.

After the war, the soldier graduated from Auburn and joined the school's faculty. He had kept the eagle as a pet and because of its history in the battle of the Wilderness, it was named "War Eagle."

At Auburn's first football game in 1892, the aged eagle broke away from his master and began to circle the field, exciting the fans, who began to chant his name in unison ... "War Eagle!" But at the end of the game, with Auburn victorious, the eagle, now almost 30 years old, fell to the playing field and died.

Today, before every football game, the latest eagle in a line of Auburn mascots takes off from somewhere in the stands, flies around the stadium and lands at midfield to the chant "War Eagle."

Thanks, Brian, for the tip. And thanks, Auburn, for maintaining this Wilderness battlefield legend.

WINTER MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY

Renewals: Donna Aldredge, Fredericksburg, Va.; Henry Altman, Locust Grove, Va.; Bernard Arnold, Locust Grove, Va.; Warren and Jean Billings, Spotsylvania, Va.; Dick & Kathleen Bradie, Locust Grove, Va.; Jim and June Brown, Fredericksburg, Va.; Dennis and Nancy Buttacavoli, Hasbrouck Hts., N.J.; Ray and Barbara Castner, Locust Grove, Va.; Joyce L. Darr, Fredericksburg, Va.; Lloyd Doering, Wadsworth, Ohio; Paul Donohue and Lynne Lewis, Orange, Va.; James Farrar, Malta, N.Y.; Thomas and Lee Anne Hamilton, Locust Grove, Va.; Francis D. Hannell, Lynchburg, Va.; Agnes Reid Jenny, Roanoke, Va.; Lud Krogh, Green Brook, N.J.; Gene Kubal, Fredericksburg, Va.; David Langbart, Arlington, Va.; Craig and Deborah Lawson, Seattle, Wash.; Edward J. Leafey, Philadelphia, Penn.; Mark Leber, Locust Grove, Va.; James Lillard, Rapidan, Va.; Gregory and Christine Martin, Fredericksburg, Va.;

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New Members: George Combs, Alexandria, Va.; Mike Evenson, Fredericksburg, Va.; Brian Gardner, Williamsport, Penn.; Steve and Ruth Lawrence, Barboursville, Va.; F.M. and L.A. Lonner, Spotsylvania, Va.; Stephen Russell, Burke, Va.; Jack Sapanara, Fredericksburg, Va.; Edwin and Linda Wakeman, Palm Harbor, Fla.; Robert L. Williams Jr, Spotsylvania, Va.

Do You Have a Wilderness Ancestor?

Members of FoWB who have a direct family association with the Battle of the Wilderness or with Ellwood Manor are eligible to become members of unique sections:

The **Wilderness Brigade** is FoWB members who are descendants of soldiers who fought in the Battle of the Wilderness, May 5 and 6, 1864.

The **Ellwood Legacy** is FoWB members descended from those who lived, visited or worked at Ellwood from the 1790s until the NPS acquired it in 1970s.

For more information, requirements, fees or to request a membership application for one or both of these groups, email fowb@fowb.org.

Please have someone contact me about:

- Becoming an interpreter and visitor guide at Ellwood, the Lacy House, on the battlefield (FoWB membership required)
- Helping the National Park Service in maintenance of landscaping, trimming, mowing or general upkeep of the grounds surrounding Ellwood as well as painting and repair of signage, monuments, trails and other areas of the battlefield
- Being part of a public relations program that promotes FoWB through such things as a speakers' bureau, civic and social club presentations and area school projects
- Assisting in answering genealogy questions concerning ancestors who may have fought in the battle of the Wilderness or were in the area at any other time during the War
- Becoming a member of one of FoWB's other ongoing committees: Battlefield Preservation, Board Enhancement, Communications, Education, Ellwood, Finance or Membership (circle the committee you would prefer)
- Making myself available wherever needed.
- Send me an application kit for the Wilderness Brigade. Send me an application kit for Ellwood Descendants.

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