

Dragon's Tale

Friends of Dragon Run, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to the preservation, protection, and encouragement of wise use of the Dragon Run and its watershed.

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FODR ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - GLOUCESTER

The Friends of Dragon Run Annual Meeting will be at 7:00 PM in the Community Room of the Gloucester County Public Library. It is located in the Main Street Shopping Center on Business Route 17 (Main Street) at the southern edge of Gloucester Court House. A social will begin at 7:00 PM followed by a Business Meeting, including the election of 2013 Directors and Officers. Following the meeting, founding members have been invited to share memories of early days at FODR. The meeting promises to be both interesting and enjoyable.

2013 Nominating Committee Report

Teta Kain

The nominating committee, comprised of Teta Kain, Kathryn Gregory, and Gordon Page are pleased to announce the following nominees for the 2013 Friends of Dragon Run Officers and Directors (residence in parentheses):

Officers: (one-year terms)

President - Davis Rhodes (Chesapeake)

Vice President - vacant

Secretary - Cynthia Honablue (Locust Hill)

Treasurer - Adrienne Frank (Williamsburg)

Immediate Past President - Mark Chittenden (Hayes)

Directors: (two-year terms)

Robert Gibson (Mattaponi)

David Henderson (Tappahannock)

John Jensen (Aylett)

Teta Kain (Gloucester)

Darby MacCubbin (North)

Beverly Macy (Surry)

David Milby (Saluda)

Bruce Pully (Gloucester Point)

Brent Slaughter (Gloucester)

Other directors with one more year to serve of their two-year terms are Jed Dolan (Gloucester), Tom Gregory (Lively), Jack Musick (Gloucester), Jim Pettyjohn (Hartfield) and Rachel Williams (Mascot).

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Ever Save a Dragon?

REMINDER:

Roadside Trash

Pickup

is

Saturday,

November 17

(DATE HAS CHANGED)

Meet at 9:00 AM in

the parking lot of

Rappahannock

Community College in

Glenns

For more information,
leader Hugh Markham
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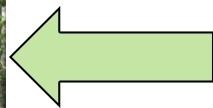
Board members whose terms will end in December are Annick Ensley (Mascot), Bob Hancock (Mascot), Cindy Kane (Onemo), and Joe Nolte (Saluda). We sincerely thank these individuals who have served Friends of Dragon Run long and well during their time in office.

This slate will be presented to the membership for approval at the Annual Meeting held at the Gloucester Library on Wednesday, 14 November 2012, starting at 7 p.m. Nominations from the floor for any office will be accepted at that time, providing prior consent of the nominee has been obtained.

Annual FODR Picnic at Big Island

What can be more fun than a beautiful fall day picnic (Saturday, October 6) with wonderful food and 25 friends? Add the site of Dragon Run on Revere Tract and it is a combination hard to beat. We had pork BBQ, taco salad, smoked salmon, cookies, hummingbird cake, brownies, among other among other delicious items.

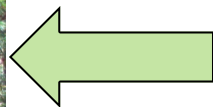
Special thanks to Jo Ann Nolte for coordination of the food as well as providing the BBQ, to Wanda Eberle for managing the registration, to David Clements for providing the picnic tables, to Dave Rhodes for providing the serving tables, stove and other equipment (plus a lot of set-up work), to Jed Dolan for running the parking lot shuttle, and to everyone who participated in order to make this such a fine event.



Davis Rhodes with Lynn & Dawn Kinard



Enjoying the picnic!



Dragon Landing



John Langloh with Sadie



FODR Land Acquisition



FODR President Davis Rhodes has announced that, with the approval of the FODR Board of Directors, an offer for a 5.1 acre parcel of land has been submitted to and accepted by the seller. This parcel (Lot 21) is located near the Route 602 bridge in King and Queen County in an area known as Dragon Farms and is contiguous with Lot 22 (also 5.1 acres) already owned by FODR.

The FODR Board would like to thank all of our members for their generous support to make purchases like this one possible. If you would like to make a donation to help pay for the land purchase or stewardship of this property, please send your donations to the FODR, PO Box 882, Gloucester, VA 23061.

2013 Watershed Educators Institute

The Watershed Educators Institute is a series of workshops in Basic and Advanced Watershed Education Training. Some of the workshops are; Assessing the Health of a Watershed, Facilitator Training with Project WET or Project WILD, Introducing Watersheds, Freshwater Wetlands Investigation, Coastal Wetlands Investigation, Paddling and Boat Safety, How to Conduct a Professional Development Workshop for Teachers.

Workshops are offered to increase your personal skills and knowledge and/or to receive a Certificate of Recognition as a Watershed Leader for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

For more information, go to: <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Portals/0/DEQ/ConnectwithDEQ/EnvironmentalInformation/VirginiaNaturally/MWEE/WEIbrochure12-13.pdf>

Tropical Cyclones

The FODR Meeting on September 19 featured an interesting and informative presentation on tropical cyclones (hurricanes) by Dr. David Malmquist of Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS). Additional information is available on the VIMS website (http://www.vims.edu/features/research/storm_central.php) including:

- Tidewatch—which monitors water levels in near real time.
- Web Cams—which view water levels in real time in the VIMS Boat Basin and Osprey Cam which operates during the breeding & nesting season generally from March through October.
- VECOS—which operates a suite of buoys that record real-time wind speed, wave height and current velocity for various locations throughout the Chesapeake Bay.
- Tide Charts—for various locations on the Chesapeake Bay.

Looking Ahead ...

By Davis Rhodes

Before looking ahead I'd like to take a moment to look over my shoulder and share a few remarks about two recent events, the Fall Picnic and Dragon Run Day.

Our Fall Picnic at Big Island was held on October 6th, a beautiful fall day! We thank Tom Gregory for his planning and management and JoAnn Nolte for coordinating and preparing us a delightful fare. Other participants also brought delicious side dishes and desserts for all to enjoy. Everyone attending seemed to have a great time. We all left at the close of the picnic with happy hearts and full stomachs. Knowing how successful the picnic was, we hope to have greater participation next year. We don't want anyone to miss out on the fun!

Dragon Run Day, October 13th, was a perfect fall day starting out crisp and cool with the sun warming us as the day progressed. Guests were treated to numerous exhibits and displays of traditional activities for the Dragon Run Watershed, excellent food and two bands providing great music for all to enjoy. I was especially pleased to see so many FODR Members in attendance to support our part of the festival. As an event sponsor, FODR staffed the Dragon Run Day Information Booth. We also set up and staffed our own exhibit and helped contribute to the overall success of the event. Special thanks go to Susan Bober, Walt Hoagman, Teta Kain, Rachel Williams, Jim Pettyjohn, Bob and Marty Hancock, Jed Dolan, Jack Musick, Adrienne Frank, Gary Driscoll, Robert and Nettie Gibson, and Cynthia Honablue for their efforts to further our cause. Thousand Trails once again demonstrated their ability to host a successful festival and were, as always, gracious hosts for staffers and visitors alike. Thanks to all for their special efforts to support the festival.

Now, looking ahead. We will hold our Annual Meeting at the Gloucester Main Library on November 14th at 7:00 P.M. when we will conduct the annual election of Directors and Officers. We are also hoping that some of our Founding Members will share with us memories of days gone by for our enjoyment. Please try to attend. It should be interesting and informative for both old and new members!

On December 3rd, we will hold our annual Planning Meeting to plan and schedule our activities for 2013. Newly elected Directors and Officers, who will take office on January 1, are invited and encouraged to attend and participate, as decisions made at that meeting will have significant impact upon our organization and its programs in the coming year! Interested members are also invited to attend. The meeting will be held at the MPPDC offices in Saluda at 7:00 P.M.

This will be our last *Dragon's Tale* for 2012, but look for another issue in late winter to keep you informed about scheduled activities and events of interest. That issue will highlight our 2013 Paddle Season and publish the Activities Calendar for 2013. Until then, best wishes for a safe and healthy winter.

Davis

Ever Save a Dragon?

2013 Paddle Season

The 2013 Friends of Dragon Run paddle season will be conducted every day for 30 days (weather and water levels permitting) beginning Saturday, April 6 and ending Sunday, May 5. **Registration will officially open on Wednesday, January 16.** Make reservations or receive information about the trips by e-mailing Martha Graham at mgr8040@verizon.net or calling (757) 898-8040. E-mailing is much preferred. Trips are limited to adults (no one under 18 years of age) and only 12 people/day.

Teta Kain

**WELCOME
NEW FODR MEMBERS**

Susan Walton

John & Brenda Boidock



FODR Booth at Dragon Run Days (left)

FODR volunteers shared information about FODR as well as providing directions and information about Dragon Run Days activities including bike rides, kayak races, boat rides, craft show and eco-fair. Many FODR members stopped by on this beautiful fall day. Between 900 and 1000 people attended.

Important Contacts

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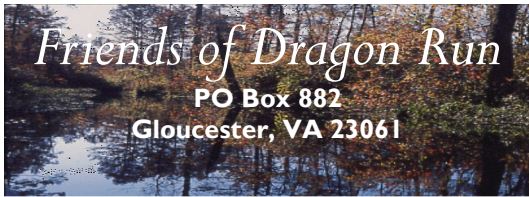
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Have a Change of Address? Just send to FODR, PO Box 882, Gloucester, VA 23061

FODR Activities for 2012

November

14 Annual Membership Meeting,
Gloucester Library*

17 Highway Trash Pickup

December

3 Annual Planning Meeting

* Annual Membership Meeting begins at
7 PM for refreshments and conversation;
business meeting at 7:30 PM followed by
program.

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