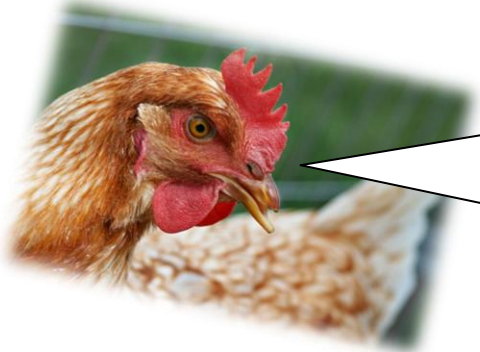


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Did you hear the news?
Everyone who attended the
Occoquan Historical Society
Fundraiser on October 7
had a fantastic time! There
was even dancing and
juggling for entertainment!
Read on....



Above: Occoquan Mayor Earnie Porta, Chef John Swords & Kim Wigode from The Bottle Stop accepting the "Fine Chicken Dinner" trophy from OHS board member, Kim Deal.



Above: "Fine Chicken Dinner" participants: John Swords; The Bottle Stop, Michael Henry; The Pretentious Gourmet, Kim Wigode; The Bottle Stop, Bailey Madigan; Madigan's Waterfront, Ivan Levin & Susan Woodward; VFW Post 7916.

Occoquan Historical Society "Fine Chicken Dinner" Fundraiser

The Occoquan Historical Society says, "thank you", to all our fundraiser participants and attendees. The late afternoon gathering at River Mill Park on October 7 was all and more than we asked for. Nature blessed us with perfect weather, mix that with a fantastic group of people and you have one first-rate event.

Just as the Occoquan hotels provided the visitors of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, three Occoquan restaurants agreed to prepare their spins on a chicken dinner. Lucky attendees tasted chicken and side dishes from The Bottle Stop, Madigan's Waterfront and VFW Post 7916. Voters were then asked to cast a cork in a bag labeled for their favorite dinner choice. When the counting was done, The Bottle Stop's Nashville Hot Fried Chicken and Waffles with a bacon caramel dipping sauce along with a classic apple cobbler came out on top. Congratulations to Kim Wigode and Chef John Swords!

Rounding out the event we had Michael Henry of The Pretentious Gourmet. Reminiscent of the strawberry ice cream Ogle Harris hand churned for sale in his grocery store, Michael treated us all with choices of strawberry, chocolate and vanilla ice cream. Yummy was the word of the day!

Thank you to; Pin Curls of Occoquan, Jane Ernst of the Artist Undertaking, Bistol' Hermitage, Occoquan Historical Society, Kim Deal, Marge Shaffer and Dolores Elder, all donated items for the silent auction.

Volunteers, thank you! There were many jobs filled; beer pick-up, setting up and decorating tables, toting that which needed toting, manning the sign-in, clean-up crew, music man, you all provided service to our community.

Thank you to the Town of Occoquan for waiving the park rental fee. This first "Fine Chicken Dinner" fundraiser was a profitable event for the Occoquan Historical Society. Hopefully this will become an annual event on the first Sunday of October, in beautiful River Mill Park!

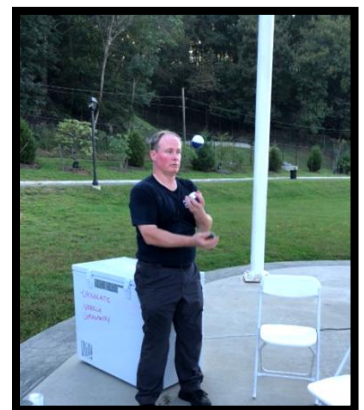
Ono Brewing Company of Chantilly, pictured in the tent on the right, offered a cool beer to relax with.



On the left Roger Frey and Marge Shaffer got up and danced to our golden oldies CD music!



On the right, in between ice cream scooping, Michael Henry demonstrated his talent at juggling!



Away from the Mill House

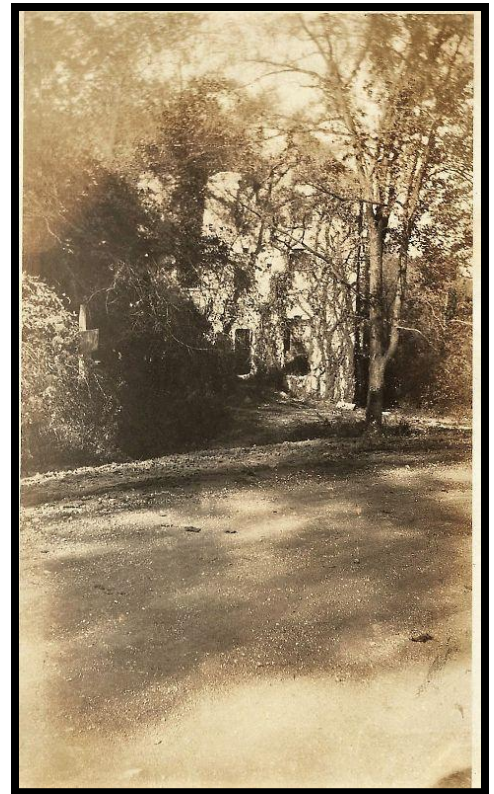
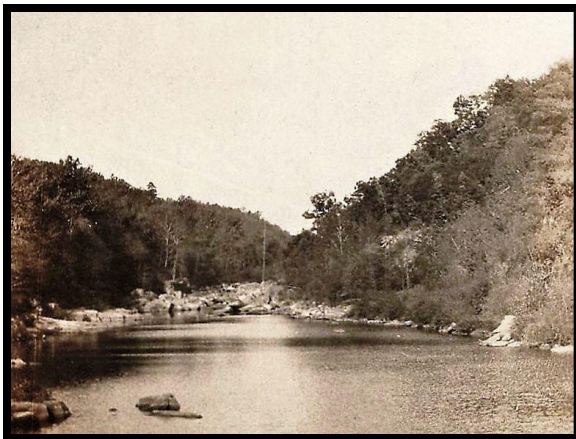
Mill House Museum staff member, Bob Purdy, attended the National Fossil Day at the Smithsonian, as a volunteer. Here is what Bob had to say about the event. "For the past several years the National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution, university geology departments and several national paleontology societies sponsored National Fossil Day, which is usually on a Wednesday in October; this year on October 3. As usual I was part of the Smithsonian crew identifying fossils for the public. Each year we provide fine gravel from a phosphate mine that contains hundreds of small shark teeth (of no scientific importance) for the public to search through for the teeth and other fossils, which my Smithsonian colleague Dave and I identify for them. Dave and I have had a lot of experience doing it for fossil club members and Marines and their families at Onslow Beach, Camp Lejeune, NC."

Stop at the Mill House and see Bob on Wednesdays. Thank you for your volunteer work Bob!

New-Old Photographs

Historic Prince William recently received a photo donation that they shared with us. Among the 1916 pictures from the album belonging to Myrtle R. Baker of Rose Vale Fruit Farm, Fredericksburg, Virginia are views of the Occoquan River and the 1828 cotton mill ruins.

Below left, the view of the Occoquan River includes ruins of the 1755 iron works. On the right, the old road leading to the Selecman family Rolling Farm, runs by the cotton mill ruins.



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