

BOAT SHOP NEWS

The Boat Shop Crew has been busy! The construction of *Spat II* is coming along nicely. It has been turned over and placed on a trailer. The fuel tank, which was fabricated locally, has been installed. Work on hoisting system wells and hardware is in process as is work on the rear deck. The boat shop also installed several new bottom planks on the *Claud Somers*—see page 9 for details and a photo. The Crew made some repairs to the *Foggy River*, which is used by the Education Committee. Work on the Old Town runabout was completed, and it found a new home. Material for a cross plank deadrise skiff was procured and construction started—the transom and knees have been completed. The museum sign was refurbished and rehung.



The Foggy River

2019's Family Boat Building Weekend is **June 21st-23rd**. This once-in-a-lifetime adventure lets you build your own 9' flat-bottomed skiff to run about your local lake, pond, creeks, or even the Bay! Contact the office at 804-453-6529 for an application. This is a GREAT opportunity for quality time with your kids, grandkids, or extended family and to learn a thing or two about boat building.

MODEL SHOP NEWS



Mayor Mae Umphlett

On April 19th, Kilmarnock Mayor Mae Umphlett visited the Museum to cut the ribbon on the Model Shop's new display of Kilmarnock's Main Street. The display includes street lights that light, cars, and even the water tower. Mayor Mae was thrilled! This summer, the **trains will run** on **Saturday, June 1st** from 10:30am until 4:30pm, and on **Saturday, July 6th** from 10:30 to 3pm. Be sure not to miss the fun!

This year's **Model Building Workshop** will be held **August 5th—9th**. The workshop is for young and old alike. The class is limited to just 10 participants for 9-16 year olds – in 2019 we're permitting adults to join the fun!. The workshop meets daily from 10am to 2pm (rain or shine). The cost is just \$100 per participant. All supplies will be provided, but bring your lunch each day! To register, call the office at: 804-453-6529.

HISTORY IS CALLING



INTERESTED IN LIVING HISTORY? The John Smith boat is the traveling face of the museum and goes to many different events throughout Virginia. The crew dresses in period costumes and informs visitors of the history of John Smith's travels in the Virginia area.

We need new recruits! Volunteers are vital to setup of the boat once it reaches a destination. Currently, our crew has shrunk to the bare minimum for setting up the mast for each venue. Most programs are on weekends and primarily in the fall, although there are other times when the crew is asked to set up at the Museum for school and other groups. Average is about 10 trips a year. If you are interested in sailing and history, this is a perfect opportunity to use those skills! Oh, and being able to do a pirate imitation helps too! Sometimes the children prefer to be pirates instead of John Smith men! Please call the Museum office for more information at 804-453-6529.