

SUMMER 2008 FRIENDS NEWS UPDATE

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The mission of the Dry Stone Conservancy is to preserve existing drystone structures, and to revive and promote the ancient craft of dry-laid stone masonry.

TRAINING & RESTORATION PROGRAM



Roebling Aqueduct

The year started off right with a great finish in New York! The **Roebling Aqueduct**, in Minisink Ford, NY gave masons advanced training, and provided the National Park Service, and the public, with a beautifully restored wall. Closer to home, masons

finished work on the **Jail Alley** historic retaining walls in Fredericksburg, VA in early February. The project presented many chances to practice the science of drystone with its curves and height. Down south in Franklin, TN, the Conservancy



Jail Alley Wall



Hillsboro Road Stone Wall

reconstructed the **Hillsboro Road Stone Wall**, an historic roadway fence measuring 1,000 linear feet! The craftsmanship of the masons is inspiring! The Conservancy is now on to other training projects in Springfield, Kentucky and Bailey Island, Maine.

WORKSHOPS & TRAINING COURSES



Anderson County

Since January, the DSC has conducted **General Public Workshops** in Boyle, Mercer, and Anderson counties in Kentucky, and in Brentwood, TN. This year's workshops were sold out almost as soon as they became available. Because of the high demand,

the Conservancy added two more of these workshops to its packed schedule to serve everyone. A special workshop was also planned to coincide with this year's International Preservation Trades Workshop (IPTW) in Vermont, and was held at the **Granite Museum** in Barre, VT on July 16 and 17. Visit our website often to check for our **Fall Workshop Schedule**, and register quickly before all the spots are gone!



Boyle County

KENTUCKY OUTREACH PROGRAM



Old Richmond Road Fence

This year's spring **Volunteer Work Days** were all held in Fayette County, repairing an historic roadside fence on Old Richmond Road destroyed by a non-certified mason. Volunteers gathered at the site, and enjoyed good weather and doughnuts while preserving our heritage!

PUBLIC AWARENESS & ADVOCACY

The Conservancy attended the **National Transportation Research Board Conference** in Washington, DC in January and presented its project, the Double Arch Stone Bridge in Wilmore, KY. In March, the DSC attended the **Rural Heritage Development Initiative's Crossroads Symposium**, and **Mercer County Days** in May. In April, the **Upper Delaware Council** presented the Conservancy with an award for our restoration work on the Roebling Aqueduct and the Corwin Barn. A link to the full text can be found on the DSC's homepage. Also in May, the **Woodford County Historical Society** hosted the DSC at their monthly history talk. Sixty people turned out to learn about our drystone heritage! In July, the DSC participated in the **Cumberland Canal Fest** in Maryland, and then demonstrated and presented at the **Preservation Trades Network's IPTW** in Vermont.

NEW PUBLICATION

Early Stone Houses of Kentucky is a new book by Carolyn Murray-Wooley, founding member of the Conservancy and noted architectural historian. Copies are now available for sale!



WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE CONSERVANCY?

KY Statewide Preservation Conference, Bardstown, September 4-7. The Conservancy will present an educational session called "It's Not Just Rock Fences", will host a poster session, and conduct "Maker's Mark On the Rocks!", a workshop at the famous distillery in Loretto.
5th Annual National Walling Competition, Shaker Village, October 4th. Come join the fun, and spend the day with us!
Mason Certification Exams, October 5-7, Shaker Village.
National Park Service Training, Hopewell Furnace PA

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Joe Bell, Frankfort, KY; **Barbara Graves**, Lexington, KY, **Christina Harrison**, Frankfort, KY, **Patricia Knight**, Lexington, KY, and **Eric Thomason**, Lexington, KY.