



Ripples from the Roanoke

A publication from Roanoke River Partners

“The mission of Roanoke River Partners is to preserve, enhance and promote the natural, cultural and historic identity and integrity of the Roanoke River region through tourism and other environmentally sustainable activities which encourage economic development and social justice.”

September 2014

Message from our Executive Director

It's hard to believe it's been over a year since I began as the director of RRP. It's been a fast year with lots of great moments for RRP. Just to share a few highlights ~



In mid April, Jamesville hosted our **Annual Roanoke River Paddle Day**. Brad Davis, mayor of **Jamesville**, gathered local support to serve as the event host. For those that remember, the weather kicked up and we had white caps on the Roanoke. However, our spirited paddlers met the 12 mph Northeast wind in their faces as a challenge and they overcame the conditions. Needless to say, they were rosy cheeked when they made it in to **Cypress Grill** for a hot, riverside lunch of “local” fare. Special

thanks to Doward Jones and Russell Lee for coordinating the take-out on the **Plymouth** end of the paddle route as well as a host of volunteers who pitched in to make this event possible. *Shout out to RRP's new friend, Eugenia Jones Wade for all her help and to Lucia Peel, RRP chair, for doing a great job as our event coordinator. While the weather was not what we had ordered, the company and the overall experience made for a memorable day on the **Roanoke!**

Other highlights of the year include: initiating our **Roanoke Buzz** column in five regional newspapers; presentations to county and town governments; cooperative regional planning with the **Roanoke River Mayor's Association**; the premiere and regional viewings of the **Museum of Natural Science's** video, “**We Are the River,**” about the Roanoke; **Congressman G.K. Butterfield's** presentation of a large historic photograph to our Hamilton Rosenwald preservation project; **Halifax Resolves Award** for Restoration of the Hamilton Rosenwald School; Roanoke River Paddle Trail/Camping System featured in **Garden & Gun magazine** and **North Carolina Sportsman's** on-line publication. Additionally, RRP's numbers for 2013 indicated that our paddle trail/camping system attracted 1215 overnight stays to our region— yielding our highest volume year to date!

We continue to utilize social media to connect with a dynamic audience. If you haven't already done so, please join our on-line community by finding **Roanoke River Partners** on Facebook and “liking” us. We also invite you to visit our newly designed website (www.roanokeriverpartners.org) to check out our [calendar of regional events](#); to [reserve a camping platform](#) or to see what's new with RRP and our [member towns](#) and businesses!

With the support of a host of regional partners and folks like you, we've had a great year! We respectfully ask for your continued support and involvement to accomplish even more in the coming year and we invite you to be in touch to share your thoughts and ideas.

With much appreciation from our beautiful Roanoke River Region,
Carol J. Shields (director@roanokeriverpartners.org or 252-798-3920)

2015 dates to remember:

January 4 ~ RRP's Annual Holiday Social at [Haughton Hall B&B](#) in Williamston, 5 to 7 pm
April 19 ~ **Roanoke River Spring Paddle Day** (lower Roanoke River~ location TBA)
June 17-19 ~ **National Rosenwald School Conference** in Durham (Excited about this coming to NC!)



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Could it time for you to renew (or perhaps to join for the first time)?

Check the label on this newsletter to see when you last renewed. If this date indicates it has been over a year or if there is no date, we encourage you to renew/join today. Your financial support is critical to the important work we do!

We greatly appreciate your interest in Roanoke River Partners (RRP). Through its development and operation of the Roanoke River Paddle Trail and our partnership with small towns throughout the Roanoke River Region, our organization is furthering its mission of encouraging eco-tourism and other sustainable economic development in our region. Want to be more involved?

As a member of the Roanoke River Partners at any level, you'll receive our newsletter, discounts and periodic invitations to events such as membership socials. At the Community Partner or higher level, you are entitled to a partner link on our regional website. Most importantly, you'll be supporting our work to develop and promote our regional assets!

Complete this form & mail with your check made payable to: **Roanoke River Partners** to the PO Box under our logo. If you prefer, you may pay for your membership online through Paypal by visiting www.roanokeriverpartners.org and clicking on the "Partner With Us" link. Much thanks for support!

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Thank you for choosing to support our work to develop and promote the natural resources and cultural heritage of our region~ It is the generous support of people like you that make it possible for us to positively impact our regional economy and we are MOST GRATEFUL!

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