

*Great Bridge Battlefield &  
Waterways History Foundation*  
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**Annual Patriot Membership Fund:**  
We entered the new membership year last July, so please remember to renew your Patriot Membership today! We need your support now more than ever. Special thanks to the Membership Committee for all of their hard work and dedication.

**Park and Visitor Center:**  
The Foundation is pleased to announce that we have raised **\$5,021,147 in Gifts & Pledges towards our \$7,000,000 Capital Campaign & Endowment Goal.** Our support comes from individuals, businesses, private and government grants, and gift-in-kind donations. We are so thankful for the contributions of the entire community.

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## Battlefield Historic Park Underway!

### Upcoming Events

**Patriot's Challenge  
Golf Tournament  
Cahoon Plantation  
August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**

**Waterways Heritage  
Festival  
Great Bridge  
Lock Park  
October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Battle of Great Bridge  
Reenactment  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

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After several months of anticipation and waiting, the Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways History Foundation is proud to announce that Park construction is underway. **E.T. GRESHAM COMPANY, Inc.** won the bid for the construction of the Battlefield Historic Park and is moving towards a completion date in October. ET Gresham is not only performing the operation, implementation, physical installation of the park; they have embraced the history, vision, and mission of the Foundation in every action they take. Through the donations of time, labor, and material, local businesses are teaming up with the Foundation to deliver to the **City of Chesapeake**, the **Commonwealth of Virginia**, and the entire **United States** a jewel that will be cherished for years to come. We would like to thank the following companies for their outstanding park contributions and donations to date:



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## 2011 Valentine's Day Wine Tasting

Domes Audio Video Environments hosted the Foundation's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine's Day Wine Tasting on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This event has grown by leaps and bounds over the years, and this year's Wine Tasting was no exception. The GBB&WHF Community Gifts Committee welcomed over 100 guests. Ian Honaker, owner of Let's Talk Wine, poured and discussed fine wines; and Associated Distributors offered their services as well. President Bill Ward presented a canvas featuring a mural of Billy Flora created by AG Wraps to the Honorable Preston Grissom for his diligence and dedication to the project, and to "Billy Flora" for his representation of a hero that further educates the community about the *Battle of Great Bridge*. Sponsored by the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office, this year's Silent Auction raised significant funds for the Foundation. Many local businesses, groups, and individuals donated wonderful items that the attendees were all to eager to compete over. Glenda Fowler, owner of Lasting Impressions crafted a magnificently ornate floral arrangement that added to the elegance of the evening. Without the help of all of our volunteers, families, and friends, this night could not have been the success that it was.

The Foundation is grateful to all of its 2011 Wine Tasting participants!

Affordable Tents  
AG Wraps  
Andrea's Ristorante  
AOC Salon  
Atlantic Yacht Basin  
Ben Cooper Jewelers  
The Broken Egg Bistro  
Burtons Grill  
Cahoon Plantation  
Carolina Cupcakery  
Dessert Café  
Commodore Theater  
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Fabbrizi's Ristorante  
Final Kick  
Five Points Community  
Farm Market  
George Ramsey  
Greenbrier Country Club  
Hampton Roads  
Naval Museum  
Harris Teeter  
Jody G at Pizazz  
Joe's Crab Shack

Kitchen Barn  
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The Melting Pot  
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The Virginia Aquarium  
The Virginia Stage Company  
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Virginia Zoo in Norfolk  
Wild River Outfitters  
Wild Wing Café  
With Flair Tea Room  
YNot Pizza



Pictured: President Of AG Wraps,  
John Hall Jr; Jeremy Horne;  
Grant Enero; And Michael Medro



AG Wraps designed, created, and installed a powerful mural depicting the heroic efforts of Billy Flora during *The Battle of Great Bridge*, December 9, 1775. The mural is located on the corner of Wayne Avenue and Billy Flora Way in Chesapeake. Prints of the mural are available for sale inside AG Wraps.

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### Atlantic White Cedar Grove Project



Location Of Grove In The NE Quadrant

Bill Garman donated 300 Atlantic White Cedar seedlings to the Foundation and City of Chesapeake. Mik Lestyan cleared the area, planted the cedars, and installed a protection device for the baby trees. This donation is in honor of Friends of the Park, which includes Durwood Curling. Excessive harvesting has brought the Atlantic White Cedar to near extinction. The White Cedar was a prime source for gun powder, boat building, shingles, barrels and for other purposes requiring rot resistant wood. The grove is part of a reforestation program that will attract arborists, horticulturists, and environmentalists to the Park. The grove is accessible by crossing the Dominion Footbridge on the nature trail that lies to the northeast of the future Park and Visitor Center.

## 2011 Spring Fling Dinner

The Foundation's Spring Fling Dinner was on April 2, 2011 at Greenbrier Country Club. The GBB&WHF Membership Committee invited a group of over 100 distinguished guests; crafted a stunning assortment of gifts for the grand raffle, including a two night stay at the Williamsburg Lodge; and entertained the room with the intellect, passion, and enthusiasm of special guest speaker, Mr. Michael Kranish. The Foundation cannot thank Michael enough for the presentation of his book, *Flight From Monticello*; a speech that captured the audience's attention by connecting *The Battle of Great Bridge* to the historical narrative of Thomas Jefferson. You can order the book by contacting Page-after-Page Bookstore. Several honorable guests and ardent supporters of the

Foundation contributed greatly to the success of the occasion, including Lasting Impression's donation of another enchanting floral arrangement for the evening. The CSO supported the event by filling a table of eight, along with Towne Bank. The Membership Committee thanks the Board of Trustees and Advisors for their strong attendance and participation in this year's dinner. Greenbrier Country Club did a phenomenal job catering to our guests. Strong community support, coupled with the generosity of our members, makes the organization stronger, our message louder, and the realization of our vision and mission that much closer!



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