

REEDVILLE FISHERMEN'S MUSEUM

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Dear Reedville Volunteers;

We are very grateful for all the volunteers that helped throughout the Independence Day events. Thank you for pushing through the high temperatures to make Reedville's 4th of July celebration a huge success. Working the events in extreme heat was no easy task, but you stayed cool-headed, kept smiling, and showed up for our community when it mattered most. Your grit and generosity made all the difference. We are so grateful to have you on our team Put a feather in your three corner hats!



GRA/RFM Board of Directors





By Tina McCloud - RFM public relations volunteer

Larry Foulk, the new executive director of the Greater Reedville Association, has an impressive list of degrees and academic accomplishments.

But his immediate and heartfelt connection to the culture and traditions of the small fishing village may provide extra insight into why the fit feels natural.

Foulk, who will oversee the Reedville Fishermen's Museum and its event center, Festival Halle, grew up in a small southern Louisiana town called Port Sulphur in Plaquemines Parish. The parish (like a Virginia county) is the southernmost in Louisiana, where the Mississippi River meets the Gulf of Mexico.

His grandfather, whom he called Captain, and his uncle/godfather, were commercial fishermen.

Driving along Reedville's Main Street to the end (or beginning) of Va. Route 360 at Cockrell Creek reminds him of the one main artery through Port Sulphur, La. Route 23. Port Sulphur's population in 2020: 1,677. Reedville's: 2,063.

One facet of his new position includes day-to-day responsibilities: being a good steward of resources that include finances, facilities, employees, volunteers and board members.

"It seems like a healthy association and museum with great people supporting the effort," said Foulk (pronounced 'folk').

"Feeling this connection with the community, I might be someone who can articulate the value of our mission here," said Foulk. He defines that as encouraging "a great respect and understanding of the history and traditions that reflect the watermen's life and work ... and how that work informed the quality of life for everyone who called this neck of the woods home."

As a historian, he describes the rhythm of life here in almost poetic terms: "The way we speak, the food we enjoy eating -- which we have from the bounty of the bay or harvest from the land."

And Reedville's old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration? "We invite the world here!" And they come. He met people from all over at Chitterchats ice cream shop on Main Street on a recent night.

His appointment was not his first visit to Reedville by any means.

He and his wife Susan, both educators, lived and worked on the Rappahannock River in Tappahannock for a total of 10 years.

They enjoy exploring wherever they work, so they visited Reedville and the museum several times with their family. Several years ago, his wife gave him a Father's Day gift certificate for Family Boat Build at the museum so he and their son, Ephraim, could build a skiff together. "It's one of my fondest memories ever," he said. "I had no idea then I would be back here."

Foulk has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction/ history education from the University of Tennessee. He has completed graduate coursework in American history through Gettysburg College.

He also is a published historian, has been a docent/tour guide and researcher-writer, and has received appointments to study the U.S. Civil War, the U.S. Constitution and origins of the women's movement.

He has been a teacher/administrator at schools in North Carolina, Tennessee, Louisiana, Maryland and Virginia.

"After an extensive search, the Greater Reedville Association board is delighted to welcome Larry Foulk as the new executive director," said LeeAnn Scanlon, board president.

"Larry's remarkable background in administration, historical preservation and strategic vision makes him the perfect leader to guide us forward. We are confident that his creativity and deep commitment to community engagement will grow our museum's local impact and deepen our connection with the Reedville community.

"Larry will work with the board of directors and committee chairs to continue current traditions and to develop a new five-year strategic plan in 2027."

Both Larry and Susan Foulk spent the past three years at Oldfields School in Sparks Glencoe, Md. She is going to stay on at the school for a while as Ephraim starts his freshman year of high school. Their oldest child, Hadley, graduated from Washington & Lee University and works for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Middle child Ava will be a senior at University of Virginia in the fall.



SMOOTH SAILING KEESE



Clarice “Keese” Jett Williams, October 19, 1924 – June 24, 2026, a woman of high ideals, broad vision, strong character, and loyal to every noble principle, departed this mortal coil after 101 years.

An integral part of the core group of volunteers that launched the Reedville Fishermen’s Museum, Keese has been quoted as saying “We had a story to tell. So we told it.” “Everybody wanted to be involved; we had no trouble getting anybody to do anything. They were there.”

That was the founding spirit of the Museum—a local history needed to be told, so its people came together and made it happen.

Keese was born to Branch Leigh Arthur Jett and Reverend Starke Jett II in Rocky Mount, VA on October 19, 1924. She had many homes around Virginia, as the Reverend was reassigned, so was the family. But Reedville was always a special place. That’s where her Grandparents were and where summers were spent. Keese had two older brothers, Starke Jett III and Starke Jett IV and an older sister, Florence Leigh (I.G.) Jett Hamlin. Starke III died during the flu epidemic before the IV or Keese was born.

Keese was a student at Mary Baldwin when she met Martin Shelton Williams III, a student at UVA. They married at her parent’s home in Farmville. The wandering life continued for Keese as the wife of a Social Worker. Keese had lived all over Virginia but Cornell and Ithaca, New York was “wonderful” as were their other locations in New York and Maryland. They were blessed with a daughter, Jett Williams in 1948 and with a son, Martin Shelton Williams IV in 1958 . Sadly, they all devastatingly predeceased Keese. Martin III in 1976, Jett in 1980 and Mart in 2018.

In the late 80’s Keese decided to leave Richmond and return to Reedville to build a home on her parcel of Jett family land. It wasn’t long until Keese heard of the fledgling Greater Reedville Association and its dream of starting a museum. She jumped right in and the rest is history. Likely the most dedicated volunteer the Museum ever had. Keese held several positions, and accomplished many tasks; her stamina and enthusiasm were endless. Developing and managing the docent program until she had to give it up because she refused to have a computer! But she continued to drive to the Museum 7 days a week to open the doors and greet the morning docents. Then she would return to release the afternoon docents, prove the drawer and lock the doors. No small task, she knew everyone and everyone knew Keese.

With Keese’s departure, we remember a life lived with immense love and a constant sense of caring leaving a void that can never be filled. She had spirit and a sense of humor. Keese made an IMPACT.

REST IN PEACE SWEET KEESE

CONCERTS BY THE *Creek*

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TO PURCHASE
TICKETS
ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE
DOOR



\$25

12 and Under
Free

NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS

NO PETS

AUGUST 15TH
6-9

Food Trucks will be on
site!
Ninos and
T-boyées Couillon Bon



August 29, 2026 - 10am-3pm

**Join us for a day of boats on display, both on land
and in the water, and other festivities!**

\$20 Admission

Vendors

Music

Beer Garden

Oyster Po' Boys, Brats and Hot Dogs

Taxi on the Fannie and Elva C.

50/50 raffle

Nautical Flea Market

**2026 REEDVILLE
CLASSIC AND
WORKBOAT SHOW**

Celebrating RESCUE I

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

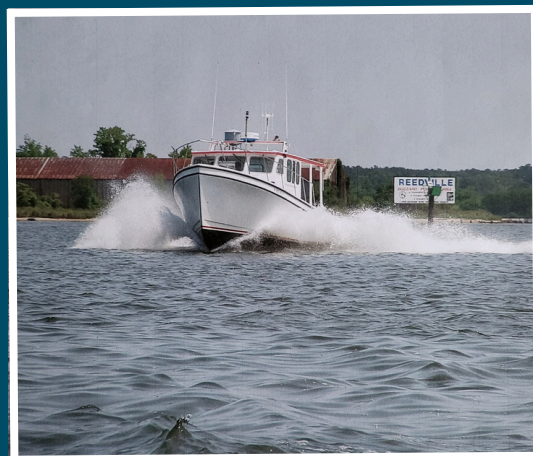
She is 25 this year!!

**This year we are not only showing off the Classic Boats
we are also excited to share the Working Boats!**

Register your boat or sign up as a vendor at



**“there
when
needed”**



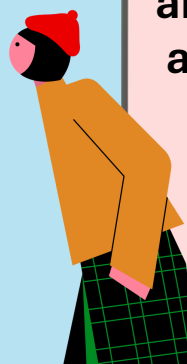
The Reedville Fishermen's Museum is happy to welcome visitors in 2026.

In order to do this, we need a few more crew members for Docent Duty. The Docent Crew supports the mission of the Museum and allows GRA/RFM to receive grants for Museum operations and activities. At this time, the Museum is open the minimum number of hours necessary to qualify for grants of this type.

If you enjoy meeting people, hearing stories, sharing stories and learning something new, then this volunteer opportunity is for you. Docents get a first look at the exhibits, learn the stories and historic lore of Reedville and the lower Northern Neck, and help maintain a sense of community.

The Museum is open Thursdays through Saturdays from 11am to 4 pm.

Starting Memorial Day weekend, we will be open on Sundays from 1pm until 4pm, through Labor Day weekend.



If you want to learn more about what it means to be a docent, please contact the Office.

Office@rfmuseum.org
804-453-6529

Call for Volunteers

The GRA/RFM Mission is a unique one, and it is fulfilled thanks to the contributions of volunteers. There are openings for volunteers to serve on important committees that help lay the foundation for our collective success. Please contact Larry Foulk (director@rfmuseum.org/804-453-6529 ext. 2001) to express your interest in serving in support of our winning tradition!

A SHOUT OUT
TO ALL
THAT KEEP THE
DREAM ALIVE

WE COULDN'T DO IT
WITHOUT
YOU!!!



TEAM WORK
MAKES THE DREAM
WORK

Museum/Historical Site AND Oyster Roast





The GRA/RFM Board of Directors would like to express our deepest gratitude to two important volunteers! Thank you to both Bruce Samuelsen and Emily Fisher for the years of dedication and service to our association. Their creativity, insightful ideas, and unwavering commitment have left a lasting impact.

Bruce Samuelsen- Bruce served as the Treasurer of GRA/RFM from February 2024 to July 2026. Thank you for your continued service to the Finance Committee, Festival Halle restoration and operational committees, assistance with wiring, lighting, technology and writing multiple grants. Bruce will remain on the Board of Directors to complete his current term.

Emily Fisher- Emily served as the Secretary of GRA/RFM from February 2026 to July 2026. Thank you for your continued service as chair of summer concerts, Oyster Roast committee, social media, and volunteering at multiple events. Due to a career commitment, Emily stepped down from the Board of Directors effective July 2026.





Our Watermen's Boots are officially on display!

A special thank you to our Boat Shop crew for helping install and set up this newest addition to the museum grounds. Be sure to stop by, snap a photo, and enjoy this tribute to Reedville's watermen and maritime heritage.

BOOK FESTIVAL HALL FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT!

The wait is over! Festival Halle is officially available to book for private events. We're so excited to open these doors to the community for celebrations, gatherings and everything in between.

Reach out to em@rfmuseum.org to reserve your date and start planning!



≡ Aquapalooza ≡

Mark your calendars! Aquapalooza returns

Sunday, Sept 6th 2:00-6:00 pm

Featuring live music



by



Cougar Flash

All proceeds support Festival Halle

Reserve your VIP spot today!

Space is limited and VIP spots sell out quickly. Secure your place for Aquapalooza for \$500 and enjoy the best views of the action on the water.

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TIME TO SET SAIL!



CLAUD W. SOMERS

MEMBERS \$30
NON-MEMBERS \$35
KIDS 10+ ARE
WELCOME
PRICES ARE PER
SEAT

CHARTER THE
ENTIRE VESSEL
(CALL FOR PRICE)

SAIL DATES:

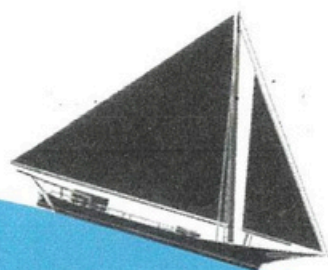
SEPTEMBER 12
SEPTEMBER 26
OCTOBER 10
OCTOBER 24

LEAVE RFM DOCK
AT 10AM
RETURN RFM DOCK
AT 12PM

PASSENGERS
ENTER/TOUR
MUSEUM AT NO
COST

UP TO 15 PASSENGERS PER SAIL!

TO BOOK YOUR SAIL CALL 804-453-6529 OR EMAIL OFFICE@RFMUSEUM.ORG



CREW WANTED

The historic skipjack *Claud W. Somers* is sailed and maintained entirely by volunteers. If you have an interest in sailing, there is a place for you on the crew. No experience is required, we will train you!

During the summer and early fall, the crew sails the vessel on weekends for afternoon cruises and charters. The off-season is spent maintaining the vessel and training the crew.



Reedville Fishermen's Museum

504 Main Street

Reedville, VA 22539

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OCTOBER 3, 2025

12 - 4pm

**Cornhole Tournament
and
Chili Cook-off**



office@rfmuseum.org

or

Reedville Fishermen's Museum

804-453-6529

\$20 INDIVIDUAL

**\$10 donation
to taste**



**EACH PARTICIPANT OF
CORNHOLE
GETS
A FREE BEER TOKEN**

- No Personal Bags
- Individuals will be randomly selected for teams

Oyster Roast

November 14th 2026

Member Ticket Sales

September 21st - 25th

3 -6pm

on the front porch of the Butler Building
(Administrative Office)

Admiral's Circle and Captain's Circle Members -

Please contact the office by September 18th to reserve your membership tickets



Check out our latest YouTube Video!

**George Butler:
A Man And His Craft**



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@rfmvideos8912



YouTube

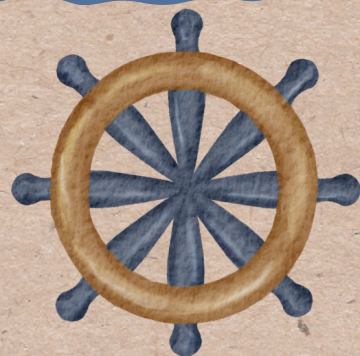
SMALLER CATCHES

SAVE THE DATES

- September 6th Aquapalooza
- September 21st Member Oyster Roast Ticket Sales
- September 25th Cocktails on the Creek
- October 3rd Cornhole and Chili Cookoff
- October 9th Cocktails on the Creek
- October 23rd Cocktails on the Creek
- October 31st Halloween in Reedville

Please visit our website for All Events!

WWW.RFMUSEUM.ORG



NOW ACCEPTING, CAR DONATIONS!

The majority of the museum's operating budget comes from the sale of donated boats and other items. This year we have expanded our program to include cars! Our inventory is low. Please consider the museum when deciding how to dispose of a boat or vehicle that you no longer need. We can pick up the vessel or car and provide the necessary paperwork for tax purposes. Your contributions greatly help the local community and our beloved museum. Please email us at donations@rfmuseum.org for more information on how to donate or to inquire about our current inventory!

SALE



*See the website
for full inventory*

SALE



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CURRENT INVENTORY
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August

Yoga: Every Tuesday/Thursday (\$10)
Museum Hours: Thurs - Saturday 11-4 & Sundays 1-4
Cocktails on the Creek - BYOB and a dish to share

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8a-4p
Wed: By Appointment Only
Closed on National Holidays

2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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3	4	5	6	 7 Cocktails on the Creek	8	9
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17	18	19	20	 21 Cocktails on the Creek	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28	 29	30

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RFM'S NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

David Adams	John Harding	Ilana & William Nauman
Steve Adrian	Anne Haynie	Kat Nelson
Wendy & Benton Beach	Joy & Bill Hendershot	Stan O'Bier
Becky Bogese	Laura & James Horney	Cynthia Powers
Betsy Brann	Alison & Nick Jovanovic	Lucy Quann
Judy & Gary Campbell	Mimi & Mark Joyner	Betty Rennie
Michele & Dan Carroll	Jessica Kaufmann	Paula & Ray Reuter
Anne Marie & Mark Coggins	Elizabeth Kerr	Michael Rock
Carol Cole	John Kines	Janet Schafer
Heather & David Croy	Gary Kohler	Carolyn & Jim Schrote
Drlene & Jim Dabbs	Joanne & Christopher Laird	Laura Shackelford
Kim & Robert DeBeradinis	Mrtin Lane	Robin & Dave Smith
Mildred Dews	Doris Lehman	Tanya & Steve Spano
Muriel & Frank DiGiovanni	Susan Titus & Jay Lightfoot	Jan & Bill Taylor
Terry & Charles Dutcher	Shawn & Dee Majette	Margaret & Jack Thompson
Barbara & Norris Dyke	Ingrid & Hinter Manson	Scott Wellman
Vernell Edwards	Susan & Tom Melhuish	Tracy & Frank White
Sharon Fisher	Kathleen & Mrk Meservey	Gene White
Amy & Guy Geisel	Curtis Mills	Shannon Wise
Alice & Gilbert Gillis	Linda & Eric Murry	Sandi & Gary Woodford
MK Hall		

Thank you for your memberships!

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