



## The History Behind the Vision



The Battle of Great Bridge, December 9, 1775, played a critical role in the Revolutionary War and the subsequent creation of our great nation. It was this patriot victory that forced Lord Dunmore, British Royal Governor of Virginia, and his soldiers to evacuate and ultimately leave Virginia. As a direct result of this victory, four days after this crucial battle The Virginia Convention adopted the first public declaration expressing a spirit of independence. How different our country might be, had it not been for the Battle of Great Bridge and the significant contributions of our waterways.

### *The Great Bridge Battlefield & Waterways History Foundation*

is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and presentation of the historical significance of the Battle of Great Bridge, the Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal and the Dismal Swamp Canal.



## Impact Your Community... Make a Difference

### Memberships:

#### 1775 Society Membership (\$1,775)

- ❖ Free admission for all members living in one household for lifetime
- ❖ 15% discount in gift shop
- ❖ 10% discount of tickets to all Foundation events
- ❖ 10 admission passes to give to friends/guests
- ❖ Our special thank you of a Lucite block with original piece of the causeway and certificate

#### Lifetime Membership (\$1,000)

- ❖ Free admission for all members living in one household for lifetime
- ❖ 15% discount in gift shop
- ❖ 10% discount of tickets to all Foundation events
- ❖ 8 admission passes to give to friends/guests

#### Family Membership (\$75)

- ❖ Free admission for all members living in one household for a full year from date of purchase
- ❖ 10% discount in gift shop

#### Individual Membership (\$35)

- ❖ Free admission for one person for a full year from date of purchase
- ❖ 10% discount in gift shop

All membership include:

- ❖ e-newsletter
- ❖ e-mail notification of all Foundation events

### Leave a Legacy...

Be part of the continued success for generations to come. Naming rights are now available for our Museum's Historic Interpretive Storyline or consider giving an endowment gift or leave a bequest. Please contact the Foundation office for additional information.

*As a non-profit 501(c)3, donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed under the law. This project is not possible without the support of our gracious donors. Thank you for helping to preserve this vital piece of American history.*

## Tourism Development



•Heritage Tourism, as evidenced by the annual report for 2010, is a direct product of historic preservation, which is the basis of this project.

•First-time Heritage Tourism visitors are Historic Preservation Visitors. They represent 15% of the \$18.89 billion spent by travelers in Virginia annually.

•The Great Bridge Locks had an average of 13,792 vessels traveling through *every year* for the last 29 years.

**Capturing these tourism dollars is key to the continued development and economic vitality of our region.**

\*All Statistics according to the Army Corps of Engineers and the Virginia Department of Economic Development, Division of Tourism



The Rose of Nelson batteau went through the Great Bridge Locks in October 2011.