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"This is a book of shadows and disappearances, of wind in the clapboard, of souls departed and the souls that remain. It's also a book of stark, unsettling beauty, as deep and mysterious as the water in an abandoned quarry."

David Bearinger
Director of Grants and Public Programs
Virginia Foundation for the Humanities

Available at bookstores and on-line May 2011!

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

I greet you this spring at an exciting time – the publication of our first book – *Lost Communities of Virginia*! Thank you so much to everyone who has supported us in this endeavor, whether through participation in the process, being an interviewee, providing financial support, or in other ways. The book could not have happened without everyone working together. Special thanks to author Terri Fisher for her diligence in bringing the book to fruition. The book will be available online and in bookstores by May 2011. Also, follow us on Facebook or Twitter (see below) for the latest information on book events, exhibits and talks, and on-air interviews!



This past year we worked with more than 10 communities and employed over 25 students! We also hosted several build-your-own rain barrel workshops in collaboration with Virginia Cooperative Extension and New River Valley Master Gardeners. In this issue we've highlighted several projects and our *Lost Communities of Virginia* book.

We have several to thank this past year!

- The Virginia Department of Forestry's Urban and Community Forestry program and the grant coordinator Paul Revell, for their continued support of the Design Center and the Communities we serve.
- Our Design Review Panel members (listed on the last page) who have volunteered their time to provide guidance and input on our projects.
- All the faculty, students, and design professionals who participated in the Meadowbrook Center (Shawsville) and Prices Fork Elementary School (Blacksburg) charettes.
- Brenda Landes, CDAC alumna and Regional Manager of CR architecture + design in Roanoke for her continued support.
- All those who contributed to the *Lost Communities* book to make it a reality!

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Visit us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter to keep up with the latest happenings related to the *Lost Communities of Virginia* book!

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Lost Communities of Virginia

Virginia's back roads and rural areas are dotted with traces of once-thriving communities. General stores, train depots, schools, churches, banks, and post offices provide intriguing details of a way of life now gone. The buildings may be empty or repurposed today, the existing community may be struggling to survive or rebuilding itself in a new and different way, but the story behind each community's original development is an interesting and important footnote to the development of Virginia and the United States.

Each community, though typical, is also unique. *Lost Communities of Virginia* documents stories of coal towns and grist mills, railroads and steamboats, clay smoking pipe makers and excelsior manufacturers, maple syrup and shad, church meetings and jousting matches, traveling salesmen and springs resort visitors to pique the imagination. The communities have lost their original industry, transportation mode, or way of life, but contemporary photographs, historical information, maps, and excerpts of interviews with longtime residents awaken the bustling past.

"For the traveler along our state's many scenic 'blue highways,' this book will surely enrich the experience. For the preservationist, Lost Communities of Virginia should be understood as a helpful if sharp spur toward the work ahead."

Kathleen S. Kilpatrick

Director, Virginia Department of Historic Resources and
State Historic Preservation Officer for the Commonwealth



The Bridge, Carroll County

"Terri Fisher and Kirsten Sparenborg have sought to use this forum as a 'teachable moment' so that communities today can learn from these now 'lost communities of Virginia.'"

Elizabeth Kostelny

Executive Director, Preservation Virginia



Branchville, Southampton County



Terri Fisher



Kirsten Sparenborg

Featured Projects:

Meadowbrook Center Conceptual Landscape Master Plan, Shawsville



Perspective of a portion of the proposed design

Meadowbrook Center is a public-private partnership between the Mountain Valley Charitable Foundation (MCVF) and Montgomery County, Virginia. Once a nursing home, this facility continues to serve as a tremendous community resource, and now contains the Meadowbrook Community Library, the Waldron Family YMCA, the Meadowbrook Museum, and the Carilion Community Center. Also housed at or within Meadowbrook Center are the EastMont Arts Association and gallery space, the Boys and Girls Club of the New River Valley, Meadowbrook Quilters, the EastMont Garden Club, Shawsville Ruritan Club Square Dance, a farmer's market, and a café.

CDAC worked with the board of the Mountain Valley Charitable Foundation, the groups housed within the Center, and other community members to develop a conceptual landscape master plan for site. CDAC was able to collaborate with the American Society of Landscape Architecture's Virginia Tech student chapter to host a design charrette for the project during Landscape Architecture week. Special guest Randy Hester, a landscape architect renowned for his work in participatory design, joined the event as well! The final conceptual landscape master plan for the Meadowbrook Center aims to bring a reflection of the beauty, vitality, and diversity of the activities that happen inside the Center into the landscape.

"CDAC's professional services and staff were vital in helping our organization plan for both the present and future. They treated us as collaborators while at the same time opened up possibilities that we'd never dreamed of, much less considered.



4 Joshua Galloway of Community Housing Partners leads a design discussion

We now have a road map by which to navigate -- and fundraise for -- future development." – Michael Hemphill, Mountain Valley Charitable Foundation Executive Director.

Mount Tabor Meadows Commons Conceptual Master Plan, Blacksburg



Kaitlyn Illmensee (l) and Ashleigh Marshall (c) solicits design ideas from the younger residents

Mount Tabor Meadows (MTM) is a neighborhood developed by Green Valley Builders. All of the homes are EarthCraft certified and Energy Star Rated. In the heart of the development, a community open space area – MTM Commons – has been preserved. The homeowners developed a list of desired uses for the space and in March of 2010, MTM began working with CDAC to develop conceptual plans for the common space. CDAC collaborated with children and adults of the neighborhood to develop ideas for the space. "Creating the vision for our common space has been a collaborative process between not only community members, but town officials, university members and forestry agencies. This networking has opened up opportunities and resources for the project," says Beth Lohman, MTM resident and project chair. During the design process, MTM with help from the CDAC team, entered and won a national KA-BOOM grant competition!



Central to the overall concept for the space is the idea of a created urban forest. The urban forest will provide certain environmental services: enhanced stormwater management, increased infiltration and on-site storage; shade and cooling; wildlife habitat; and edible foods. The CDAC team envisions the forest will serve as a learning opportunity for kids – through experience and educational signage. The vision for the urban forest is to mimic the native Appalachian forest, creating a range of ecological zones, utilizing native species, and introducing edible landscape opportunities. Additional features of the Commons includes integrated play space offering opportunities for structured and unstructured play, community gardens, community shelter, and an arbor-covered porch swings. A loop trail unites the elements of the common space and offers opportunities for future connectivity to adjacent neighborhoods and trail systems.

Since the completion of the design concept, MTM has been busy moving forward. With help from local ornithologist Bill Opengari, MTM has been taking steps to make sure local Barn Swallows continue to thrive on site after the removal of the barn. Playground equipment companies have been interviewed to determine the right equipment for MTM children and a Ka-BOOM! Playground build day is planned for this fall. MTM is also actively pursuing a grant from the Virginia Department of Forestry's Water Quality Improvement Fund to plant trees, increasing their urban forest and addressing stormwater runoff.

Montgomery County Outdoor Classroom, Christiansburg



Proposed enhanced trail around the pond at the IWL site

Montgomery County School System's Science, Health, and Physical Education Coordinator Patricia Gaudreau has been working hard to ensure classes in Montgomery County have the opportunity for hands-on, outdoor learning. A recently initiated partnership with the Christiansburg-Montgomery Chapter of the Izaak Walton League (IWL) with the Montgomery County Public School System (MCPS) to utilize portions of their site as a county-wide outdoor classroom is helping this vision to become a reality. The IWL's Christiansburg-Montgomery chap-

ter site is centrally located in the county. Its existing resources and opportunities make it an excellent site for watershed education. Here county teachers can engage their students in hands-on learning opportunities and instill a love of and appreciation for the natural environment, particularly watersheds and fishing. Some key site attributes include a spring, a fish run, two ponds, a stream, a wetland area, and a small trail system. Site habitat areas include wetland, meadow, stream, spring, pond, and wooded hillslope. Areas of study/interest that could be addressed on the site include (but are not limited to): watersheds, water quality, weather, plant identification, geology, soils, robotics, and geocaching.



The constructed spring house

CDAC worked with Patricia Gaudreau and contacts from the Izaak Walton League to prepare a conceptual site master plan for the site. The conceptual master plan looks to enhance safe and ADA accessible access to site resources and develop additional learning opportunities on site as well. Support facilities and structures such as ADA restrooms, adequate bus turnaround areas, parking, and storage are also addressed. A portion of the plan was installed during the spring of 2010 with help from Blacksburg High School students and the amphitheater will be implemented in spring/summer 2011!

Matthews State Forest Reuse of Existing Structures, Galax



Judge Matthews house



Sketch-up model concepts proposed for the Alice House

Matthews State Forest (MSF) is a 566 Acre Forest located in Grayson County, just a few miles west of the City of Galax. Judge Jack Matthews purchased the property from a Nuckolls heir in 1946. When he conveyed his land to the Virginia Department of Forestry (DOF), he also conveyed his vision to create a state forest ‘to provide for the scientific, educational, and research needs for Southwest Virginia’s children and the public, and to continue the work to bring back indigenous species such as the American chestnut.’ One of Judge Matthews’ wishes for his property was that it be used as an educational site to teach people about our natural resources. The MSF is managed for multiple uses: sustainable timber production, protecting and improving water quality, protecting and developing wildlife habitat, and promoting native biological diversity.”

Buildings within MSF include 5 historic buildings and at least two old barns. Also on site are a spring house, a reservoir for the well, a smoke house, and two modern facilities. CDAC worked with MSF staff and board members, and other identified DOF staff to develop refined conceptual designs and space plans for the reuse of existing structures to help create an environment that can serve as a showpiece, highlighting energy efficient technology, forest products, and other sustainable practices. Some possible building reuse ideas have included a conference center (such as a conservation education center) with lodging, offices, classrooms, and learning laboratories, a bed and breakfast-type use, and a covered shelter for outdoor classes.

The DOF using the CDAC concepts to gain additional information on the cost of each renovation identified, further review the designs for any issues in building codes and sustainable heating and cooling systems and project development phasing.



Cross-sections of the proposed concept for Judge Matthe's house

Other Recent Projects:

Trails and Greenways

Redbud Run Greenway Conceptual Master Plan, Winchester, Virginia



LaDell Sumpter (L) and Laurel Heile (R) explore the project site

“The Redbud Run Greenway (RBRGWA) is located in Frederick County, Virginia, just north of the City of Winchester. It is a multi-faceted watershed management project providing protection, access, and interpretation of natural and historic resources, while involving a diverse group of partners including The Opequon Watershed, Inc. (TOW), Winchester Trout Unlimited, the Lord Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF), and the Frederick County School System. CDAC is working with the RBRGWA to develop a conceptual master plan for the site that looks at parking, pedestrian access, connections to the adjacent Millbrook High School and Redbud Elementary School, how to enhance the current trail system as it relates to connectivity, crossings, and how the current open areas on site can best be used in the future. CDAC will also offer planting suggestions for proposed bio-retention areas adjacent to site parking.

Park Master Plans

Abner Clay Park Conceptual Master Plan, Richmond

Abner Clay Park is a neighborhood park in Historic Jackson Ward. Although the park is centrally located within the dis-



Historic Jackson Ward

trict and is surrounded by rich historic assets, it does not serve the community as the jewel it could be. CDAC was asked by the Historic Jackson Ward Association (HJWA) to develop an

updated conceptual master plan for Abner Clay Park. The entire block enclosed by Brook Road, Clay Street, Leigh Street, and Adams Street was included in the design study area. Recommendations were made on methods to enhance pedestrian connectivity, accentuate neighborhood gateways, and elevate the level of public pride and ownership of the space through planting, materials, and other design features that better reflect the character and charm of Jackson Ward.

Evans Park Conceptual Master Plan, Danville



Yining Xu (c) and Daniel Lu (r) meet with Keister Evans on-site

CDAC worked with the Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Department in Danville on a conceptual master plan for a new park in Danville. The City received a generous, unsolicited gift of an 105-acre family tobacco farm, owned by the late Ormand K. and Catherine Booth Evans, and farmed until the 1970s. The land was donated to the City for passive recreation, conservation, and educational use by their sons O. Keister Evans and Bob N. Evans. The property has been placed under a conservation easement for future generations to enjoy. Ideas for the park include an arboretum, a LEED-certified education center, hiking and biking trails, a team building and challenge course and an historic interpretation area of former farming practices in the region.

Pellissippi Wetland Park Conceptual Master Plan, Lebanon

Pellissippi is the historic Native American name for the Clinch River, one of the most biologically diverse rivers in the world, in terms of mussels. CDAC worked with a team of educators, local officials, and agency experts to develop a conceptual master plan for the Pellissippi Wetland Park. The park, which lies within the Clinch River's watershed, aims to offer educational opportunities to



A perspective of the proposed trail area

residents and visitors related to environmental stewardship, environmental functions and diversity, and low impact development. It also aims to improve the quality of the water that passes through its boundaries before it enters the Clinch River. Lebanon High School's ecology class, headed by Mr. Farmer is leading the way in the implementation process for the park, hosting a tree planting in the fall of 2010.

Ed Good Memorial Park, Stanley

Pioneer Bank, a local bank in Page County, celebrated its 100th anniversary on December 3rd, 2009. In honor of their service to the community, they donated \$60,000 toward the cost of a playground for Ed Good Memorial Park. Simultaneously, a group of local citizens was organizing around the idea of bringing a trail to the park. CDAC was asked to help weave these new uses together and identify possible additional recreational uses for the park through the development of a conceptual master plan. The CDAC team worked with Town staff and community residents to develop a conceptual master plan for the park that looks to optimize the space and increase recreational activities. Features of the plan include a proposed amphitheater, farmer's market structure, fitness loop trail, plantings, and possible future town facility.



A perspective of Ed Good Memorial Park

The community playground has already been installed! Funding opportunities are being explored related to the trail and the farmer's market structure.

Design Charettes

Rich Creek Facility Reuse Design Charette, Rich Creek

CDAC collaborated with the New River Valley Planning District Commission (NRVPCD) to plan and host a time of community sharing and visioning for the reuse of the former Rich Creek Elementary School in November 2010. Built in 1937, the building has an important archi-



Student, Grazia Apolinares summarizes information

tectural and community legacy for the area. Some key ideas for reuse included a multi-purpose banquet room, opportunities for satellite (continuing) education, adult and child daycare, office/meeting space, exercise/wellness room, after school programs space, senior programs space, and a historical records room. CDAC hopes to continue to work with the Town of Rich Creek and the NRVPDC for phase II of this project, developing detailed conceptual designs for the space.

Prices Fork Village Center Community Design Workshop, NW Montgomery County

Prices Fork Elementary School will be closing in a few years after a new school built on a nearby site is completed. The current school building will be in need of a new life (and repairs). The current school has been the focal point of the Prices Fork village for over 50 years. The community vision is to transform the Prices Fork Elementary School into the Prices Fork Village Center. In order to initiate this transformational process, community members would like to have a conceptual design for what the Village Center could look like. CDAC worked with the NW Montgomery Village Center Foundation to organize and conduct a community design workshop, inviting students, professionals, and community members to develop a number of design ideas for the site. The ideas developed will serve as a launching point for refining the concept for the space.



Design students provide ideas at the workshop

Learning Landscapes

Syndor Jennings Elementary School Teaching Garden and Site Master Plan, Nathalie

Through an Urban & Community Forestry grant from the Virginia Department of Forestry, CDAC was able to work with staff, teachers, students, and PTO members of Syndor Jennings Elementary School to create a conceptual master plan for the school to enhance opportunities for outdoor learning and com-



8 *A perspective of the proposed teaching garden*

munity use of the site for recreation purposes. A teaching garden highlighting natural systems and cycles was designed for the internal courtyard. A loop trail, arboretum, enhanced playground amenities and additional plantings were proposed for the school grounds.

Architectural Design Concepts

Bedford Elks Lodge Conceptual Master Plan, Bedford



Arian Korkuti explains one of the concepts

The Bedford Elks Lodge would like to broaden their service to the community by designing and constructing a facility that can be used by both the Elks and the local community. Located adjacent to the National Elks Home, the ideas for the new structure should speak to the character of the National Home. CDAC worked with the Bedford Elks Lodge's Building Committee to prepare conceptual alternatives for this new structure.

Stormwater Master Plans

Greene County Community Park Stormwater Master Plan, Stanardsville

Through a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to the Rivanna River Basin Commission (RRBC), CDAC was asked to work with the Center for Watershed protection to craft a stormwater management plan for Greene County Park. This plan is envisioned to serve as an addendum to the current park master plan prepared by CDAC in 2008. The stormwater master plan establishes general guidelines to address stormwater as different parts of the park develop. Best management practices related to low impact development are suggested that can be implemented for different areas of the park.



Kim Steika helps two budding stormwater professionals

Downtown Enhancements

Chatham Visual Enhancement, Chatham

CDAC worked with the Chatham Beautification Committee to develop conceptual ideas to visually and experientially enhance the Town of Chatham. Key focus areas of the project included visual improvements for entries and the downtown, the Chatham Perimeter Trail, researching model ordinances, and researching possible implementation grants, all with the aim of strengthening the character and desirability of Chatham as a destination for residents and visitors alike.



Proposed improvements to the northern entry into Chatham

Project Implementation:

Russell County Farmer's Market, Lebanon

CDAC was asked to assist Russell County in the creation of a new farmer's market structure to serve the County and its 3,196 residents. At the time the project was initiated, the farmer's market was operating in the Russell County Government Center parking lot, without a formal physical or organizational structure. The CDAC team worked with vendors and representatives of the Lebanon Farmer's Market Committee to develop conceptual design alternatives for a permanent structure for the market, creating a much needed economic and social venue for both Town and County citizens. Since the completion of the conceptual design, the client has applied for and received fund-



Russell County Farmers Market concept

ing from the Tobacco Commission and construction of the market structure is complete.

Huckleberry Trail Extension, Blacksburg

Exciting things are happening along the Huckleberry Trail! After much work and planning by many groups including The Town of Blacksburg, the Friends of the Huckleberry, and CDAC, ground has been broken to install a new section of the Huckleberry Trail between Prices Fork Road and Heritage Park (Glade Road). CDAC worked with the Town and area property owners to develop a conceptual route in 2004. CDAC also assisted with grant writing to obtain a Recreation Trails grant from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), to help augment the cost of trail construction.



Blacksburg Parks & Recreation Director, Dean Crane at the location of the trail extension

Great Salt Marsh Experience Trail, Poquoson

CDAC worked with the Poquoson Museum in 2006 to assist them in their site master planning process and to develop a conceptual design for the Great Marsh Experience Trail and Back River Overlook. Since that time, the Museum has continued to forge ahead, securing grant funds to construct the boardwalk trail. Trail construction was completed in September of 2008 and it is beautiful! The Museum is now working to develop trail signage, using funds from a Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund Grant to assist them in the sign development and installation. Visit the museum website at: <http://www.poquosonmuseum.com/> for additional information and images of implementation efforts.

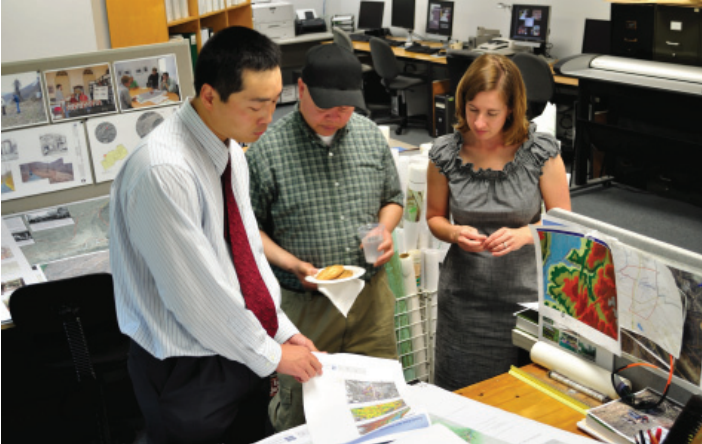


The implemented marsh overlook

Other News:

CDAC Open House for Graduating Students

CDAC hosted sixteen graduating students, along with parents, grandparents, siblings, and family friends at the Design Center and to view showcased community projects from across the Commonwealth in May 2010. The open house is an excellent opportunity to make architecture, landscape architecture, planning, and interior design more tangible to students' families and to recognize students for their contributions to improving the quality of life in Virginia communities!



Graduating student, Daniel Lu (l) shows work to Ed Brooks (c) and Kim Steika (r)

Rain Barrel Workshops

CDAC partnered with the Montgomery County Virginia Cooperative Extension office again in 2010 to host four Build-Your-Own Rain Barrel workshops for the New River Valley community. New audiences included Watershed Stewards at the Master Gardener College in Blacksburg and 4-H students at Belview Elementary School in Christiansburg. A workshop and barrel painting demonstration were also offered as part of Blacksburg's Sustainability Week in September 2010. Visit our website for information on our spring/summer 2011 workshop schedule and painted rain barrel raffle/silent auction opportunities!



Barry Robinson (r) helps participants construct a barrel

Professor Andrew McCoy and Elizabeth Gilboy Receive Outreach Awards!

The College level University Outreach Award and the Alumni Award for Outreach Excellence recognize outstanding outreach contributions of university employees. Andrew and Elizabeth are being recognized for their leadership and partnership in creating a Mobile Kitchen for the Blacksburg Farmers Market's Chef Roulette and for a first-ever contest to encourage the creative reuse of wooden pallets: Broadening the Pallet 2010.

The purpose of Chef Roulette is to show people how to prepare various produce, highlight local foods, and increase sales at the market. The concept was initiated by Elizabeth in Fall 2009. Andrew joined the effort in the spring of 2010 and took the lead in coordinating and engaging Architecture, Building Construction, and Landscape Architecture students in a transdisciplinary design-build process to develop a design for the mobile kitchen. The process has also involved a committee representing the Farmers Market, Town of Blacksburg, private business, and student representatives.

Gilboy and McCoy created the Broadening the Pallet concept, a pallet reuse contest conducted as part of Sustainability Week, in September 2009. This event was open to the entire community and contained over 30 entries in its first year.

Terri Fisher Receives CAUS Staff Award for Work on *Lost Communities of Virginia*

The College of Architecture & Urban Studies Staff Award recognizes staff who, in part, exemplify excellence in their work and an exceptional contribution that promotes the college or impacts the university outside of the college.

Terri's work on the *Lost Communities of Virginia* book will bring national recognition to the CAUS and Virginia Tech. Her role in the book was to research each of the 30 communities featured in the book and prepare the manuscript in a way as to appeal to a broad audience, while also keeping the Virginia Standards of Learning in mind so that the book can be used as an educational tool. Terri also took several of the photographs, including the cover shot, prepared all the maps for the book, and did the indexing. Congratulations Terri!



Want a painted rain barrel?

**Check <http://cdac.arch.vt.edu>
for announcements on
periodic rain barrel raffles!**

Design Review Panel

CDAC is pleased to engage alumni, design professionals, and faculty in our Design Review Panel for project critiques. CDAC project teams aim to meet once or twice per project with members of the Design Review Panel for feedback on design concepts. Special thanks to the following individuals for their input on 2010 CDAC projects:

- Andrew McCoy - VirginiaTech Building Construction Department
- Brenda Landes - CR architecture + design, Roanoke
- Joshua Galloway - Community Housing Partners, Christiansburg
- Lisa Tucker - Virginia Tech Interior Design Department
- Nathan Brown - Graham Landscape Architecture, Abingdon
- Robert Pilkington - Balzar & Associates, Roanoke
- Susan Day - Virginia Tech Urban Forestry Department
- W. Dale Huff - Virginia Department of Transportation, Western Region

Local Firms Volunteer Their Time to Help the Community

CDAC would like to recognize the following individuals and their associated firms for volunteering their time to participate in our 2010 design charettes:

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Robert Pilkington, Balzar & Associates, Christiansburg
Kyle Rogers, Community Housing Partners, Christiansburg
Jeffrey Weiseman, Colley Architects, Blacksburg

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Amanda Rexrode.....undergraduate student, Landscape Architecture
Arian Korkuti.....graduate student, Architecture
Ashleigh Marshall.....undergraduate student, Landscape Architecture (graduated May 2010)
Bee Choi.....graduate student, Landscape Architecture
C. Ladell Sumpter.....undergraduate student, Horticulture
Cotter Spratley.....undergraduate student, Interdisciplinary Studies (graduated December 2010)
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Kristin Fields.....graduate student, Architecture
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Laurel Heile.....undergraduate student, Landscape Architecture
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Learn about Virginia's past through the history of thirty small communities. Look closely and these places are quiet reminders of a once-bustling past when trains or steamboats stopped several times a day, coal miners frequented the company store, stagecoaches delivered passengers and their many trunks to the mountain springs resorts, and traveling entertainers brought excitement on a summer evening. Contemporary photographs, the words of longtime residents, historical information, and maps bring *Lost Communities of Virginia* alive to the reader's imagination while learning about Virginia's history.

Woodford, Caroline County