

**April Field Trip**  
**Frontier Culture Museum**  
**Staunton, VA**  
**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. 2009**  
**8 am Vienna Metro North**

Join for a trip back in time to the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton, Virginia. The Frontier Culture Museum tells the story of people who migrated to America and of the life they created. “These first pioneers came to America during the 1600s and 1700s from communities in the hinterlands of England, Germany, Ireland, and West Africa. Many were farmers and rural craftsmen set in motion by changing conditions in their homelands, and drawn to the American colonies by opportunities for a better life. Others came as unwilling captives to work on farms and plantations. Regardless of how they arrived, all became Americans, and all contributed to the success of the colonies, and of the United States.

To tell the story of these early immigrants and their American descendents, the Museum has moved or reproduced examples of traditional rural buildings from England, Germany, Ireland, West Africa, and America. The outdoor exhibits are located in two separate areas: the Old World and America. The Old World exhibits show rural life and culture in four homelands of early migrants to the American colonies. The American exhibits show the life these colonists and their descendents created in the colonial backcountry, how this life changed over more than a century, and how life in the United States today is shaped by its frontier past.”

There will be lots of activities on April 18<sup>th</sup> including baking in the English farmhouse, fencing repairs, woodworking and gardening. Tripods are allowed. The museum is outdoors, so dress accordingly.

Where: Frontier Culture Museum 1290 Richmond Ave, Staunton, VA; open 9 am – 5 pm.  
Admission is \$10; seniors \$9.50.

When: Meet 8 am at the Vienna Metro North parking lot to carpool. It’s about 140 miles and about a 2/12 hour drive. We should get there about 11 am.

Food: There isn’t a restaurant onsite, but Staunton is just a few minutes away and we can exit and re-enter the museum at any time.

Bring: Tripods are ok; dress for outdoors, bring water and snacks. Plan on sharing cost of gas.

For more information, go to: <http://www.frontiermuseum.org/index.html>. Sign up at club meetings or email [Terrygoplerud@yahoo.com](mailto:Terrygoplerud@yahoo.com) or Martin Fish at [fishmp@aol.com](mailto:fishmp@aol.com).

