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*“A Living Past on a Borrowed Landscape:
The Blue Ridge Parkway at 75”*



Taking place at the intersection between the Blue Ridge Parkway's first 75 years and its future, this symposium will bring together four Parkway experts to consider how history informs the preservation and ongoing management of America's most popular National Park unit.

Thursday, October 9, 2008, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Vinton War Memorial | 814 East Washington Avenue | Vinton, Virginia



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Ian Firth is a Professor Emeritus in the College of Environment and Design at the University of Georgia. He is the author of the Blue Ridge Parkway Historic Resource Study and has prepared a nomination of the Parkway as a National Historic Landmark.



Gary Johnson, a landscape architect and planner, is Chief of the Resource Management Division, Blue Ridge Parkway, where he supervises staff responsible for all pre-implementation planning and compliance and resource management activities.



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Wine reception immediately following symposium. There is no charge to attend this event but seating is limited and registration by October 3 is required.

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