

**What:** Augusta County Historical Society Banquet  
**When:** Tuesday April 22, Silent Auction 5:30, dinner and program 6:30  
**Where:** Holiday Inn, Staunton  
**Program:** Jon Kukla, “Mr. Jefferson’s Women”  
**Fee:** \$28, non-members welcome  
**For more information:** ACHS office 540-248-4151

***“Mr. Jefferson’s women” topic at banquet***

Perhaps no American in history has more name recognition than Thomas Jefferson. Although he lived over the mountain in Charlottesville, Jefferson’s ties to Augusta were significant. This year’s speaker at the Augusta County Historical Society Annual Banquet on Tuesday, April 22 will tell us about a different side of the man who was Virginia’s governor and the third president of the United States. Dr. Jon Kukla will share thoughts and stories from his recently published book, *Mr. Jefferson’s Women*.

Kukla, a recognized authority on colonial and early United States history, addressed the society’s banquet audience several years ago on the topic of the Louisiana Purchase. He received his B.A. from Carthage College and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Toronto. He led historical research at the Library of Virginia, and served as director at the Historic New Orleans Collection and Red Hill–The Patrick Henry National Memorial. He now lives and writes in Richmond.

Random House, which published Kukla’s newest book in October of 2007, calls it “a pioneering study of Thomas Jefferson’s relationships with women in his personal life and in American society and politics. . . .In eight chapters based on fresh research in little-used sources, Jon Kukla offers the first comprehensive study of Jefferson and women since the controversies of his presidency.” Kukla examines Jefferson’s often awkward relationships with the women he was romantically involved with as well as discusses Jefferson’s views on women in general, particularly those involved in public life. *Publisher’s Weekly* welcomed Kukla’s most recent book as “one of the most discerning and provocative studies of Jefferson in years.”

The banquet will be held at the Staunton Holiday Inn with the social hour/cash bar/and silent auction held from 5:30-6:30, followed by a buffet dinner, awards, and featured speaker. Banquet goers will not want to miss the silent auction held to support the educational mission of the historical society. Included in the approximately 70 items up for grabs are: personal guided tours of several of the Shenandoah Valley’s most important battlefields, P. Buckley Moss prints featuring the Jefferson Memorial and Poplar Forest, a framed print of a Continental soldier, jewelry, a number of history books, a collection of birding books and binoculars from YuLee Lerner, landscaping plants, lodging at several B&Bs and cabin retreats, passes to Valley attractions, and even a pet neutering and rabies shot from an area vet!

The banquet is open to society members and non-members alike on a first-come, first serve basis. Tickets are \$28. **No tickets will be sold after Friday afternoon April 18.** Late reservations will be held at the door but no new tickets will be sold the night of the banquet. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.augustacountyhs.org](http://www.augustacountyhs.org) or call the ACHS office at 540-248-4151.

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Augusta County Historical Society; Attention: Banquet; P.O. Box 686; Staunton, VA 24402

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