Hello and greetings from the Exploring Joara Foundation!

What a wonderful, productive summer we've had! Yet another great field season at the Berry Site, another great Field Day, and our first annual meeting! Though the summer is nearly over, we still have a few activities on our calendar. And the first has been in the making for quite some time now.

On Saturday, August 15, 2009 at 11:30 at the McDowell House at Quaker Meadows (located on St. Mary's Church Road just north of Bost Road in Morganton) there will be a small social to accompany the unveiling of the new Fort San Juan state highway historic marker. Refreshments will be provided by the Historic Burke Foundation and there will also be displays of the archaeological dig that uncovered the fort.

Many summers we've had volunteers and field school students and members suggest we need a historic marker for the fort, but little did we know the process behind such an action! Come out Saturday and find out all about it!

If you have any questions, please, contact us--ExploringJoara@ATT.net or call (828) 439-2463. You can also call David Moore at 828-713-7520. And if you're unable to join us on August 15, there are always other ways to support the Foundation. Please contact the Exploring Joara Office at the contact information above to learn about potential volunteer opportunities and becoming a member.

Look forward to seeing you on August 15!