

**August meeting to feature Shawnee leader Cornstalk**

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The Roane County Historical Society's August meeting will feature the 18th century Shawnee leader **Cornstalk** portrayed by Dan Cutler of Milton. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Roane County Library in Spencer, West Virginia and is open to the public. This special presentation is possible through the History Alive! program of the West Virginia Humanities Council.



Cornstalk led close to a thousand warriors against an equal number of Colonial troops during Dunmore's War in 1774 at the Battle of Point Pleasant. He rose to become leader of all Shawnee tribes and the northern confederacy of tribes that included Shawnee, Mingoes, Wyandottes,

Delawares, and Cayugas. After the battle he pursued a policy of peace with the whites. On a trip to Point Pleasant in 1777 to warn settlers that the British were attempting to incite his tribesmen to attack them he was taken hostage and then murdered in Fort Randolph along with his son and two companions.

Cornstalk is one of the many available character presentations offered through the West Virginia Humanities Council's History Alive! program as a means of exploring history by interacting with noteworthy historical figures. These programs provide audiences with the opportunity to question those who have shaped our history.

Historical characterization is the vehicle for this program. Humanities scholars have carefully researched the writings, speeches and biographies of the characters they portray and whenever possible, use their original words.

The West Virginia Humanities Council is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing educational programs in the humanities for all West Virginians. For over thirty years, the Council has been providing educational programs in the humanities across the state.



This West Virginia Humanities Council program is being hosted by the Roane County Historical Society, Inc. and is supported with additional financial assistance from the Office of the Secretary, West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts.

This program is available to interested nonprofit groups such as libraries, museums, and historical societies. For more information call The West Virginia Humanities Council at (304) 346-8500 or visit the website: [www.wvhumanities.org](http://www.wvhumanities.org)