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Calendar of Events 2010

January 18 Martin Luther King Day

Museum and Point of Honor free to visitors 10 am-4 pm

January 22 and January 29 Kids Night at Museum

RESERVE EARLY Kids ages 7-12 participate in scavenger hunts and living history, interact with nocturnal animals from the Nature Zone, create night vision art, and pizza and a movie, 6 pm-11 pm, \$20 per child

February 15 President's Day

Museum and Point of Honor free to visitors 10

February 27 Hearth Cooking Class

RESERVE EARLY Help prepare and eat a meal cooked in the hearth kitchen at Point of Honor 2 pm-5 pm \$20 per person

March 6 Old Dominion Songsters: Traditional Blues in Virginia—Exhibit Opening & Concert

Virginia birthed a variety of blues music and musicians—join us at the Museum from 3 pm to 5 pm to hear more and to view the exhibit on loan from the Library of Virginia. Performance by Sheryl Warner and the Southside Homewreckers of Richmond FREE

April 20 Garden Day

Point of Honor is free to visitors from 10 am-5 pm and the Museum is free from 10 am-4 pm. Point of Honor will feature lectures at 11 am with Nancy Rice on "Daffodils and Table Settings" and at 2 pm with James Henderson on "Landscaping Edibles." Tea and light refreshments served

May 6 Homeschoolers Day

Homeschoolers are invited to tour the Museum and Point of Honor from 10-4 and learn about our varied educational opportunities. Free to

Homeschoolers

May 31 Memorial Day

Museum and Point of Honor free to visitors 10 am-4 pm

June 19 Stories of the James River Canal

Join author Nancy Marion at the Museum at 1:30

pm following the batteau launch to hear some of the rich stories from along the James River and Kanawha Canal FREE

June 21-25

Discover Lynchburg Summer Camp for Kids RESERVE EARLY Children ages 9-12 enjoy a week long day camp from 9 am-3 pm daily. Visits to historic sites, police department, fire station, City Hall, and picnic on Percival's Island **\$50 per child**

July 4 Independence Day

Museum and Point of Honor free to visitors 10 am-4 pm

July 19-23

Discover Lynchburg Summer Camp For Adults RESERVE EARLY Explorers age 13 and up enjoy a week-long camp from 9 am to 3 pm daily. Learn the rich history of Lynchburg and about our City today. \$50 per person

August 14 Care of Historic Items

Curator Greg Krueger will show you how to preserve family treasures—photographs, textiles, silver, and more in this hour-long program at 4 pm at the Museum FREE

September 6 Labor Day

Museum and Point of Honor free to visitors 10 am-4 pm

Oct 2 Day at the Point

Day at the Point offers a look at life in Lynchburg in the early 19th century-house tours, living history demonstrations, batteau, period music, kids activities, food and beverage 10 am-3 pm FREE

November 11 Veteran's Day

Museum and Point of Honor free to visitors 10 am-4 pm

December 5 Christmas Open House

See Point of Honor decorated for Christmas ca. 1815 with native greens, yule log, and other customs of the period from noon to 4 pm FREE

Contact Rachel Deddens, Museum Educator to reserve your space for programs and camps (434) 455-4424 or rachel.deddens@lynchburgva.gov

The Museum and Point of Honor are closed only on New Years' Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. Open hours are 10 am to 4 pm Monday-Saturday and Noon to 4 pm Sunday. Visit our websites: www.lynchburgmuseum.org and www.pointofhonor.org for more information or call (434) 455-6226



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THE NEWSLETTER of the LYNCHBURG MUSEUM SYSTEM

Keeping Lynchburg's Time

he clock and bell atop the Old Court House restarted at 5 pm on December 5, 2009, kicking off the Lynchburg Christmas Parade—two old Lynchburg traditions being carried into the future. Thanks to an outpouring of community support, over \$21,500 was raised in less than four months to bring the Museum's historic bell and tower clock back to life.

The Lynchburg Museum Foundation had raised \$15,000 by July when we were contacted by Lynchburg Historical Foundation Executive Director Sally Schneider and Angela Hamilton, Executive Director of Lynch's Landing. They announced that their groups would donate \$3,000 and \$2,050 respectively to the project, putting us over our goal of \$20,000. A list of all donors is included in this newsletter and the Museum System thanks the many individuals and groups who made this project a success.



Chris McSwain of Lynchburg Historical Foundation, L, and Mike Lucado of Lynch's Landing, R, present checks to Museum Board Chairman Rob Craighill

The Lynchburg Museum at the Old Court House Clock and Bell Project Donors as of December 5, 2009

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Point of Honor Revisited

oint of Honor has overlooked downtown Lynchburg and the James River since 1815 and been open to the public since 1978 as an historic house. In 2008, the Lynchburg Museum System Advisory and Foundation Board approved a review and planning process. This initiative, the first in the history of the house, brought historic preservation scholars with a variety of skills to review the restoration of the interior and furnishings, how the staff and volunteers interpret the house, and what opportunities are on the horizon for future programs or innovations. We look forward to sharing their findings with the public in 2010 and are honored to have these participants involved:

- **Dr. Robert A. Carter**, Director of Community Services, Va. Dept. of Historic Resources
- **S. Allen Chambers, Jr.**, former architectural historian, Historic American Building Survey (HABS) and author of *Lynchburg:* An Architectural History

- **Robert H. Garbee**, AIA, historic preservation architect, worked with J. Everette Fauber on the Point of Honor restoration,
- **Travis McDonald**, Director of Architectural Restoration, Poplar Forest, former Restoration Director, Valentine Museum Richmond History Center
- **Dr. Sarah Meschutt**, Senior Curator, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, former Curator of the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, and Keeper of Edged Weapons, Tower of London
- Patricia P. Hobbs, Associate Director of University Collections, Washington and Lee University, former Curator, Woodrow Wilson Birthplace and the Lynchburg Museum System
- Adam Scher, Vice President of Operations, The American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar, former Curator, Minnesota Historical Society and the Lynchburg Museum System
- David B. Voelkel, Consultant and Project Manager, restoration of Ash Lawn-Highland, former Curator of the Commonwealth of Virginia Art Collection, Director of Curatorial Operations, George Washington's Fredericksburg Foundation

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The Lynchburg Museum System Summary for FY 2008~2009

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System had several major
accomplishments in fiscal
year 2009: the creation of the
photographic website with over 5,500 digital images online, new children's programs
such as Lights Out at the Museum and Point
of Honor, and the first operational year for
the Lynchburg Museum System Advisory
and Foundation Board. The following is
a summary of activity from July 1, 2008 to
June 30, 2009:

I. Visitation:

The Lynchburg Museum	Visitors:	4,731
Point of Honor:	Visitors:	4,318
Events at Point of Honor:		2,997
Outreach Programs:		852
	Total:	12,898

II. Volunteers: Total Hours: 2,073

The Volunteers of the Lynchburg Museum System, with 41 active members, provided 2,073 hours of service with a value of \$45,787 based on the Federal volunteer rate of \$22.09 per hour. Doris Chapin, Irene Cranston, and Ed Tinsley each gave over 100 hours of service this year.

III. Lynchburg Museum Foundation:

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