

THE MUSE NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER of the LYNCHBURG MUSEUM SYSTEM

The Lynchburg Museum is Free This Summer!

The Lynchburg Museum is offering free admission Memorial Day through Labor Day as a pilot project. City and Museum officials agreed that making the Museum free and accessible to all has potential benefits and the free admission may be extended. Students can visit free and explore local history and how Central Virginia relates to the history of Virginia and the nation. Free admission also encourages out of town visitors to remain longer in Lynchburg as localities receive tourism revenue through meals, lodging, and sales tax collections. Since becoming free, the Museum saw an increase of 33% in June visitation over the same month last year with 41 states and seven countries represented.

Four Grade Levels of Lynchburg City Students to Visit the Museum and Point of Honor

Lynchburg City Schools partnered with the Museum System last year to send all 4th grade students to tour the *Experience the James* exhibit. For the coming year, all 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 7th grade students in the City will tour either the Museum or Point of Honor.

The Museum Foundation is covering the expense of buses and drivers and we look forward to seeing these 2,600 students in the coming year and to our continued partnership with LCS.



Call For Historic Quilts and Needlework

The Lynchburg Museum at the Old Court House is looking to borrow items for an upcoming exhibit focusing on Central Virginia quilts and handmade textiles. All sizes and types of quilts and needlework will be included. To be considered for exhibition, pieces should be at least 100 years old, have a known connection to Central Virginia, and be in good condition. The items will be on display at the Lynchburg Museum from approximately January 2016–December 2016. Please



contact Curator Laura Lembas at laura.lembas@lynchburgva.gov or at (434) 455 4423 if you have items you may be willing to loan.

Collections Update

Several pieces have been added to Point of Honor in recent months including a pair of late eighteenth century sconces and a cruet set. The cruet set was made by English silversmith Joseph Angell Sr., ca. 1825 and may have held oil, vinegar, and hot pepper sauce. Additions to the children's room include reproduction bed hangings created by Volunteer Beth Dunn and a matching Staffordshire bowl and pitcher set from 1830.

At the Lynchburg Museum, Victor Millner donated his grandfather's Civil War canteen and Southern Cross of Honor. His grandfather, Henry Clay Victor, joined the Lynchburg Rifle Grays, Company A, 11th Virginia Infantry and was captured at the end of the war during Lee's Retreat. He was awarded the Southern Cross of Honor in recognition of "loyal and honorable service". Henry was the son of John Victor who served as mayor of Lynchburg



Ruth Hairston Early

Thomas G. Terry by Flavius Fisher, Elizabeth Otey by Scaisbrooke Abbot, and Ruth Hairston Early and Mary (Molly) Judith Early by Canadian artist J.W.L. Forster. In 1915, Forster came to Richmond for a Confederate Reunion. It is likely he received the commissions for the Early sisters, nieces of General Jubal Early, at that time. The Otey portrait was done by Scaisbrooke Abbot, completed in 1923 before he went to study in Paris.

in 1825 and spearheaded the creation of Lynchburg's water system, one of the first in the nation.

Four portraits conserved by the Richmond Conservation Studio and frame specialist Russell Bernabo have returned to the Museum. The portraits are of

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

Martha Ross Stimpson



Martha Ross Stimpson was born in Pennsylvania and attended West Liberty College.

Marrying young minister Millard Stimpson, they served several churches in West Virginia, North Carolina, and Virginia before Millard became director of Camp Hat Creek near Brookneal. Martha worked at Central VA Training School and as news editor of *The Times Virginian*.

Martha and Millard had been married for 63 years when Millard passed in 2013. Martha now lives at Valley View Retirement Community. She has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, and a great -grandchild on the way! She is a faithful volunteer in the Gift Shop at Point of Honor and last year gave 216 hours of her time—the most of any volunteer. Thank you Martha!

If you have an interest in learning more about volunteering, please contact Whitney Roberts at (434) 455 4424 or whitney.roberts@lynchburgva.gov.

Board and Staff Hales and Farewells

Board Members Mary Morris Booth, Lucille Deane, and Ray Stokes served three full terms with distinction and their contributions are greatly appreciated. City Council appointed Garry Ford, Victor Millner, Jr., and Joe Seiffert to fill the vacancies.

Ann Scalf started as Office Manager with the Museum System in 2000 after 20 years as Registrar at E.C. Glass High School. A native of Kentucky, Ann is married to retired Lynchburg Police captain Rick Scalf. Ann did an

outstanding job for the Museum System and her work ethic, professionalism, and concern for others was a huge asset. We wish her the best of times ahead!

Lorie Jamerson, formerly with Wachovia Bank and Lynchburg Fire Department Administration, has joined the staff as Ann's replacement. Lorie is a graduate of Averett University with a BS in Business Administration. She is married to Billy Jamerson and they have three children.

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6/30/2015: \$16,620.00**

It is never too late to help—please send your contribution to Lynchburg Museum Foundation, P. O. Box 529, Lynchburg, VA 24505
The Foundation is a 501-c-3 organization dedicated to the advancement of the Lynchburg Museum System.

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Upcoming Events

August 21

Indians Along the James River: From Hunters and Gatherers to the Powhatan Chiefdom

3:00 pm \$10 per person, Members Free

Lynchburg Museum, 901 Court Street,
Lynchburg VA

Dr. Michael Barber, Virginia State Archaeologist, will speak on the Indian populations whose survival depended upon the James River. Exhibit tour and refreshments follow.

September 19

Pressing Matters-Transforming Living Plants into Permanent Resources

3:00 pm

\$10 per person, Members Free

Point of Honor, 112 Cabell Street, Lynchburg
VA

Dr. Nancy Cowden, Curator of the Herbarium, Lynchburg College will hold a workshop at Point of Honor Carriage House on how to press your plants and save them. Refreshments follow.

October 3

Day at the Point

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

FREE

Point of Honor, 112 Cabell Street, Lynchburg
VA

Join us for the 18th Annual Day at the Point celebrating Point of Honor's 200th year! This annual fall festival will bring living history, food, kids' games, crafts, period music, and much more to the grounds!

October 22

The James River Squadron: A Short History of the Confederacy's Capital Navy

3:00 pm

\$10 per person, Members Free

Lynchburg Museum, 901 Court Street,
Lynchburg VA

Dr. John Coski, Historian, The American Civil War Museum, will speak on the James River Confederate Navy Squadron and the naval war along the James. Exhibit tour and refreshments follow.

The Museum (901 Court Street) and Point of Honor (112 Cabell Street) are closed only on New Years' Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. Open hours are 10 am-4 pm, Monday-Saturday and noon-4 pm Sunday.

Visit our websites: www.lyncburgmuseum.org and www.pointofhonor.org, see us on Lynchburg Museum Facebook, Twitter/LburgMuse, or call (434) 455-6226 for more information.