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A NEW YEAR WELCOMES NEW EXHIBITS TO THE LYNCHBURG MUSEUM!

By *Laura Wilson, Curator*

On Friday, January 13 over 100 people gathered at the Lynchburg Museum for the opening of our new exhibits: *It Was My Privilege and My Duty: Lynchburg in World War I*, *Firefighting in the Hill City*, and *Seven Hills of History*. The exhibits will remain on display through the end of 2017. We are also offering a variety of programs in conjunction with each exhibit throughout the year.

***It Was My Privilege and My Duty:
Lynchburg in World War I***

2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the United States entry into World War I. This new exhibit explores what Lynchburg was like 100 years ago. It focuses on citizens who served, the Red Cross canteen at Kemper Street Station, the 1918 Flu Epidemic, and the creation of Monument Terrace among other topics. Artifacts include uniforms, patriotic posters, weapons, medals, and Red Cross memorabilia. Rare items on display include the helmet, dog tags, and service jacket belonging to Royal Fowler, an African American serviceman with the 808th Pioneer Infantry.

Firefighting in the Hill City

While the Lynchburg Fire Department was formally incorporated in 1883, it traces its roots to 1799 when organized fire service in the city began - only 13 years after John Lynch founded Lynchburg. With loans from the Fire Department and Lynchburg Fire Department Museum, Inc. the exhibit is rich in artifacts from an 1850s leather bucket to modern turnout gear. *Firefighting in the Hill City* also explores emergency medical service provided by the Fire Department and features interviews with current and former firefighters.



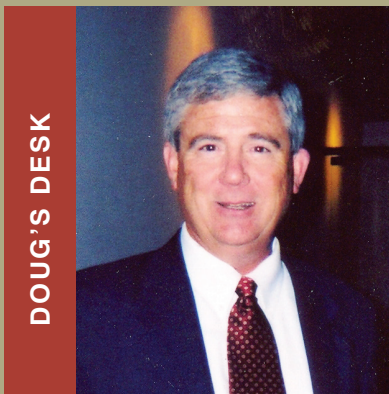
Seven Hills of History

Residents and visitors often ask about the seven hills of Lynchburg. While most Lynchburg residents can tell you there are seven hills, they get a bit fuzzy on exactly which hills are which. The answers may not be what you think as this panel exhibit explores the architecture, myths, name origins, and interesting citizens of Lynchburg's historic hills.

Profiles of Honor Tour

comes to Lynchburg May 26- 27, 2017

The Virginia WWI and WWII Commission is commemorating the 100th and 75th anniversaries of the world wars and has created a mobile exhibit which will be in Downtown Lynchburg on May 26 and 27. Do you have letters, photographs, or other documents from family members' service in World War I or World War II? In addition to seeing the exhibit, visitors may have these documents scanned that day and added to the holdings of the Library of Virginia. More details to follow!



DOUG'S DESK

The end of 2016 went by in a blur as we held Day at the Point, Christmas Open House, produced the annual report, prepared the budget, took down the railroad and quilt exhibits, and installed three new exhibits. While this was going on, the Museum and Point of Honor were open seven days a week, record numbers of students were

given educational programs, and the Foundation's annual fund drive was underway. If you think museums and historic sites are sleepy places, you have not worked or volunteered at one yet.

When we looked at the 2016 calendar year data, we were thrilled to see that the number of visitors to Point of Honor, the Lynchburg Museum, and outreach programs totaled 24,374, an increase of 46% over the 2015 total of 16,725. An increased

number of field trips, well attended events, and general growth in tourism were all factors.

Not all of the Museum System's work is done indoors. The Museum is working with local veteran's groups to erect Virginia Historic Highway markers for the two Lynchburg men who were awarded the Medal of Honor—Desmond Doss and Cary Langhorne. There will also be an interpretive marker about Desmond Doss placed on Monument Terrace in the WWII section.

Desmond Doss' story is told in the movie *Hacksaw Ridge*, which premiered in 2016. Doss saved over 75 men while under fire during WWII and was the first non-combatant to receive the medal. Cary Langhorne was a navy surgeon and when U.S. forces invaded Tampico, Mexico in 1914 during the Mexican Revolution, he was awarded the medal for rescuing wounded men under fire. The markers are slated to be installed in summer 2017.

On to springtime!

Doug Harvey, *Museum Director*

INTERNS AND VOLUNTEERS

by Whitney Roberts, Museum Educator & Volunteer Coordinator

The Museum and Point of Honor rely on interns and volunteers to help with field trips, research, and many other tasks. Here is what three recent interns had to say about volunteering:

"I've had a wonderful experience interning at the Lynchburg Museum and Point of Honor. I really appreciate Whitney and Laura helping me get a better understanding of how a museum works on a day to day basis. I really enjoyed helping Whitney with the Summer Camp program; it was wonderful to see the kids become good friends over the week they were together."

Desiree Page is a student at Randolph College and has helped with Summer Camp for Kids, Day at the Point, and Christmas Open House at Point of Honor.

"The Lynchburg Museum is giving me some very necessary hands-on experience. I am enjoying my time cataloging the Dabney Jackson collection (a WWII pilot and amateur photographer) for the Lynchburg Museum. There is something special about reading about a person's life, handling their possessions, and looking at photos of them through the years."

Courtnee Hummel is a recent graduate of the University of Oklahoma and this fall will be the Wing Historian for the 315th Airlift Wing in Charleston, South Carolina.

"I had the pleasure of working on several diverse projects which span more than a century of Lynchburg's rich and varied history. I'm currently working with a large collection ranging from mid-nineteenth century photographs and hand-written ledgers to an early edition Randolph College yearbook. The best part about being an intern at the Lynchburg Museum is that it doesn't feel like work. There is always something new to learn and the subject matter is endlessly fascinating."

Cortney Sdao is a resident of Lynchburg and is enrolled in Southern New Hampshire University's online graduate program in Public History.

We greatly appreciate the time and energy our interns and volunteers give. In 2016 people generously gave 2,034 hours of their time. If you are interested in volunteering or interning, please contact Whitney Roberts, Volunteer Coordinator at (434) 455-4424 or whitney.roberts@lynchburgva.gov.



Intern Desiree Page, Randolph College

Preschool Night

is coming March 10, 2017! See back page for details.



Preschoolers 2016



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LYNCHBURG MUSEUM FOUNDATION KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

By Lorie Jamerson, Office Manager



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- Members must re-enroll in August of each year.



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

On December 4, Point of Honor held its 34th Annual Christmas Open House. For the first time, Point of Honor was decorated in the late - Victorian era when Lewis and Nannie Lichford and their children lived there. Point of Honor is customarily decorated at Christmas in the Federal style, when Dr. George Cabell and family lived there in the early 1800s.

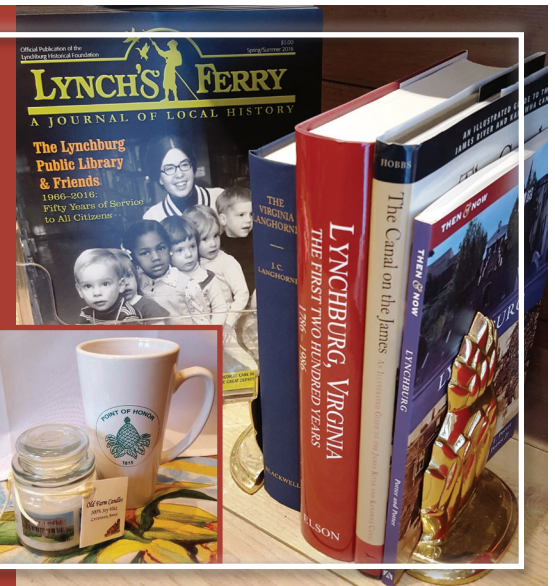
Both eras used live greens at Christmas but in the Victorian days decorations were more elaborate with trees, stockings, and Santa. Over 400 visitors enjoyed the decorations, listened to "Riddle on the Harp" in the parlor, and learned about Christmas in the 1890s. T. C. Miller Elementary School's "Singing Eagles" caroled on the grounds and children and adults alike enjoyed making Christmas cards and other Victorian Christmas crafts in the Carriage House. The Museum System staff would like to thank all who helped decorate and work at another successful Christmas Open House!

Visit the Gift Shop at Point of Honor!

You will find a variety of specialty items ranging from t-shirts and books on local history to custom ornaments and unique prints.

The Gift Shop is open Monday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, noon to 4:00 p.m.

Closed only on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, & Christmas Day



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*Lynchburg in World War I program with
Dr. Brian Crim & Dr. Edmund Potter*

3:00 p.m. • Lynchburg Museum
901 Court Street • \$10 per person
Members Free

Exhibit tour and refreshments
follow program

FEBRUARY 20

Presidents Day

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. • Point of Honor
112 Cabell Street • **FREE**

MARCH 10

Preschoolers' Night at the Museum

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. • Lynchburg Museum
901 Court Street • 4 to 6 year olds
\$20 per child • Reservations Required

APRIL 15

*4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt
on the Lawn*

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • Point of Honor
112 Cabell Street • Partnership with
Lynchburg Parks & Recreation
FREE Activities

APRIL 25

Garden Day at Point of Honor

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. • 112 Cabell Street
FREE House Tours • Cookies & Tea in the
Carriage House • 20% Discount in Gift Shop

MAY 7

*3rd Annual Mother Daughter Tea at
Point of Honor*

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. • 112 Cabell Street
\$10 Adult + 1 child (\$5 each additional)
Crafts • House Tours • Light Refreshments
Reservations Required

JUNE 12-16

*Discover Lynchburg Summer Camp
for Kids*

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. daily • Ages 8 to 12
\$50 per child • Reservations Required

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