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THE MUSE news

THE NEWSLETTER of the LYNCHBURG MUSEUM SYSTEM

Experience The James Exhibit Opens

In June, Mayor Michael Gillette proclaimed Lynchburg's "Year of the River" in honor of *Experience The James: Lynchburg's Pathway to the World*. The exhibit opened in June and runs through December 2015.

Over 140 Museum members and lenders to the exhibition attended the preview reception on June 5th. The City installed *Experience The James* banners on the John Lynch Bridge in June and a number of exciting programs are being held by the Museum and partners.



Calendar of Events

Lynchburg Museum System Events

First Fridays

The Museum is open the First Friday of every month from 5 pm–8 pm for FREE, focusing on a variety of topics related to Lynchburg history. We are on the free trolley route!

August 16

What's In Your Watershed?

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, FREE

Ivy Creek Park
225 Jefferson Ridge Parkway
Lynchburg, VA

We all know our street address, but did you know that you also have a watershed address? Do you know how healthy your watershed is and how to protect it? Join Lynchburg Parks & Recreation at Ivy Creek Park for a presentation by Master Naturalist Bea Stryker to learn about your watershed and see how pollutants wind up in your water! Activity followed by a short hike to Ivy Creek Park's wetland.

August 19

Hurricane Camille & Other James River Disasters as Witnessed by a State Trooper

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Lynchburg Museum

901 Court Street, Lynchburg, VA

Starting at 3pm tour the exhibit, *Experience The James: Lynchburg's Pathway to the World*, and starting at 4pm hear Retired State Trooper Ed Tinsley speak

of James River disasters he's witnessed over the years. Fee: \$10 per person, FREE for members.

September 13

The Tire-Less James

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Riveredge Park

154 Rocky Hill Road, Lynchburg, VA
Join the James River Association and the effort to remove discarded tires from "America's Founding River." Volunteers are requested to select a favorite section of the James for the cleanup and to register online. Restore your river while enjoying Tire-Less fun. Location: Your favorite section of James River between Botetourt County and Hampton City. For more information call 804-788-8811 or visit JRA's website at jamesriverassociation.org. Visit bit.ly/Tire-Less to register.

September 13

Surprises From the Soil: Twenty Years of Archaeological Research on Jamestown, Virginia

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Lynchburg Museum

901 Court Street, Lynchburg, VA

Twenty years of archaeological research on Jamestown, Virginia. Tour *Experience the James* starting at 3pm, then hear David Givens, Chief Archaeologist, speak about Jamestown archaeology beginning at 4pm. Fee: \$10 per person, FREE for members

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, see us on Lynchburg Museum Facebook, at [LburgMuse@twitter](https://twitter.com/LburgMuse), or call (434) 455-6226 for more information.

Point of Honor Update

A house that is 199 years old needs tender care and Point of Honor has been getting it in recent weeks. Trim, shutters, porches, and railings have all been painted on the main house; the Carriage House clapboard and trim were also painted.

A stone retaining wall collapsed along Cabell Street near Point of Honor this spring due to heavy rains that saturated the ground behind the wall. Public Works repaired the wall and graded the slope to direct rainwater away from the wall.

The rear garden that had become overgrown has been cleared and the Restoration Committee of the Garden Club of Virginia is developing a plan to enhance that area with low maintenance plantings and features. Thanks to Lynchburg Public Works and Buildings and Grounds for taking such good care of this historic property.



Volunteer Spotlight: Tom Smith

Tom is one of our great volunteers who devotes much of his time to the Lynchburg Museum at the Old Court House. You might also see him at Point of Honor dressed in his Quaker outfit for Day at the Point, Christmas Open House, and Garden Day. Tom is a Lynchburg native and is also involved in the Lynchburg Lions Club. He retired after 50 years as owner of Smith's Cleaners. A volunteer since 2008, Tom enjoys meeting people and seeing their positive reaction to what the Museum has to offer. Tom has just been sworn in as President of the Lynchburg Museum System Volunteer Board.

The Lynchburg Museum System has many opportunities for you to get involved as a volunteer! Spend time at Point of Honor, in the Point of Honor Gift Shop, and at the Lynchburg Museum at the Old Court House giving tours, greeting visitors, working on special projects, assisting school children during field trips, and much more! If you are interested, please contact Whitney Roberts, Volunteer Coordinator at (434)-455-6226 or whitney.roberts@lynchburgva.gov.

August Events

In August, programs include Learn to Canoe and What's In Your Watershed with Lynchburg Parks and Recreation and on August 19th, former Virginia State Trooper Ed Tinsley will speak at the Museum on the 45th anniversary of Hurricane Camille. Ed saw the worst of that crisis, working many days in a row in devastated Amherst and Nelson Counties. An Instagram photo contest of river images will begin in early August. Visit www.experiencethejames.com for full program and contest information.



A Sampling of Items Donated to the Museum System in Recent Months:

- Roberts Piano Company soap box derby car, late 1950s, gift of Terry Gorwin
- Canopy bed, ca. 1800, gift of Beth Gladwell
- Trundle bed, ca. 1820, gift of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stokes
- WWII uniforms and accoutrements of Lt. James "Jim" Hewlett, gift of Ms. Saraba Hewlett
- Brass covered wood box, ca. 1880 from the Dabney-Scott Adams House, gift of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bowden
- Period wine glasses, two decanters, cream and sugar set, and compote, gift of Mrs. Charlotte Fischer
- WWII military and aviation items of Dabney Jackson, gift of Mrs. Gloria Jackson.

If you have quality items with a Lynchburg connection and would consider a donation, please contact Laura Lembas, Curator, at (434) 455 4423 or laura.lembas@lynchburgva.gov!



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