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THE NEWSLETTER of the LYNCHBURG MUSEUM SYSTEM

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Ed Tinsley

Ed Tinsley is one of our notable volunteers who you can find most Sunday afternoons at the Museum or at Point of Honor events in his 19th century attire. Not only does Ed help with events and visitor services, but he is also handy building and repairing items for educational programs, exhibits, and more. Ed also serves as the Vice Chairman of the Museum Advisory and Foundation Board and on the Volunteers of the Lynchburg Museum System Board.

Serving with the Virginia State Police for 48 years, Ed is the longest serving trooper in the history of the department. He was one of the troopers on duty when Hurricane Camille hit Central Virginia in 1969 and spent many days helping in the aftermath in Amherst and Nelson Counties.

Ed is passionate about his volunteer work. Not only does he donate his time to the Museum System, he also works with the Exchange Club, Lynchburg Elks Lodge, and enjoys dressing up as Santa or the Easter Bunny for other local organizations. Ed makes sure to say thank you to adults who visit the Museum with children, because as he says, the only way children will be exposed to history is by adults bringing them. Thank You, Ed for all you do for the Museum!

If you are interested in volunteering your time with the Museum and Point of Honor, please contact Whitney Roberts, Volunteer Coordinator at (434) 455-4424 or whitney.roberts@lynchburgva.gov.



The Lynchburg Museum and Point of Honor just had the busiest fiscal year ever with 21,755 people touring, attending events, or participating in programs. Visitors came from all 50 states and 37 countries and included 4,300 students on field trips. The quilt and railroad exhibits continue through the end of 2016, and we are working on three new exhibits for 2017.

The centennial of World War I is 2017-2018, and we are planning an exhibit on Lynchburg during the war. With 2,500 people serving in the military from a population of 30,000, the war had a significant impact on the people of the city and shaped the world of today. For example, the troubled country of Iraq is a creation of political deals made by winning nations England and France at the end of the war.

Does Lynchburg really have seven historic hills and if so, what are they? The answers are not as simple as one might think; our second exhibit will examine this eternal Hill City topic. Lastly, an exhibit will cover firefighting in Lynchburg—a history that goes back to the beginnings of the town in 1786 when fires were fought with leather buckets of water.

We learned in July that the game Pokemon-Go now draws players to historic buildings where they can catch online monsters. Who knew? Since the game debuted, the Museum has had a steady stream of gamers day and night—over 1,000 in July alone.

Be sure to look at the event listings as some great presentations, Day at the Point, and Christmas Open House at Point of Honor are coming soon. Enjoy the rest of the summer and the gorgeous Virginia fall!

Doug Harvey, *Museum Director*

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Us
Grow!

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News In Brief


Coaches John Organ and Gannell Stamps attended a football coaches clinic held in Atlantic City, March 22-25. There they conferred with the top coaches from leading universities on the techniques and procedures of football.

Zelda Coles, a senior in room 305, was selected "Miss Jaberwook 1965" on Monday, March 15. Regina Crawford was first runner up and Glenda Jefferson was second runner-up. The program was sponsored by the local chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

On April 10, fifteen members of the F.B.L.A., Chapter 1055, journeyed to Virginia State College to attend their state conference. Eunice Jones, junior, ran for the state office of president. Mr. Robinson is the sponsor of the organization.

On March 25, the Business Department observed Business Education Day. Mr. Clifford Coles, Personnel

Frank Hughes Wins Student Council Election By Landslide



Frank Hughes

Frank Hughes, a rising junior, has been elected president of the Student Council for the 1965-66 term. Hughes defeated Darlene Elliott and Evanda Jefferson, both juniors, on March 23, which was election day at Dunbar. At the same time, classroom representatives of the council were elected. Students who had paid their one cent poll tax were eligible to vote at designated polls set up in the corridors. Working the polls were current Student Council members. Hughes has served on the council for two years. He is at present serving as assistant secretary. Also, he is a member of the Theater Guild.

At the Western District Science-Math Conference this year, Hughes placed second in physics; last year he received a second place award for his science project.

When asked his reaction to having won the election, Frank said, "I am very pleased with the election. It went the way I hoped it would and I thank my fellow classmates for voting for me."

Oratorical Contest Planned April 30

The English Department will sponsor its fourth annual oratorical contest on Friday, April 30, as part of its speech improvement and cultural enrichment program.

The program will be held at 9 a. m. in the auditorium. Contestants representing ninth through the twelfth grades were chosen in an elimination contest last month.

Communication: Key to Understanding is the general theme, which will be discussed from four viewpoints.

Speakers, their classification, and topics are: Sylvia Spinner, twelfth grade — through the Home; Myra Gordon, ninth — through the School; Raymond Jones, eleventh — through the Community; Vivian Braxton, tenth — through the Nation.

Each speaker will have a maximum of six minutes to deliver his oration.

Criteria to be judged will be content of speech, delivery and stage decorum.

The first place winner will re-

Foreign Language Program Planned

The Foreign Language Department has set April 29 for its program. Students of Latin and French will participate.

According to Miss D. D. Lomax, chairman of the department, the program "will provide an occasion to present the Foreign Language Department to the school and an opportunity to inform the student body of some of the skills these students have acquired in their respective classes."

French students will engage in conversations, songs, a dance, and will give recitations.

Latin students will participate in a dance and sing rounds. They will also recite poems, Bible verses and the Lord's Prayer.

Math Supervisor Visits Dunbar

Mr. C. L. Edwards, assistant

Bloodmobile Visit Termed Success

The Red Cross Bloodmobile which visited Dunbar recently was termed a success by the Junior Red Cross Chapter and

DUNBAR COLLECTION LINKS PAST TO PRESENT FOR G.O. CENTER STUDENTS

This past school year, we launched a new primary source activity for the R. S. Payne Elementary G.O. Center fourth graders. The G.O. Center at R. S. Payne is for gifted students who go through an extensive process to be selected. These students focus on hands-on or interactive learning—they learn by doing and teaching each other. R. S. Payne Principal John Blakely requested an advanced project for the students, and with the assistance of teachers Van Hoffman and Tracy Proffitt, this special program was created.



The goal of this program was to have students think like museum curators. The primary source documents chosen were a series of Dunbar High School newspapers, *The Dunbar Chronicle*, donated by Carolyn Brown in 2014. The G.O. Center students were tasked with looking at Dunbar newspapers from 1920-1965 and were asked to compare and contrast current R. S. Payne to the historic Dunbar High School. Students made wonderful connections between R. S. Payne and Dunbar, noting the grading scales were different and there were different extracurricular and sports activities. We look forward to providing this program to the G.O. Center students when they visit this fall.



R.S. Payne Elementary

DISCOVER LYNCHBURG SUMMER CAMP 2016

Museum Educator Whitney Roberts runs a week-long day camp for kids ages 8-12 each summer. From June 20-24, campers participated in hands-on activities at the Lynchburg Museum and Point of Honor. They also visited the City Water Plant, Old City Cemetery, Fire Department Station One, and Bluffwalk as they learned about their city.



2016 Discover Lynchburg Campers at the City Water Department



2016 Discover Lynchburg Campers with Volunteer Doug MacLeod

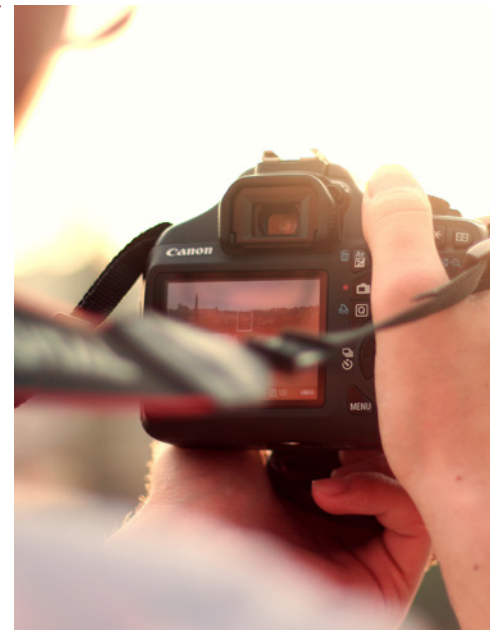
BOARD UPDATE

The terms of four members of the Advisory and Foundation Board expired at the end of June: Rob Craighill, Mike Doucette, Langhorne McCarthy, and Marie Waller. Their service and accomplishments are truly appreciated, and the Museum and Point of Honor are better for their efforts.

The four new members appointed by City Council are Marge Freeman, Ken Mayo, Loretta Robinson, and Caroline Wilson. Current officers of the Board are Charlotte Fischer, Chairman, Ed Tinsley, Vice-Chairman, and John Arnold, Treasurer

A museum is a place where one should lose one's head

—Renzo Piano



ARE YOU A PHOTOGRAPHER?

The Museum and Point of Honor have need of a good photographer a few times a year for special events, educational programs, or to photograph artifacts. If you have a good quality camera and are willing to volunteer several times a year, please contact Whitney Roberts, Volunteer Coordinator, at (434) 455-4424 or whitney.roberts@lynchburgva.gov.



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CURATOR'S CURIOSITIES

A World War I Souvenir



Edwin Rucker Dillard may have brought the souvenir home with him from the war.

As the Museum is preparing for an exhibit in 2017 on Lynchburg during World War I, we put out a call for artifacts. In response, Martha Conde donated a small paperweight-like object that was unmistakably a souvenir from the Great War. It has the armistice date of "Nov-11-1918" and "VICTOIRE" as well as a large chicken standing on top of spiked helmet.

The symbolism of France defeating Germany was clear, but what did a chicken have to do with France?

It turns out the chicken is actually a Gallic rooster, and the rooster has been associated with France since the Middle Ages. The portion of Europe where France is located was known as Gaul in the days of the Roman Empire, and the Latin word for rooster is gallus. During the French Revolution in the 1790s, the people rejected the royalist origins of France and chose to trace the origins of France to ancient Gaul. Before World War I, the rooster was featured on a 20 franc coin. Today, the rooster lives on as the logo for French sporting goods and movie production companies.

Do you have any photographs, letters, or family mementoes from World War I? If your ancestors lived in the Lynchburg area during the Great War, please consider lending or donating your items for our upcoming exhibit. Contact Curator Laura Wilson at (434) 455-6226 or laura.wilson@lynchburgva.gov for details.



On this souvenir, Germany is represented by the spike helmet, a distinctive component of Germany's early military uniforms.



NEW ARRIVAL!

Pastel portrait of Hallie Craddock Barksdale (1854-1900)

Hallie Craddock was born in 1854 in Halifax to Dr. Charles Craddock and Fannie Craddock. In 1872, she married Judge William Barksdale and together they had nine children. She died in 1900 and her husband in 1925. This portrait was painted by an English artist named Paul Phillips about whom little is known.

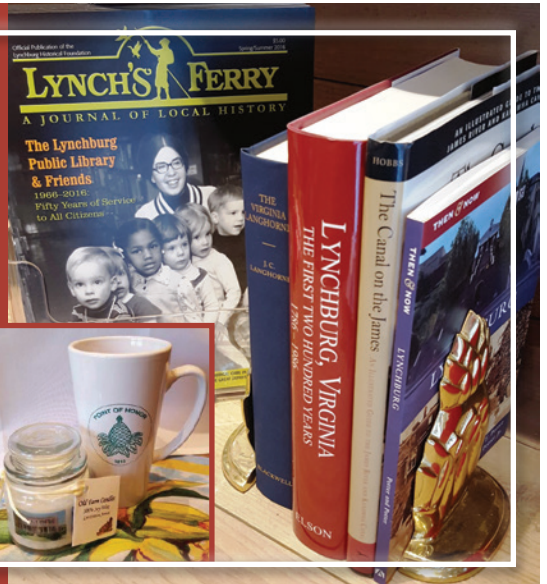
The portrait of Hallie Barksdale was donated by Polly and Bob Garbee; Hallie is Polly's grandmother. It is currently being conserved by the Richmond Conservators of Works on Paper. Her portrait and a portrait of her husband will be on display in the Art and Artisan Gallery at the Lynchburg Museum this fall.

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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SEPTEMBER 16

History of Quilt Making
with Dr. Barbara Rothermel
3:00 p.m. • Lynchburg Museum
901 Court Street • \$10 per person,
Members Free

Exhibit tour and refreshments
follow program.

OCTOBER 1

Day at the Point
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. • Point of Honor
112 Cabell Street • **FREE**

Join us for the 19th Annual Day at the Point! This annual fall festival will bring living history, food, kids' games, crafts, period music, and much more to the grounds!

NOVEMBER 11

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

Visit Point of Honor for free!

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 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday–Saturday and noon to 4:00 p.m. Sunday.

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

NOVEMBER 11

Care of Textiles
with Colleen Callahan
3:00 p.m. • Lynchburg Museum
901 Court Street • \$10 per person,
Members Free

Exhibit tour and refreshments
follow program.

DECEMBER 4

Christmas Open House at Point of Honor
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
112 Cabell Street • **FREE**

Join us for our 34th Annual Christmas Open House! Decorated for a Victorian Christmas, Point of Honor will feature native greens and Christmas customs of the day. Enjoy period music in the parlor, hot cider, and a special sale in our Gift Shop.