



# HOMESTEAD HIGHLIGHTS

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## On Exhibit

“Faces” by Deana H. Clark features portraits taken by the award-winning photographer that capture the local region’s rich character, deep roots, and unique personality.

The Homestead Postcard Club Exhibit:  
Harrison Fisher



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## Book Sale & Silent Art Auction Begin Sunday

The Reynolds Homestead’s second annual Book Sale Fundraiser will open on Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 p.m. with Libby Bondurant as the featured author. Bondurant is the co-author of “Grazing Along the Crooked Road,” a unique blend of tradition and culture from Southwest Virginia. The cookbook combines local stories, recipes and a love of music to give the reader a true taste of life in the south. She will speak in the lower level of the Continuing Education Center and will have copies of her book available for purchase.

Libby had been scheduled to appear with her co-author Betty Skeens in March, when Betty passed away unexpectedly. Libby wants to continue the legacy of their book, however, and continue to do appearances to honor Betty’s memory.

Book lovers will be able to browse the book sale upstairs,

featuring hundreds of books—cookbooks, children’s books, novels, non-fiction—all at discount prices. The fundraiser is held to raise money for supplies for children’s summer camps at the Homestead. Last year the event brought in over \$700 for programming.

Beth Ford, historical services assistant and project director for the Book Sale, is especially pleased with the number of specialty books that have been donated.

“This year we will have a large table of collectible and antique books of all topics—some from the 1800s—priced at very reasonable rates below market value,” says Beth, an antique postcard and book dealer herself.

A new addition to this year’s fundraiser is a Silent Art Auction, featuring works donated by local artists and artisans. “We appealed

to our local artist community to help us this year, and they’ve been very generous,” says program coordinator Lisa Martin. “We have paintings, pottery, hand-woven items and hand-spun yarns, and much more for attendees to bid on.”

The book sale and art auction hours will be Sunday, June 7 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and then on Tuesday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Come early for the best selection!

As Beth notes, “This is an opportunity for book lovers of all interests to find their summer reading and books to cherish forever.”

The Homestead staff thanks everyone who contributed so generously to our fundraiser this year.

## Eydie Clifton Says Au Revoir

After sharing her gifts and talents with the Reynolds Homestead for the past fourteen years, Eydie Clifton has decided to embark on a new adventure. Her last day will be June 12 and then she begins employment with the Harvest Moon in Floyd. This is a bittersweet time for the staff—we are excited for her new opportunity, but, at the same time, we’ll miss her smiling face

on a daily basis. Eydie has agreed, however, to come back and assist with special events when needed.

Eydie’s strengths are many, including the careful way she has cared for and maintained the historic home. She has also served as one of our interpretive guides providing tours of the historic home. Eydie has instructed numerous fitness



classes, and her creative cooking skills enhanced many of our events. Best wishes, Eydie!

# LEARNING-DISCOVERY-ENGAGEMENT

Each year seniors from Patrick County High are awarded scholarships from the Nancy Susan Reynolds Scholarship Fund. At the senior awards banquet on May 14, eight students were given either \$1,000 or \$2,000 to attend the college of their choice. The 2009 recipients and their respective colleges include:

- Adrienne Leigh Anthony-Radford University
- Samuel George Daumen-Virginia Tech
- Michael Wayne Hughes-Patrick Henry Comm. College
- Amanda Joan Moore-Patrick Henry Community College
- Shane Brooks Nelson-Longwood University

## *A Message from Director Kay Dunkley*

- Kevin Daniel Reynolds-Ferrum College
- Brittany Rounds-New River Community College
- Trevor Nie Wilkinson-Virginia Tech

Support for these scholarships comes from an endowment established by Nancy Susan Reynolds in 1980. She was committed to providing higher education opportunities to qualified students in Patrick County. Students who apply are judged on their scholastic achievements, involvement in clubs and organizations, financial need, letters of recommendation, and the composition of an essay that addresses their career goals. The scholarship selection committee consists of community representatives from the Reynolds Homestead Advisory Committee-Coates Clark, Clint Hopkins, and

Richard Reynolds.

We congratulate these students and wish them much success!

On another positive note, we had a wonderful e-mail from a recent visitor to the historic house:

*We enjoyed a lovely and informative tour at the Homestead Sunday, May 31. I didn't realize until afterwards that when we showed up right before 4 p.m. it was almost closing time. That did not stop our two guides, who were gracious and informative and showed us many interesting things about the Homestead and the Reynolds family. We had brought my son and a friend, both Boy Scouts, who needed this visit to complete a requirement for a Merit Badge. —R. Margrave*

Our interpreters that day were Beth Ford and Linda Wilson—kudos to them for their graciousness!

## Introducing New Intern Christina Draper

A new face can be seen at the Reynolds Homestead. Christina Draper, MA/PhD student at the College of William and Mary, will be working with us this summer. She will be researching grant opportunities that align with the Reynolds Homestead's long range projects, creating databases for groups that will benefit from

current and future programming and assisting the staff. Prior to returning to school, Christina served as the Program Director of the Virginia African American Heritage Program for the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities. One of her major responsibilities while there was working with the Fayette Area Historical Initiative in Martinsville.

A native of Richmond, she has many ties to Martinsville, including relatives and a Master's thesis on Piedmont Christian Institute, a private, church-based school which served as the only high school for African American students in Martinsville/Henry County from 1900-1934. Christina is delighted to be at the Reynolds Homestead this summer and looks forward to meeting you when you visit.



## Dinner and a Movie Night



"Dinner and a Movie Night" for June is Thursday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m., and features "Victory." This 1995 film, nominated for a Golden Seashell Award and based on the Joseph Conrad novel of the same name, has been described as "storytelling at its best."

An American recluse named Axel Heyst (Willem Dafoe) lives in the Dutch East Indies port of Surabaya, circa 1913. Heyst becomes enamored with a woman (Irene Jacob) who is a member of the orchestra at the German hotel where he is

staying. After buying her out of indentured servitude from the hotel owner, the couple run off to an isolated island where their idyll is shattered by a treasure-seeking bandit (Sam Neill) who pursues them. Rated R.

For those who would like to make an evening of it, a gourmet meal is available for \$10.00 per person. This month will feature Thai cuisine. Reservations are required for dinner and it begins promptly at 6:15 p.m. The movie is shown at 7:00 p.m. and is free.

## Special Events Upcoming

### R.J. Reynolds Donated Exhibition Opens

We invite everyone to attend a special ceremony on Sunday, August 2 from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Main Hall of the Continuing Education where Susan Ivy, CEO of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company will make a formal gift of oil paintings to the Virginia Tech Foundation. Dr. Charles Steger, university president, will be on hand to accept the gift. The 1940s collection will be displayed for all to see the story of planting, curing, and selling tobacco.

The paintings reflect the era of American Regionalism, or American Scene painting, terms applied to a group of American artists who were prominent during the 1930s and 40s. Regionalist concentrated on the realistic depiction of scenes and life of the Midwest and South, derived from a patriotic desire to establish a genuine American art free from European influences.

Join us for wine and cheese and enjoy this wonderful gift to the Foundation and the Reynolds Homestead.

### Pet Portraits Day

**Saturday, June 20, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Members of the Patrick Henry Photography Club will be available to create memorable images of your favorite pet(s). For the best photos, follow these guidelines: Groom your animal a day or two before the shoot; pets do better if they are brought to the session a bit hungry; dogs should be exercised beforehand; and, if your pet likes a certain toy or treat, bring it to the photo session. Please call Michele (694-7181 x 21) to schedule a sitting. 8" x 10" photos are \$10 each. Photos will be printed on site.



### Volunteer Fair

**Wednesday, August 12, 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.**

The Reynolds Homestead successfully recruited and trained a staff of Volunteer Historic Interpreters this past spring. The talents that each has contributed to the interpretation of the Rock Spring Plantation are invaluable. Many people expressed an interest in volunteering in other ways at the Homestead, and the staff is inviting the public to come to the Continuing Education Center to learn more about how community volunteers can help. Opportunities exist in gardening, programming, children's activities, historic research, rebuilding the tobacco barn, and working with the enhancement of the Cemetery of Slaves and Descendants, among others. Take a lunch break and drop in for a light lunch or refreshments with the staff, browse the displays and find out more about how you can help the Homestead grow and be a stronger presence in our community. This is a "floating" event, so drop in when you can.



## Dessert & Coffee with....Joe Tennis

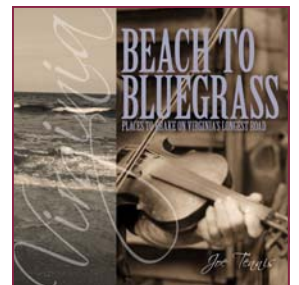
The Virginia author of "Beach to Bluegrass: Places to Brake on Virginia's Longest Road" is our special guest on Sunday, June 14 at 3:00 p.m.

Following U.S. Route 58 for 500 miles across Virginia, this motoring guide promises a journey with stops at haunted hotels, covered bridges, lighthouses, waterfalls, mile-high mountains, Civil War sites,

and seven state parks. Come meet the author and learn about his adventures in Patrick County—seven chapters of the book refer to this area.

In this illustrated journey Tennis features 58 tales highlighting locales like Meadows of Dan, Abingdon, Critz, and Rye Cove, bringing those areas to life along with the personalities of Patrick Henry, Johnny

Cash, Joseph Martin and Eleanor Roosevelt. Dessert and coffee are provided and the event is free.



## June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>Photography Club 6:30</b>	2	3 <b>History Around Us: Chinqua Penn 12 noon</b>	4	5	6 <b>Quilters 2:00</b>
7 <b>Book Sale 2-6 p.m. Libby Bondurant 2:00</b>	8 <b>Book Sale 10-7</b>	9 <b>Book Sale 10-4 Great Books II 6:30</b>	10 <b>Book Sale 10-4 Postcard Club 7:00</b>	11 <b>Book Sale 10-4</b>	12	13
14 <b>Dessert &amp; Coffee: Joe Tennis 3:00</b>	15 <b>Decorative Painters 9:30 a.m.</b>	16 <b>Drama Camp 9-2</b>	17 <b>Drama Camp 9-2</b>	18 <b>Drama Camp 9-2 Dinner &amp; Movie 6:15/7:00</b>	19 <b>Drama Camp 9-2</b>	20 <b>Pet Portraits 10-3</b>
21	22	23 <b>TimeTravelers Camp 9-4:30</b>	24 <b>TimeTravelers Camp 9-4:30</b>	25 <b>TimeTravelers Camp 9-4:30</b>	26 <b>Fairy Stone Park Concert: Kat Mills 7:30</b>	27
28	29	30	1 <b>History Around Us: Historic Smithfield 12 noon</b>			

## Do Not Miss!

### The History Around Us

The next program in “The History Around Us” series at the Reynolds Homestead will feature **Historic Smithfield Plantation** from Blacksburg, Virginia, on Wednesday, **July 1 from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m.**

The program, co-sponsored by the Patrick County Historical Society, is a “bring your own lunch” event, so take a lunch break from work and come down to the Continuing Education Center and learn more about the historical sites of Virginia and surrounding states.



On the eve of the American Revolution, the Virginia backcountry was a place of colliding cultures, clashing ideas, and physical danger. Wolves howled at night and panthers roamed the forest. Europeans

and native Shawnee and Cherokee vied for the same fertile farmlands, often erupting into murderous violence. Join Historic Smithfield’s Lori Tolliver-Jones as she discusses the haven of aristocratic elegance that became a social and political center established by Revolutionary War patriot William Preston in 1774 on the eastern continental divide.

### ACT OUT! Theatre Camp

Theatre Camp offers youth ages 9-14 the opportunity to immerse themselves in all aspects of theatre performance. Mornings will be spent playing improvisational games and learning the basics of acting, movement, costuming, and much more. Afternoons will be spent in rehearsal for a performance that will be presented to the public at the conclusion of the camp. Come join two of Radford University’s finest actresses, Rachel Lang and Rachel Blankenship, for a fun-filled week! Students should bring a bag lunch. 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. each day. \$75.00 for one child; \$65.00 for each additional child in the same family.

### TimeTravelers Camp

Back by popular demand, this camp for students ages 9-12 takes them on adventures to Time Travelers sites in the local

area. Campers will visit the Carroll County Courthouse and learn about the tragedy that occurred there in the 1920s, explore science at the Danville Science Center, learn about iron ore mining and the town of Fayerdale at Fairy Stone State Park, watch a Blue Ridge Dinner Theater performance at Ferrum, and much more—earning their Time Travelers t-shirts and badges by participating. Students should wear comfortable clothes (no flip flops!) and bring a bag lunch and water bottles each day. 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day. \$80.00 for one child; \$70 for additional children in the same family.

### Kat Mills at Fairy Stone Park

A perennial favorite, Kat’s powerful range, vintage instrument, and inspiring soulful material combine to produce a clean honest sound that leaves audiences wanting more. Co-sponsored by Sun Trust Bank in Stuart. Held in the park amphitheater or a nearby picnic shelter in case of rain. Park admission applies. 7:30 p.m.

**Register for any class or camp by calling (276) 694-7181.**