



# HOMESTEAD HIGHLIGHTS

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## On Exhibit

October is a great month for exhibits at the Homestead. In the main gallery we are hosting the 33rd Annual J.E.B. Stuart Art Show, featuring art from residents in surrounding counties. The Postcard Club will be exhibiting all things creepy and scary in its Halloween display. The Weavers Exchange features its annual fiber arts display entitled "A Color Study." And, do not miss the political memorabilia exhibit sponsored by Steve Casagrande and Noah Reynolds.



2007 "Best in Show" winner Debbie Culler

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## Make Plans for "Jazz on the Lawn"

The Reynolds Homestead is pleased to welcome the Reggie Buie Trio to Critz this year for the annual "Jazz on the Lawn" event, Sunday, October 12.

The smooth jazz band from Winston-Salem has been performing together around the Triad area since 2004. Their success had been largely due to the group's versatility and ability to move effortlessly between playing soft background music, performing jazz standards and music for dancing, and delivering passionate jazz improvisation during live concerts. The RBT released its debut CD "The First Time" in early 2006 to numerous accolades from fans.

Reginald Buie fronts the band and came to NC from Chicago. Reggie began his music studies at age 8 with private lessons, and he later studied piano at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. Reggie next attended Florida A&M University where he was a member

of the famed "Marching 100," playing the clarinet. In 1986 while living in Miami, Reggie earned recording credits performing on albums with national recording artists Timmy Thomas and "Nicole". Reggie also received writing credits for "What about Me" recorded by Epic artist "Nicole". The record went to number 53 on the Billboard Charts.

Michael Fowler studied jazz and classical music at UNC-Greensboro and in New York City. In his twenty-plus years as a professional percussionist/drummer he has worked with jazz groups such as The Bob Sharkey Trio and the Michael Bellair Trio in NYC. He currently lives and teaches in Greensboro, performing regularly with various jazz artists in the North Carolina

area including The Reggie Buie Trio.

Nathan Scott, a native of Spartanburg, SC, graduated from the North Carolina School of Arts in Winston-Salem with a degree in

music performance in 2004. His primary instrument is the bass. Nathan began playing the bass at age 12 with the guidance and mentoring of his father who also plays the bass.

The concert begins at 3:00

p.m. and will be held on the lawn of the historic Rock Spring Plantation house. Admission to the event is \$5 per person, and there will be a cash beer/wine bar available also. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and relax with an afternoon of smooth jazz!



## Pet Portraits

What better way to capture a cherished pet's personality than on film? The Reynolds Homestead will hold a **Pet Portrait Day** on Saturday, October 11, 2008. Walk, slither or fly by between the hours 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and have the Reynolds Homestead Photography Club photograph your pet. Owners will have a selection of portrait shots which can be made into an 8 x 10 photograph. There will be 2 photographers on site to capture the

moment with your choice of two backdrops or a natural, outdoor setting. Owners are welcome to be photographed with their pets, and more than one pet per photo is allowed. Call today to reserve your time so you can have this keepsake of your pet for years to come. All proceeds from this event will support school and children's programming at the Homestead. The cost is \$10 per printed photograph and reservations are required. Call

## Photo Gallery

Our website features a new Photo Gallery page where you can browse photos of events!

If you would like to submit your photos for inclusion on the website, e-mail them to martinlm@vt.edu.

Michele Faircloth at 276-694-7181 x 21 for more information or to schedule a sitting.

# Learning-Discovery-Engagement

The Reynolds Homestead Continuing Education Center holds the distinction of being one of the five Commonwealth Campuses of Virginia Tech. Besides the center in Critz, other campuses exist in Abingdon, Hampton Roads, Richmond, and Roanoke. The focus of a commonwealth campus is to provide individuals with easy access to higher education opportunities.

Each center has its own identity which reinforces the goal

of providing services and resources that fit the individual needs of each region of the state. As we conduct focus groups with key leaders throughout Patrick and Henry counties and gather their recommendations, we will publish a schedule of offerings that address the employment and training needs of our area.

As an arm of the main campus in Blacksburg, we can provide short courses, seminars, workshops, training programs, and

## A Message from Director Kay Dunkley

conferences at a graduate level.

Therefore, if you have a program idea that you would like for us to develop, please contact me at (276) 694.0296 or by email at [kdunkley@vt.edu](mailto:kdunkley@vt.edu).



Service learning students are paired with immigrants to help them make a smoother transition to life in the US.

## Outreach and International Affairs

What's going on within OIA?

- The **VT-STEM** program for K-12 is an outreach initiative that gives focus to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Creating a positive learning environment for secondary school students in these subject areas will produce a talented pool of individuals for the jobs of tomorrow.
- **The Center for Student Engagement and Community Partnerships (CSECP)** was recently established to coordinate

and strengthen partnerships between the university and the community. Students are placed in non-profit organizations, schools, community agencies, and civic groups to receive hands-on experiences of service and volunteerism.

- **The Center for European Studies and Architecture** is a historic educational facility in Riva San Vitale, Switzerland. A wide variety of study abroad programs are offered for both graduate and undergraduate study.

- **The Caribbean Center for Education and Research** is located in the Dominican Republic where faculty conduct research as well as provide instruction to students on biodiversity, environmental and social sustainability, global issues in natural resources, and hotel and tourism management.
- **The Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR)**, located in Danville, VA, was developed by regional leaders in response to bringing economic vitality to Southside, VA. By focusing on bringing advanced technology and recruiting skilled workers to the region, the Institute is a catalyst for community transformation.



## Nature Photography Workshop



Award-winning photographer Ricky Dawson will host a four-hour **Nature Photography Workshop** at the Reynolds Homestead on Saturday, October 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The workshop will address using hand reflectors to control lighting and remove harsh shadows. Ricky will demonstrate both purchased and homemade reflectors and show how the effects differ with each type.

The class will also explore using a hand-held flash in order to add additional light and also contrast to the subject matter being photographed.

Ricky is currently a commercial photographer at Collinsville Printing Company, and since 2002 has taught over 40 workshops on digital photograph at all three sites of Patrick Henry Community College.

The cost of the course is \$35 and preregistration is required.

# Sept. Highlight: Chamber After Hours



Chamber Executive Director Tom Bishop and wife Connie help themselves to the delicious food provided by Southern Traditions.

*“Location, food, décor and turnout were all stellar.”*

Gary Corns



The Reynolds Homestead played host to the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce’s September “After Hours” event which was sponsored by *Piedmont Magazine*.

The After Hours events are designed by the Chamber to provide networking opportunities for its members.

Joy Gardner, Development Director of Citizens Telephone Cooperative in Floyd, used the opportunity to make some Patrick County connections.

“We have a lot of interest in our company from Patrick County, and I’ve been meaning to come down and meet people. This event is a great opportunity to do that,” Gardner said.

The event was a cooperative effort among several organizations. *Piedmont Magazine*

needed a site and someone to help with coordination, which the Reynolds Homestead provided. Chris Washburn at



Southern Traditions Catering prepared the food, and Stanley Fain from All Seasons in Patrick Springs spent the afternoon decorating and creating a gorgeous setting in which to celebrate the first day of autumn.

Gary Corns, publisher of

*Piedmont* magazine said of the event: “THANKS for all of the hard work and effort to everyone at the Homestead.... what a tremendous event! We could not have planned a more perfect setting. Location, food, decor and turnout were all stellar!”

The eighty-two members of the Chamber who attended the event mingled and enjoyed the opportunity to network.

And what did Tom Bishop think of the event? “It was fantastic!” he declared.

The Homestead will host another “After Hours” during Victorian Christmas on December 11.



(L-R) Shirley Keene, John Reynolds, and Angie Brown enjoy the event.

## Dessert and Coffee with.....

Margaret Adkins, Martinsville native and first-time author, has published her memoir entitled “Echoes.” The 86-year-old relates the story of her life beginning as a young child.

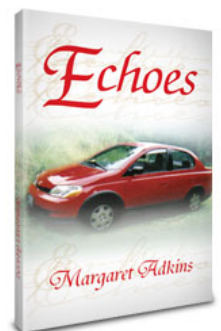
Mrs. Adkins says of the book, “This book is about my life from the age of two years onward. Our struggles and rewards were about equal. I

hope that those who read my stories can, at some point, identify with the characters and events and laugh or cry as the story affects them.”

Come have dessert and coffee with Margaret at 3:00 p.m. as she explores the effects of growing up during the Depression. This spirited, humorous writer will share

anecdotes from the book. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

The event is free and open to the public.



## October 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 David Oliver 7:00 p.m.	3	4 Quilters Guild 2:00 p.m.
5 Bull Mtn. Art Show Reception 2:00 p.m.	6 Photo Club 6:30 p.m.	7 Pilates 7:00 p.m.	8 Grammar Refresher 6:30 p.m. Postcard Club 7:00 p.m.	9	10	11 Photography Class 9:00 a.m. Pet Portraits 10:00 a.m.
12 Jazz on the Lawn 3:00 p.m.	13	14 Pilates 7:00 p.m.	15 Grammar Refresher 6:30 p.m.	16 Dinner & Movie 6:15/7:00 p.m.	17	18
19	20 Decorative Painters 9:30 a.m.	21 Great Books 6:30 p.m. Pilates 7:00 p.m.	22	23 Calligraphy Class 6:00 p.m.	24	25
26 Dessert & Coffee 3:00 p.m.	27	28 AARP Class 9:00 a.m. Pilates 7:00 p.m.	29 AARP Class 9:00 a.m.	30 Calligraphy Class 6:00 p.m.	31	

## Classes Galore!

Along with a variety of exciting events and programs during the month of October, the Reynolds Homestead is pleased to offer four classes. The topics offered are ones to stretch the body (Pilates), the mind (Grammar Refresher Course), the soul (the art of Calligraphy), and the practical (AARP Safe Driver Course).

Eydie Clifton will be teaching her popular **Pilates** course each Tuesday evening in the month. Everyone of any fitness level or body type is encouraged to register for this conditioning routine which builds flexibility and endurance. \$20

The title of Lisa Martin's grammar class is an inspiration for many to sign-up and to begin again to polish their writing and speaking skills: "**I Knowed It, But I Done Forgot It: A Grammar Refresher Course.**" Meeting two Wednesday evenings during the month, the class will focus

on the most common errors in oral and written communications. Hmmm..."Have I hung or hanged the picture on the wall?" \$25

Several requests have been made for the Reynolds Homestead to offer a **Calligraphy** class and we have found the perfect teacher! Karen Eggleston will teach this elegant handwriting style on a beginner's level, to be held



on the last two Thursday evenings in October. All material provided and class size is limited in order to provide in-depth instruction to each student. \$35

Bill Boyland is once again offering the two day, 8-hour **Driver Safety Course** which helps anyone 50 years and older to qualify for auto insurance discounts. This refresher class, co-sponsored with the AARP, is one the Reynolds Homestead has been proud to offer for many years. Safety on the roads, as well as a monetary savings, is a positive incentive for many of us to take two mornings out of our busy schedules and complete the course. \$10

Sign up today and take advantage of the many opportunities for life-long learning that the Reynolds Homestead brings to our community! 276-694-7181

Do you have an idea for a class that you would like to see the Homestead offer? Or maybe you have a special talent that you would like to teach. If so, give Lisa Martin a call to work out the details.