



HOMESTEAD HIGHLIGHTS

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On Exhibit

August is all about tobacco history. In the gallery, enjoy "From the Seed to the Hand," a photographic exhibit of a complete crop cycle. It is the visual story of a Dinwiddie County farming community and the arduous work they shared. The Homestead Postcard Club display features antique tobacco-related postcards. The Reynolds display case in the main lobby contains RJR tobacco memorabilia.



"Summer Morning" by Angela M. Orrell

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Frederick Moyer to Perform in September

The Reynolds Homestead is pleased to welcome pianist Frederick Moyer to the Continuing Education Center for a recital performance on Sunday, September 14 at 3:00 p.m.

During more than 25 years as a full time concert pianist, Frederick Moyer has established a vital musical career that has taken him to forty-one countries and to such distant venues as Suntory Hall in Tokyo, Sydney Opera House, Windsor Castle, Carnegie Recital Hall, Tanglewood, and the Kennedy Center. He has appeared as piano soloist with world renowned orchestras including the Cleveland, Philadelphia and Minnesota Orchestras, the St. Louis, Dallas, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Houston, Boston, Singapore, Netherlands Radio, Latvian, Iceland and London Symphony Orchestras, the Buffalo, Hong Kong and Japan Philharmonic Symphony Orchestras, the National Symphony

Orchestra of Brazil, and the major orchestras of Australia.

Moyer's enthusiasm, exacting artistry and adventurous programming have made him a favorite among audiences of all ages. In recital, his delightful commentary from the stage brings the audience into the heart of the musical experience.

His wide-ranging interests have led him to undertake many unique and groundbreaking projects. He was the first to make a commercial recording using the Bosendorfer 290 SE Recording Piano. He has written many software programs to aid with practicing, analyzing, recording and performing music. Currently he is working on a recording of piano concerti where the orchestra is

created with a computer using "sampling" techniques. He is a member of the Jazz Arts Trio, (piano, bass and drums) which plays note-for-note transcriptions of improvisations by the great jazz piano trios of Oscar Peterson, Bill



Frederick Moyer

Evans, Erroll Garner and others.

Tickets for the event are \$10 and are on sale now at the Homestead. Reservations are strongly encouraged due to limited seating.

A cash wine and champagne bar will be open at 2:00 and during intermission.

A Familiar Face with a New Role

We welcomed Beth Ford into the role of Historical Services Assistant effective July 21st! Beth has an extensive knowledge of the Reynolds family history and has served effectively in many capacities at the Center for the past 6 years. She will continue to conduct tours of the historic home in addition to helping with exhibits and displays. Other duties include



the planning and implementation of activities in the continuing education center. Beth's warm personality, positive and helpful attitude, and valuable skill set make her well suited for this position. Congratulations Beth!

A Continuing...Education Center

Serving in the role as director of a continuing education center, I try to enjoy the moment, but find myself constantly thinking of the future. Let me explain.

The Reynolds Homestead Continuing Education Center takes pride in the fact that we provide cultural, artistic, and historic experiences for our community through our activities and events. Our typical workday is guided by implementing the activities that are published in our calendar of events. We stay focused on what happens today, and the next, and the next. But we also function in a continuous mode of planning for the next calendar and the following year. Our intent is to give you a variety of educational opportunities and to keep you interested and involved!

What an exciting place to work and I feel fortunate to serve as the director of this center. I learn each day from the talented and competent

members of the Reynolds Homestead staff. Equally as important, I gain input from members of the community in my interactions with Rotarians, government officers, educational representatives, community leaders, museum staff, our instructors, and through casual conversations with individuals I meet at restaurants, the grocery store, and the bank.

As we continue to implement the VA Tech mission of learning, discovery, and engagement, we invite you to *learn* about the experiences of Janet Collins Demiray who served in public diplomacy with the U.S. Department of State at her presentation on August 3rd; *discover* the results of the recent archeological survey when we share important points from the upcoming report; and *engage* yourself in the Fairy Stone Park concert on August 8th when the Foddrells

take the stage.

As we carry on with our plans to implement classes in arts and crafts, history, and literature; and provide you with a variety of plays, concerts, festivals, and exhibits; may you continue...your journey of learning and on-going exploration of cultural and historic perspectives by participating in our variety of activities. Stay tuned for a stimulating and interesting calendar of events for fall 2008!

A Message from Director Kay Dunkley



Music by the Lake

The August Homestead at Fairy Stone Park concerts will feature two popular bands.

Friday, August 8 the Park will host The Foddrells, a rhythm and blues soul review. Their mix of old-time blues and jazz results in an evening of great music and fun.

August the 22nd brings Simple Gifts of the Blue Ridge for their annual concert to close out the concert series. It is one

of the most popular of the summer series and features traditional English ballads, folk songs and novelty tunes played on dulcimer, acoustic bass and guitar.

The concerts are free but park admission rates apply for attendees. In the event of rain, the concert will be moved to a nearby picnic shelter.

Many thanks to SunTrust Bank and Lois Amos in Stuart for their generous financial support of the Homestead at Fairy Stone Park Concert Series.



Concerts by The Foddrells (top photo) and Simple Gifts of the Blue Ridge will finish out the Homestead at Fairy Stone Park series this summer.

July Highlight: Summer Camps!



Civil War “soldiers” perform a drill for their parents at Living History Camp.

“Guard duty was my favorite part. I liked getting jumped by Union Soldiers.”
—Sam Belcher

The Reynolds Homestead offered two youth camps this July that took on a variety of interesting subjects. The camps engaged youngsters from ages 4 to 14, providing learning and enjoyable experiences.

Youth Art Camp and focused on children 4 to 9 years old. Patrick County art teachers, Linda Daumen and Grace Helms, took the students on an Art Safari with the help of teacher’s assistant, Sydney Martin. The children learned a multitude of art techniques from paper mache to sidewalk art! The week of art projects culminated in a presentation to the parents with student artwork on display and a jungle dance complete with safari masks to begin it! The children were definitely wild about art!

The final camp of the summer

was the Living History Civil War camp—a returning favorite from last summer.



Students, ages 9 to 14 years old, took an adventure back in time to experience life as a Civil War soldier. The camp was hosted by the 51st Virginia Infantry Company D Students spent the weekend camping at the Reynolds Homestead in tents and learning how to cook over open fires, march in for-

mation and adhere to the various ranks they were given to reenact. They even had an enemy attack on camp and had to think quick about how to react! The final day of camp allowed the students to perform their marches for their parents before being sent back to the present!

Summer camps at the Homestead were a success and we look forward to having more next summer!



Middle Photo: Art campers Josie Pendleton, Hannah Trent and Macie Rogers enjoy painting with their feet!

Above: Life in a Civil War encampment at the Homestead.

Dessert and Coffee with.....

The Reynolds Homestead’s featured “Dessert and Coffee” speaker for August will be Janet Collins Demiray on Sunday, August 3 at 3:00 p.m.

Demiray is a Patrick County native who joined the U.S. Information Agency in 1970 and embarked on a Foreign Service career that took her to postings in ten countries, handling media relations and directing educational and cultural

exchange programs at American embassies and consulates.

Retired from the Department of State in 2005, Ms. Demiray is still involved in international activities, including serving as an election monitor in Ukraine under the auspices of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and lecturing at the annual American Studies Summer School in Ukraine.

At the Homestead, Ms. Demiray will speak about some of her experiences in living and working in countries such as Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Kenya and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Her talk is entitled **“Telling America’s Story to the World: A Life in Public Diplomacy.”**

This program is free and open to the general public. Dessert and coffee will be provided.



August 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Quilters 2pm
3 Dessert & Coffee w/ Janet Demiray 3:00	4 Photo Club 6:30	5	6	7	8 The Foddrells @ Fairy Stone 7:30	9
10	11	12	13 Postcard Club 7:00	14	15	16
17	18 Decorative Painters 9:30	19 Great Books 6:30	20	21 Dinner & Movie 6:15/7:00	22 Simple Gifts @ Fairy Stone 7:30	23
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Make Your Reservations Now!

In keeping with the Homestead's tradition of delivering quality art classes, we will be offering a **"Beginning Multi-Media"** class in September.

Andrea Morrison, popular Homestead artist and member of Bull Mountain Arts Co-op and the Mount Airy Art League, will be the instructor for the class which meets Tuesdays in September from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon beginning September 9 and continuing on the 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

Bring your own watercolors, acrylics, and/or pastels, and receive assistance from an artist with over twenty years of experience.

The cost of the course is \$60 and is open to artists (or aspiring artists) of any skill level. Call the Homestead to register early; class size is limited.

Escape the summer heat and take an evening off with dinner and a movie with a theme at the Homestead. This month's feature film for **Dinner & A Movie Night** will be "Charlotte Gray" (2001) show on Thursday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Cate Blanchett plays Charlotte, a young Scottish woman who is living in London during World War II. Within weeks she both falls in love with a young pilot and is recruited by the Secret Service to act as a courier for the French Resistance. Her mission behind enemy lines, however, soon becomes a personal mission to find her lover who has been shot down. Assigned to a Communist Resistance group, she encounters acts of betrayal from sometimes unexpected sources, but meets the violence of war and her own disappointment with hope.

The movie is rated PG-13. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:15. The cost is \$8 per person for dinner and reservations and payment are required by August 19. Attend both events or either! The movie begins at 7:00.

