



HOMESTEAD HIGHLIGHTS

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On Exhibit

During the month of June, "Lost Communities of Virginia" will be on display. Come and see why villages such as Mouth of Wilson and Pocahontas were once vibrant places, but are now kept alive through photographs, memories, and history. These physical reminders of a vibrant and prosperous time throughout rural Virginia are important pictures of life, change, growth, and decline that is found across America, but well represented through these striking photographs taken across Virginia.

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The Nancy Susan Reynolds Endowment-A Focus on Education

The Nancy Susan Reynolds Endowment was established in 1980 when she deeded the Reynolds Homestead to VA Tech. Ms. Reynolds stipulated that the monies from the endowment be used to maintain the property, support community programs, and finance scholarship opportunities for young people in Patrick County. Deeding the land and historic home to VA Tech shows the strong commitment the Reynolds family had to community and education.

Providing \$10,000 for scholarships each year to graduates of Patrick County High School is a perfect example of Ms. Reynolds' support of higher education. Since its inception 28 years ago, the scholarship monies have benefited over 250 individuals in their pursuit of earning a college degree. Awards are based upon financial need and academic excellence. Each of the 2008 recipients received \$1,000.

The winners of the 2008 scholarship award were recognized on May 15 at the Senior Honors Banquet. The names of the

individuals and the colleges they plan to attend are: Lydia Bacon-Patrick Henry Community College; Samantha Brown-Radford; Kelley Carroll-Radford; Dina Coutu-George Mason; Kristen Fry-Roanoke College; Gideon Martin-Virginia Tech; Denise Pendleton-Virginia Tech; Lindsey Rogers-Patrick Henry; Amber Scott-Emory and Henry; Josh Thompson-Virginia Tech.

Students and their parents are invited to attend "a tea" on the lawn of the Homestead on Saturday afternoon, June 7. Participants will have an opportunity to tour the historic home. Kay Dunkley, Director of the Reynolds Homestead Continuing Education

Center, will share thoughts about several important philosophies of the Reynolds family—community service and entrepreneurial leadership.

Congratulations to the 2008 Nancy Susan Reynolds scholarship recipients!



2008 Nancy Susan Reynolds Scholarship Winners: Gideon Martin, Lindsey Rogers, Denise Pendleton, Lydia Bacon, Kristen Fry, Josh Thompson, Dina Coutu, Kelley Carroll, Amber Scott. Back Row: Lisa Martin and Kay Dunkley

Get Your Summer Reading!

During the week of June 2 -7 the Homestead is hosting its first "Get Your Summer Reading" Book Sale Fundraiser. Book donations have poured in from our many patrons and the variety of topics will fulfill most any interest, including a selection of antique and collectable books, kids' books, novels, nature, science, travel, cookbooks – and much more! Proceeds from the sale will be used to buy supplies and provide scholar-

ships for our four Youth Summer Camps.

Our popular book discussion program, open to all, will be held on Thursday at noon. "Jayber Crow," Wendell Berry's delightful novel of a barber in rural small-town America will be presented by Beth Ford. Bring a bag lunch, and dessert and drinks will be provided.

Book Sale Schedule

Mon. June 2: 10-3
Tues. June 3: 10-3
Wed. June 4: 10-3
Thurs. June 5: 10-7
Fri. June 6: 10-3
Sat. June 7: 9 to noon

“Americana Roots” Concert Sure to Please



Suzanne and Jim

Victorian Christmas performers **Suzanne and Jim** return to the Homestead for an afternoon of “Americana Roots” music on the lawn **June 22nd at 3:00 p.m.**

This concert is a 100-year survey of American popular music from the minstrel era of the 1840s through the heart songs from the turn of the century to the topical favorites of the 1940s. Audiences will experience a sense of nostalgia remembering songs they may have heard before from a mother, father or a grandparent—songs for doing

chores, songs of inspiration, and songs sung at a family reunion.

Bring a lawn chair or a blanket (and maybe your cloggin’ shoes!) and relax with an afternoon of roots music. The concert will be held on the lawn next to the historic house, or inside the Continuing Education Center in case of rain. If you enjoyed their performance at Victorian Christmas, you certainly will not want to miss Suzanne and Jim’s tour of “Americana Roots” music. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

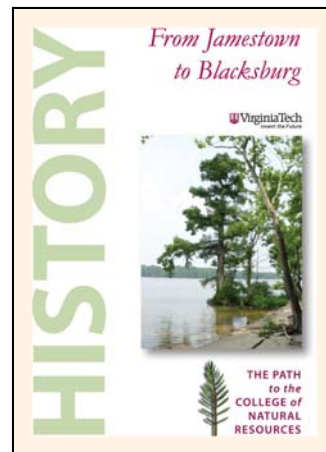
Publication Wins Award

Bassett Printing Corporation announced on May 7 that their printing of the booklet ***From Jamestown to Blacksburg: the Path to the College of Natural Resources*** has received the “Award of Excellence” from the Printing Industries of Virginia’s annual competition.

Written by Ellen Brown with layout

and design by the Homestead’s Program Coordinator Lisa Martin, the booklet is a history of the College of Natural Resources from its beginnings in the 1870s through the current day.

Congratulations to Lisa for her creativity with this publication, and the significant contribution she made to create this distinction!



Time to Register for July Art Classes

The Homestead is offering two exciting art classes in July.

Greg Arens, artist and member of Bull Mountain Arts Cooperative, will be teaching “Draw What You See” July 7-11 in the Continuing Ed Center.

According to Greg, “Drawing is the foundation of the visual arts and can also be just plain fun on its own.” Students in the class will draw a number of different objects using a number of different

media. Participants of all skill levels and abilities are welcome.

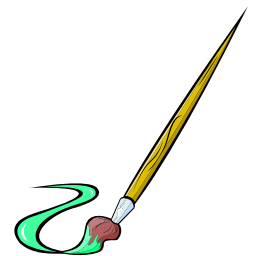
Preregistration is required, and the \$65 fee includes all drawing supplies except paper. 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. each day.

Popular Homestead artist and retired PHCC professor Jim McIntosh returns for his annual summer water color class—a 3-day workshop starting with the basics of watercolor for beginners, then moving to more advanced techniques, including tricks to executing good paintings.

The class will be offered July 15-17, Tuesday through Thursday, from 9:00

a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. The fee is \$75 which includes 140# paper. Students should bring a bag lunch each day.

Advance registration is required by July 10. Call 276-694-7181 to register.



May Highlight: Students on Campus



Blackburg Girl Scouts working on their "Shore to Sea" badges.

"Caleb loved his visit. He won't stop talking about it!"

The Reynolds Homestead was a center for science and art education in May. Hundreds of children infiltrated the campus on May 5 celebrating Spring Frolic, and the Continuing Ed. Center was also the site of several field trip programs.

The staff hosted 53 students from the Stuart Preschool Enrichment Program on May 7 & 8. The children looked at the quilt exhibit, talked about quilts, then made their own quilts using paper and decorative squares. A visit to the Friendship Garden and Rock Spring included lessons about wood and water and how they are used on a farm.

Rounding out the preschoolers' visit was a project decorating flower pots and planting flowers to present to their mothers for Mother's Day. Parent Tracy Murphy, who called later to enroll her son in Art Camp, said, "Caleb loved his visit. He won't stop talking about it!"

A partnership with the Dan River Basin Association on the 10th brought 18 cadet-level Girl Scouts from Blacksburg and Giles County to complete their 7th and final project enabling them to receive their "Shore to Sea" badges.

Wayne Kirkpatrick, donating his time as VP of DRBA, led the scouts on a stream monitoring program on campus which teaches students how to measure water quality in streams and rivers.

The girls finished the day with a tour of the historic house and lunch on the grounds.

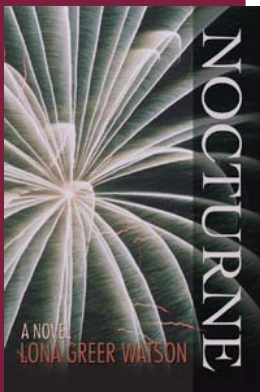
On Friday, May 16, three buses from Collinsville Primary School arrived with 100 second graders eager to learn. Working with Kyle Peer, Superintendent of Forestry, the staff rotated the students to stations which included a viewing of

the quilt exhibit and a quilt-making exercise, a tour of the historic house and kitchen, a visit to the forestry greenhouse to plant a tree, and a walk to the Friendship Garden and Rock Spring for lessons in the uses of wood and water.

Other groups also used the Continuing Ed. Center to celebrate their students' accomplishments, including a piano recital by 20 students of local teacher Phyllis Dixon, the Boy Scout's annual banquet attended by over 60 local scouts, and the Blue Ridge Home Schoolers' graduation and prom.



Eydie Clifton and Kay Dunkley assist the preschoolers with their quilt projects.



Dessert and Coffee with.....

This new monthly program features remarkable people from our own community and beyond, who have interesting things to say about a variety of subjects.

The inaugural program features Lona Greer Watson, newly published author from Rocky Mount, Virginia. Her

first novel "Nocturne" is getting fantastic reviews.

In this suspense novel, town-folk believe Molly McCleod is brain-damaged and cannot speak, but the secret hidden in her skirt pocket could reveal an entirely different story.

Come have dessert and coffee with Lona at 3:00 p.m. as she

talks about writing her first novel and does a reading from the book.

Anyone interested sharing an expertise with the community is invited to become part of the program. Call Lisa Martin to discuss an event.

Next month: David Oliver and the "Biology of Torture."

June 2008

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 Book Sale 10-3 Photo Club 6:30 | 3 Book Sale 10-3 | 4 Book Sale 10-3 | 5 Book Sale 10-7 Book Discussion 12:00 noon | 6 Book Sale 10-3 | 7 Book Sale 9-noon Quilters 2:00 |
| 8 | 9 Belly Dancing 7-8 p.m. | 10 | 11 Postcard Club 7:00 | 12 | 13 David Via at Fairy Stone 7:30 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 Decorative Painters 9:30 | 17 TimeTravelers Camp 9-4 Great Books 6:30 | 18 TimeTravelers Camp 9-4 | 19 TimeTravelers Camp 9-4 Dinner & Movie 6:15* | 20 | 21 |
| 22 "Americana Roots" Concert 3:00 p.m. | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 The CeltHix at Fairy Stone 7:30 | 28 |
| 29 Dessert & Coffee With Lona Greer Watson 3:00 | 30 | | *There are still some seats available for dinner this month! | | | |

Mark Your Calendars for Fairy Stone Concerts!

Held the second and fourth Fridays in June, July and August, the Homestead at Fairy Stone Park Concert Series offers quality music free to the community. Sponsored in part by Sun-Trust Bank, the concerts are held at 7:30 p.m. in the park amphitheater or in a nearby picnic shelter in the event of rain. For those not camping in the park, park admission does apply.

This summer's schedule is a mix of styles and types of music, sure to offer listening pleasure to please all tastes. June kicks off with a bang:

June 13: David Via of Corn Tornado. Patrick County's own hillbilly rock star, David Via opens the Homestead's annual concert series at Fairy Stone Park. David is a three-time



winner of the MERLEFEST Songwriter's Award, and his songs are real—they tell the true stories of love gone wrong, living off the land, and of hard times and good times.

June 27: The CeltHix. Drawing their energy from the roots of American Folk music, the group plays an original blend of Scots-Irish and mountain music. The songs that the group plays span hundreds of years and tell the story of the people who live in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia and their ancestors from Scotland and Ireland.

Other scheduled Fairy Stone performers for the summer include:

July 11: David LaFleur. Back by popular demand, West Virginian David LaFleur has been performing his unique mixture of folk, Appalachian, blues and bluegrass for over 20 years. He has opened for Emmy Lou Harris, Tom Rush and the Seldom Scene, and his original music has been featured on TV and radio across the country.

July 25: Kris Hale. Roanoke native and Emory and Henry professor of music Kris Hale brings his solo classical guitar to Fairy Stone. His vast repertoire spans works from all over the world as early as the Renaissance and Baroque periods to the Classical and 20th Century.

August 8: The Foddrells. A mix of old-time blues and soul results in an evening of great music and fun. Since the beginning when the Foddrells were making folk music history playing Appalachian and Piedmont Blues, the music had a purpose: to tell a story in the universal language that is music.

August 22: Simple Gifts of the Blue Ridge. This annual concert 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. Their songs are noted for their sense of humor, and their performances range from reverent treatment of traditional music to cheerfully irreverent takes on the world.