



THE NEWSLETTER of the LYNCHBURG MUSEUM SYSTEM

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THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE
Point of Honor
EDUCATION CENTER

Dear Friends of Point of Honor and the Lynchburg Museum,

We are seeking your help on an enviable problem—we have more visitors coming to Point of Honor than the facilities can support. After several years of planning and design, the Lynchburg Museum Foundation announced in September that we are embarking on a capital campaign to add a large multi-purpose room, kitchen, pantry, and elevator to the existing Carriage House. Please read on to learn about the Point of Honor Education Center and how you can make a difference in advancing this community treasure.

Charlotte A. Jeschke, Board Chairman

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CONCEPT

The existing Carriage House is shown on the left. The expansion of the building (shown in white) will provide an additional 1,700 square feet of space to include a multi-purpose room, new restrooms, catering kitchen, and pantry.

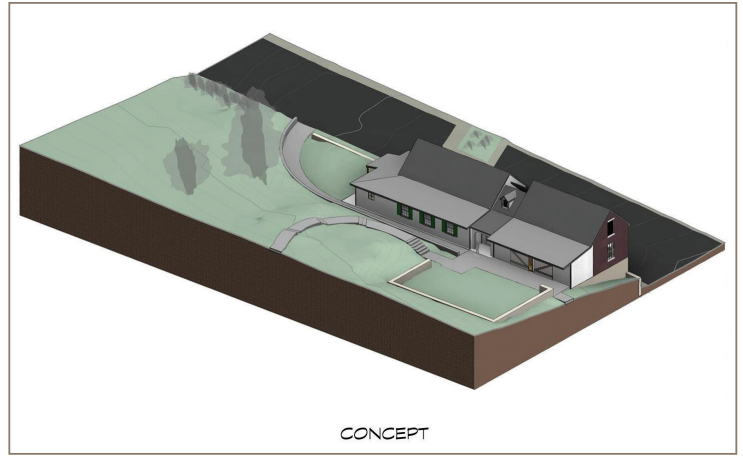
Current Situation

The annual number of visitors to Point of Honor has more than doubled from 6,000 to over 13,300 since 2006. Family-oriented events such as Day at the Point and the Easter Egg Hunt attract between 2,500 and 3,500 attendees each.

- Educational programs are now serving five full grade levels of the Lynchburg City Schools, in addition to visits from private and regional schools, and homeschoolers.
- There is increasing demand for Point of Honor as a meeting location, wedding venue, and for community events that the current facilities cannot support.
- None of the buildings on the property meet the American Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and storage is at capacity.
- There is a pressing need for program areas, spaces for large groups, and more restrooms.

Vision for the Future

- The Carriage House will add a 1,700 sq. ft. addition along Norwood Street. This will provide a multi-purpose space for the Education Center, catering kitchen, and pantry.



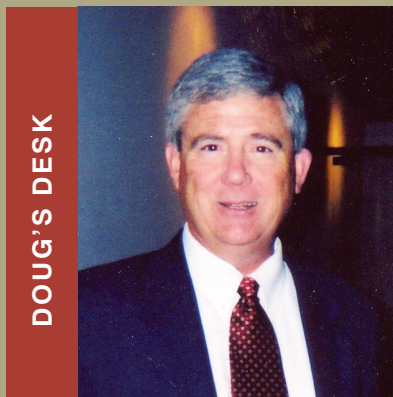
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An elevator will connect the existing gift shop to the Education Center and an at-grade pathway will link the Center to parking on Norwood Street. With these enhancements, the facility will become handicap accessible.

- An elevator will connect the Gift Shop to the expanded second floor. An at-grade pathway will link the Center to the parking area. With these enhancements, the entire facility will become handicap accessible.
- The second floor of the Carriage House will be remodeled to offer additional restrooms that can be accessed from inside and outside and more water fountains.
- The cost estimate for the addition is approximately \$750,000 which includes construction, site work, the elevator, a new pathway, and a contingency budget. With architectural fees, landscaping, and miscellaneous expenses, the Foundation is seeking to raise a minimum of \$1 million. Any unused funds will be used to support Point of Honor.

How You Can Help

We ask for your gift or pledge to make this a reality. Please mail your contribution to the Lynchburg Museum Foundation, P.O. Box 529, Lynchburg, VA 24505, or contact staff at (434) 455-6226. The Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) organization and gifts to the project are tax deductible as prescribed by the IRS.



DOUG'S DESK

It must be fall since we are seeing school buses bringing hundreds of students to the Lynchburg Museum and Point of Honor. This year, five grade levels of Lynchburg City School students are touring and with regional schools also booking field trips, we expect to see over 4,000 students before June 2018. Last fiscal year, we had the most visitors ever with

over 24,600 people. Much of the growth is in educational groups, but tourism is also on the rise. We had visitors from all 50 states and 42 countries last year.

As you can see from the cover story, there is an exciting project underway to add an education center at Point of Honor. With only two small restrooms and one water fountain on site, you can imagine the traffic jam when large school or tour groups arrive. The project will also make the Carriage House and Education Center handicap accessible, create a better learning environment for students and adults, and allow for rentals and weddings. Please join in and donate what you can—100% of our Board and staff have done so.

And to exit with exciting news, The Garden Club of Virginia just approved funding for a major project to enhance the rear garden at Point of Honor. Stay tuned for details in the next newsletter!

Doug Harvey, Museum Director

STEM & STEAM AT THE LYNCHBURG MUSEUM

by Laura Wilson, Curator

The Lynchburg Museum is a history museum—our primary focus is to tell the stories of Lynchburg and the people who lived here. However, our history mission does not prevent Museum Educator Whitney Roberts from teaching science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM-based programs) to visiting school children.

In the past year thousands of students from Lynchburg City, private, and county schools have visited the Museum and participated in STEM or STEAM (the A stands for Art) programs that also meet Virginia Standard of Learning (SOLs) requirements. Although it isn't always easy coming up with activities, Roberts says the best part about incorporating STEM and STEAM into her programming is that “students have a fun educational experience without realizing they are learning. Art is a great way to reach students who think they don't like history or science. It provides them an avenue to engage our exhibits.”

NEW IN 2018: LYNCHBURG AVIATION

In June 2018 we will open an exhibit exploring Lynchburg's aviation history. The exhibit explores Lynchburg's first airplane flight in 1911 through present day, including Liberty University's growing School of Aeronautics. If you have uniforms, photographs, or other artifacts related to Lynchburg aviation, please consider donating or loaning them for use in the exhibit. Contact Curator Laura Wilson for more details at (434) 455-4423 or laura.wilson@lynchburgva.gov.



As part of the exhibit, *It Was My Privilege and My Duty: Lynchburg in World War I*, children learn about technology used in trench warfare—specifically periscopes. Here, children from our summer camp are making their own periscopes out of cardboard and mirror board.



After making a fire hydrant out of construction paper, participants in our Preschooler's Night gave their attention to firefighter Nathan Sheppard.

NEW ACQUISITIONS!



Floorcloth: Designed and fabricated by Miriam Riggs, a new floorcloth has been placed in the Best Bedchamber at Point of Honor. During the Federal era, floorcloths were frequently used as rugs but could also be laid wall-to-wall with rugs placed over them. Geometric designs and floral motifs in square or diamond shaped grids were popular patterns. The floorcloths are painted canvas with many layers of shellac to protect the designs.



Moyer Collection: We recently received a collection of photographs, documents, and uniforms belonging to Maynard and Carl Moyer. They were brothers from Lynchburg who served in World War II. Maynard was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Frederick C. Davis when it was attacked by a German submarine on April 24, 1945. Pictured at left is Maynard along with his purple heart and the Western Union telegram to his parents informing them he did not survive.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Food Will Win World War I Cooking Challenge

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. • City Market Parking Lot
1219 Main Street • FREE!

In partnership with Lynchburg Community Market, come taste what three local chefs have to offer using World War I recipes!

There will also be a canning demonstration provided by the Virginia Cooperative Extension and replicas of WWI Propaganda Posters!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day at Point of Honor

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. • Point of Honor
112 Cabell Street • **FREE** in commemoration of Veterans Day!

This is a great opportunity to visit and see our wonderful new acquisitions!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3


Christmas Open House at Point of Honor


12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. • Point of Honor
112 Cabell Street • FREE Admission


Point of Honor will celebrate its 35th Annual Christmas Open House. Visit the house while it is decorated for a Victorian Christmas and enjoy *Riddle on the Harp's* live music in the Parlor! Children can visit with Santa, make Christmas crafts, and sample cookies and hot cider in the Carriage House! There will be a 20% discount in the Gift Shop.

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