



THE MUSE NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER of the LYNCHBURG MUSEUM SYSTEM

The Lynchburg Museum Reopens



The Lynchburg Museum awoke from its long sleep on January 31, 2008 as the first of several previews was held for donors, city and tourism officials, volunteers, and other friends who helped reopen this community treasure. The museum opened to the public the morning of February 2, 2008 and by February 15th, over 1,000 people had toured the exhibits.

The museum's rebirth actually started in July 2000, when a collapsed ceiling in a second floor gallery necessitated a multi-year restoration and stabilization project. Home to the Lynchburg Museum since 1979, the museum emptied the building in 2002 and operated a temporary facility at Bragassa's Toy Store until fall 2007, placing the rest of the approximately 20,000 artifacts in storage.

The Old Court House won a State Historic Preservation Award from APVA-Preservation Virginia in 2006 for the approximately \$2 million rehabilitation funded by the City. Work included new heating and air systems, fire suppression, security systems, and restoration of large portions of the structure. Planning work began in 2006 on the new exhibits.

The exhibits on the main floor include notable artifacts such as a sideboard made in Lynchburg in 1813, rifles made by the Fisher family, art by Georgia Morgan and Bernard Guttman, the Civil War flag of the 11th Virginia Volunteers, a quilt made in 1802, sports memorabilia, and hundreds of other items and historic images. The second floor contains the Gifford Gallery with an antique toy display and space for educational

programs; later it will house traveling exhibits. The administrative offices are also on this level.

The museum worked with Thayer Design, Inc. of Madison Heights, Virginia for design and fabrication services. The Museum features a chronological history of Lynchburg and Central Virginia in the Main Courtroom Gallery. Two media programs, *Faces* and *A Lynchburg Album*, highlight people who had an impact on the City along with a sampling of the historic photographs in the museum collection. A media program on historic maps is also featured. The other galleries include:

GALLERY 1

Art and Artisans: an exhibition of furniture, art, firearms, silver, and other items made in Lynchburg.



GALLERY 2

Piedmont Pride: a gallery on the military service of the men and women of Central Virginia from the Revolutionary War through today.

GALLERY 3

Lynchburg Life: a look at entertainment, sports, music, businesses, and costumes linked to the Hill City.

GALLERY 4

An Ornament on the Hill: covers the history of our largest artifact, the Court House, since it was completed in 1855 including architecture, courts, and its brief service as the Capitol of Virginia in 1865.

Hours of operation: Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4:00 p.m.



Discounted rates are available for seniors, children, groups, and for a joint ticket with Point of Honor.

Management Contract Updated for Point of Honor

The City of Lynchburg and Wachovia Bank Trust, the owner of Point of Honor, recently agreed to an updated management contract. The Lynchburg Museum System has managed Point of Honor for the bank since 1976 and the update simplifies the operating agreement and relieves the bank of operational involvement.

The contract meets the Museum System's goal of creating one board for both properties—the Lynchburg Museum System Advisory Board. The Lynchburg Museum Foundation will act as the fundraising arm for both properties. This renewed agreement maintains good stewardship and management for Point of Honor

in the coming years with support from private, foundation, government, and trust assets.

Anyone interested in serving on the new board should access the City website: www.lyncburgva.gov or contact Patricia W. Kost, Clerk of Council, 900 Church Street, Lynchburg, Virginia 24504, (434) 455-3995 or patricia.kost@lyncburgva.gov. Each individual must fill out a boards and commissions form to identify any special talent, experience or educational preparation which might be helpful to a board or commission. City Council appoints members from those who apply.

SOLICITATIONS

Total Received November 1, 2007-February 14, 2008: \$13,451.29

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THE MUSEUM AT 455-6226

*It is never too late to help—please send your contribution to Lynchburg Museum Foundation, Box 529, Lynchburg, VA 24505
The Foundation is a 501-c-3 organization dedicated to the advancement of the Lynchburg Museum System.*



Bequest of Edith Brooks Lee

Born in 1907, Ms. Edith B. Lee died March 13, 2007 at age 99; she was a noted and beloved educator in Lynchburg for many years. A graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman's College and the University of Virginia, she served as principal of Sheffield and Fort Hill Elementary Schools. She also served as the Supervisor of Instruction for the Lynchburg Public Schools.

Through her generosity, a bequest of \$10,000 was given to the Lynchburg Museum Foundation. These funds will be used to enhance the Gifford Gallery educational and program area and media programs. The Museum is deeply grateful to the Estate of Edith B. Lee.

Point of Honor 5K Race

TO BE HELD APRIL 5, 2008

The Lynchburg Road Runners will hold a 5K race on April 5, 2008 that begins and ends at the Riverfront Park on Jefferson Street. The race begins at 9AM and will loop in front of Point of Honor and includes part of the Blackwater Creek Trail.

Point of Honor is providing prizes for top runners and discounted admission for those involved with the race. Walkers are welcome and anyone interested should contact Riverside Runners, (434) 846-7449 or www.riversiderunners.com. Kevin Shroyer is race director and may be reached at (434) 665-8046. Proceeds benefit Donate Life America's organ donor program.



VOLUNTEERS

The Museum System Volunteers provide important support in operating the Museum and Point of Honor. Duties include leading tours, greeting visitors, cataloging artifacts, working special events, helping with mailings, and special projects of all kinds. In 2007, our volunteers gave 1,965 hours of assistance. If you are interested in more information about volunteering, please contact Rachel Deddens at 455-4424 or rachel.deddens@lynchburgva.gov.

VOLUNTEER SCANNERS TRAINING MEETING

Anyone interested in helping to scan the Museum's collection of photographs is invited to a training session Friday, March 14 at 10a.m. Come to the back entrance of the Museum. Call Nancy Marion at 847-0939 for more information.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

In the coming weeks, here are some of the groups that will be visiting or receiving outreach programs:

- Summit Senior Citizen Group
- Concord Senior Happy Hearts
- College Hill Recreation Center
- Home Front Educators
- Lynchburg Host Lion's Club
- Bedford Hills Elementary School

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New Brochure

A new museum brochure is available, thanks to the design work of Michele-Marie Lungerich of the City, Communications and Marketing Department. Please contact us if you would like copies.



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