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Calendar of Events

Lynchburg Museum System Events

June 13–17

Discover Lynchburg Summer Camp for Kids

Children ages 9–12 can enjoy a week-long camp from 9 am–3 pm daily. Visit historic sites, police department, fire station, and picnic on Percival's Island. \$50 per child. Reserve early!

July 1

First Friday

Monument Terrace: The Lynchburg Museum is fortunate to have the grand stairs of Monument Terrace at its front. Explore this scenic landmark with its 11 historic markers and statues.

July 4

Independence Day

Museum and Point of Honor FREE to visitors 10 am–4 pm

July 11–15

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August 5

First Friday

Mourning Customs: An Old Fashioned Way to Say Goodbye In the 19th century, losing a loved one prompted a formal period of mourning that dictated how one dressed and behaved. The Museum will display examples of mourning clothing, jewelry, and other items.

September 2

First Friday

Lynchburg Church Architecture

Lynchburg has a large number of churches designed in a variety of styles. Come learn about church architecture and the history of local churches.

September 5

Labor Day

Museum and Point of Honor FREE to visitors 10 am–4 pm

October 1

Day at the Point

Point of Honor will host the 14th Annual Day at the Point. This fall festival brings living history, food, kid's games and crafts, period music, a full-size batteau, Gift Shop sale, and more each year. 10 am–4 pm **FREE**

The Museum and Point of Honor are closed only on New Years' Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. Open hours are 10 am to 4 pm Monday–Saturday and Noon to 4 pm Sunday. Visit our websites: www.lynchburgmuseum.org and www.pointofhonor.org; see us on Lynchburg Museum Facebook, or call (434) 455-6226 for more information.



THE MUSE NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER of the LYNCHBURG MUSEUM SYSTEM

New Civil War Exhibit Opens: Lynchburg At War: 1861 ~ 1865



When Virginia seceded from the Union in April 1861, life for the 6,800 people who lived in Lynchburg was about to change forever. For the next four years, the city became a military training camp and supply base, a

Confederate hospital center second only to Richmond, a target of the United States army, and a city of mourners.

At times, the number of soldiers in Lynchburg exceeded civilians. Trains delivered hundreds of sick and wounded with no one to care for them. Lynchburg's

women became leaders by nursing the sick, making war material and managing homes and businesses. At the end of four years of war, Lynchburg's 2,700 slaves were free, the city was occupied by a hostile army, and no one knew what the future might hold.

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L to R: Debbie Harvey, Florence Perrow, Langhorne McCarthy, Martha Stokes, & Sandra Whitehead at the exhibit opening



Greater Lynchburg Community Trust, Walmart, and Leave a Legacy Award Grants to Museum System

The Lynchburg Museum System was recently awarded grants of \$7,400 from the Greater Lynchburg Community Trust, \$100 from Leave A Legacy, and \$2,000 from the Walmart Foundation. The Community Trust grant was used to replace specialized storm windows at Point of Honor. The windows were installed in 1989 and over time lost the ability to filter out ultra-violet rays that damage textiles and furnishings. The new windows were installed to again protect Point of Honor's interior and decrease energy costs.

Leave A Legacy is a not for profit that encourages philanthropic gifts in Central Virginia. Elizabeth Gerde, student at E.C. Glass High School and museum volunteer, recently won their essay contest. Each winner received a savings bond and picked a favorite charity to receive a Leave A Legacy gift of \$100. Elizabeth chose the Lynchburg Museum Foundation and noted the new programs for young people as one of her reasons. We wish her well in her upcoming graduation and college career.

The Walmart Foundation grant of \$2,000 will help fund children's educational programs. In partnership with the City's Parks and Recreation Department, programs for children will be offered by Museum Educator Rachel Deddens at all City recreation centers this summer. The grant will help pay for transportation, materials, and healthy snacks for the children who participate. The Museum will also run week-long *Discover Lynchburg* camps June 13-17 and July 11-15. Call 455-4422 to register your child soon... as space is limited!

LYNCHBURG AT WAR: 1861-1865 CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

Through June 15, 2012, the Lynchburg Museum at 901 Court Street will present Lynchburg at War: 1861-1865. The exhibit, created as part of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, looks at the impact of the war on the people of the city. Rare

artifacts with a Lynchburg connection have been loaned by the Virginia Historical Society, VMI Museum, Museum of the Confederacy, South Carolina Relic Room, Jones Memorial Library, Stonewall Brigade Band and private lenders.

On display are a letter to General Wade Hampton, III, signed by Jeffer-

son Davis along with a pistol presented to General Hampton by the people of Lynchburg, swords of Generals Munford and Dearing, a Confederate surgeon's chest, and epaulettes worn by General Rodes. The exhibit also features a wedding dress converted to mourning attire, mourning jewelry worn by Lynchburg women, soldiers' bibles, weapons, flags and more.

Junius Tinsley was a bugler for the Stonewall Brigade, killed during the Battle of Lynchburg by a shell fragment that hit the bugle. The Stonewall Brigade Band of Staunton loaned this rare bugle to the exhibit. Also featured are images and artifacts of Dr. John Terrell, Mary Forsberg, Gaston Otey, Augustus Forsberg, Dr. Edley Craighill, DeWitt Guy, Augustine Leftwich, Jr., Jenny Stabler, Martha Payne, Narcissa Owen and many others. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about your community and the profound changes brought by the Civil War that are still with us today.



L to R: Union reenactor Kevin Shroyer and exhibit designers Marc & Paula Waller at the exhibit opening

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The Foundation is a 501-c-3 organization dedicated to the advancement of the Lynchburg Museum System.*

Point of Honor



Water intrusion had stained the dining room wallpaper and upstairs bed chamber plaster at Point of Honor over the years and after extensive testing and exterior work by preservation specialists, it was decided to remove the damaged wallpaper and add a breathable stain made by Keim Mineral Coatings. New products such as breathable stains

have recently been created for specialized historic preservation projects such as at Point of Honor. This work was completed in February by Mahone and Sons.

In March, the Museum System Advisory and Foundation Board approved the new interpretive plan drafted by consultant David Voelkel of Richmond. He is now working on the furnishing plan component which will be presented to the Board later this year. Stay tuned for exciting developments in how we tell the Point of Honor story.