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MONTGOMERY COUNTY HERITAGE DAY

HERITAGE DAY 2009
AUGUST 22ND
ON THE MUSEUM LAWN

Heritage Day Volunteers Needed

Let's make this year's festival the best ever. Will you help?

Do you know someone who has an interest in traditional crafts or historical exhibits? If so, please encourage them to participate.

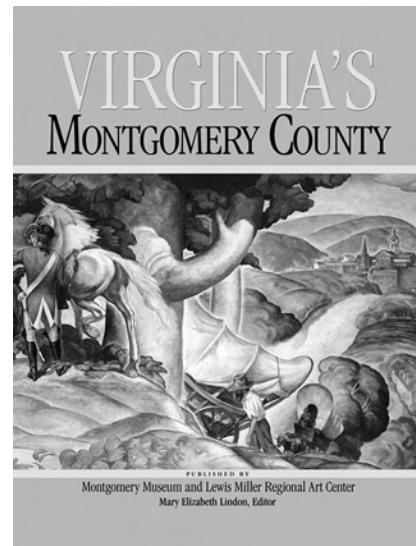
For the first time, fine artists are encouraged to exhibit their artwork. The fee is only \$20 and spaces are available under our tent or on the lawn. Photos for pre-event jurying should be sent or e-mailed to the museum. Please spread the word.

Volunteers are needed the day of the festival to:

- Set-up and take-down tables and chairs beginning at 8:00 a.m. and again at 3:00 p.m.
- Help in the museum booth and the book sales booth
- Welcome guests in the museum and monitor exhibits within the museum
- Greet and welcome guests on the grounds
- Help with food service

Virginia's Montgomery County

The New County History Book



*Scheduled to be available
for*

HERITAGE DAY

In the Gallery . . .

Betty Moore's art show "Mountains and Water" will be featured from July 1st through August 24th. Betty is a native of Blacksburg. She graduated from the College of William & Mary in fine arts and from Radford University with a Master of Fine Arts degree. She recently retired after teaching art in Montgomery County Public Schools for 22 years. She loved having the opportunity to share her passion for art with her students.

"Mountains and Waters" is personal to Betty and was inspired by her love of both the mountains and all forms of water. She says they "provide vistas which constantly change depending on the light and clouds." The "Gem of the Mountain" is featured on a postcard available at the Museum.

Betty just recently received signature membership in the Virginia Watercolor Society after her painting "Maui Remembered" was accepted into the Virginia Watercolor Society's 2008 Annual Juried Exhibition. Don't miss this exciting new exhibit.

BETTY MOORE EXHIBIT



The "Gem of the Mountain" painting of mountain laurel is by artist Betty Moore.

Attention Artist Members



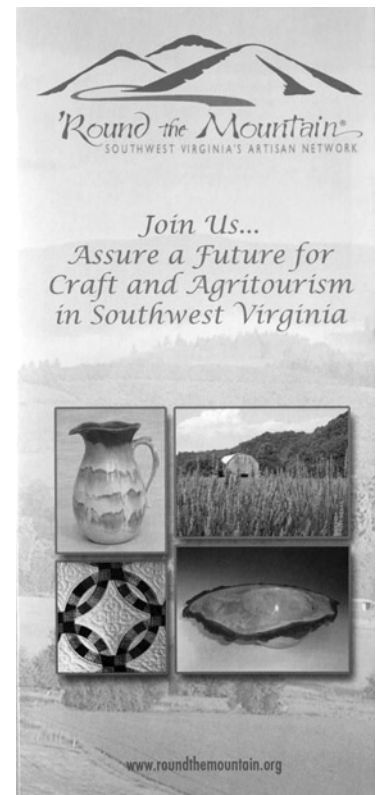
November and December are the months to exhibit our members' art. Start planning now to participate in this special Membership Holiday Exhibit. Please call Sue Farrar at the museum office if you plan to show your work. Don't forget that we encourage you to have art for sale.



'Round the Mountain is Southwest Virginia's artisan network. It promotes craft and creativity in the region. Montgomery Museum and 'Round the Mountain are working in partnership with the Montgomery County government, the Blacksburg Regional Art Association, the VA Cooperative Extension and the Arts Alliance on the local artisan trail.

Artisan Trails are happening in Montgomery and surrounding counties! Montgomery County's Artisan Trail is part of the larger Regional Artisan Trail Network being developed by 'Round the Mountain to support small businesses across 19 counties and 4 cities of Southwest Virginia. These trails will link visitors to artisan studios, galleries, shops, country stores, farms, agritourism sites, lodging, and restaurants.

To learn more about artisans in our area, visit our website at roundthemountain.org.



Meadowbrook Branch News

Fran & Don Poole

“An Historic Tour of Eastern Montgomery County” was presented at Meadowbrook Public Library on June 30th with good attendance. The patrons seemed to enjoy the program and afterward visited the Museum to see the new additions including an antique swiveling chain saw, given to the museum by Mrs. Alberta Sarver. It was used by her late husband, Eddie Sarver. Eddie and Alberta had previously given us a tour of the Reesdale Community, and Eddie and Harry Francis arranged a hike to Issac’s Rock Cave several years ago, and we have a slide show on that hike.

Becky Smith and Betty Norwood have polished up the Old Country Store by restoring the finish on the old roll-top desk and the 1910 pump organ from White Memorial Methodist Church (c1907) given to the Museum by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Epperly. They have also added decorative valances and painted in that room. Dennis Minnick glued the old organ bench back together and restored its finish. Next, we are looking for someone to see if the organ can be repaired and be played again. If so, the first person to know will be Mrs. Verna Pearman who played the organ for over 80 years.

Our next tour of area churches is scheduled in October. More information will be coming.



Becky Smith and Betty Norwood painting the “Country Store” exhibit at the Meadowbrook Museum

HOKIE THUNDER

Get ready for the year’s biggest and best tailgate!! On September 11, downtown Christiansburg will be the site of “Hokie Thunder” to celebrate the Marshall-Virginia Tech football game. Main Street will be closed to traffic, and there will be food, drinks and live music.

The museum can earn a substantial amount of money from this event IF WE PROVIDE 25 VOLUNTEERS. Volunteers would check identifications, manage the visitors entering from 3 different gates, sell drink tickets, take money, set up tables, collect trash, etc. It is essential that we have volunteers to help in order to receive our portion of the event’s earnings. Please support the museum in this wonderful opportunity to both have fun and raise money for the museum’s programs! Ask friends to help and let Sue Farrar know who will be helping.

CHRISTIANSBURG ALUMNI INVITED TO RETURN!

Anyone who ever attended or worked for schools in Christiansburg is invited to come to a gathering that will be held Saturday, August 8, 2009, at the Christiansburg Recreation Center from 7:00-10:00 p.m.

The event is not meant to replace any class reunions, but rather, to establish an annual weekend for all those involved with the Christiansburg schools to visit and keep in touch. An anticipated crowd of 500-700 people is expected for this first year.

The event is designed to meet the needs of a variety of people. The three hour social will include light refreshments and a memorabilia exhibit. Attendees will enjoy meeting classmates in a non-alcoholic, informal environment. Facilities are accessible for the handicapped. Tickets for the event are only \$5 in advance and \$7 per person at the door.

According to event organizers, the parking area in front of the building will be designated as handicapped parking only from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. After that time, unused parking spaces will be released to general parking. The area behind the recreation center will be designated as general parking. A continuous loading/unloading zone will be allowed in front of the building all night long.

The 2009 Christiansburg Alumni Return event will feature other happenings during the weekend of August 7th through the 9th:

* The Christiansburg Library will feature displays of old yearbooks.

* Two showings of the one act play, "Three Sisters in Black" by Anna Bond, will take place at the old Christiansburg High School on College Avenue on Friday evening at 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Both seating and

parking are limited. Tickets will be on sale for \$5 in advance at the Montgomery Museum and on sale at the door. A \$1 donation from each ticket sold will be given to the Montgomery Museum. The play brings to life the court case and bizarre lives of the three "Black Sisters", a local trio believed by many to haunt the old Montgomery Hall site on College Street.

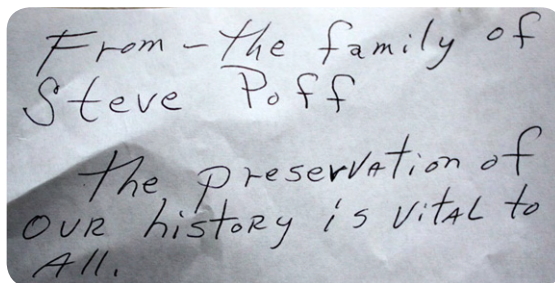
* The Montgomery Museum will feature extended hours on Sunday and will house an exhibit of art by local art teacher Betty Moore and Christiansburg educational memorabilia. The Museum will also serve as a shopping point for books on local history, maps and prints.

* Both the old Christiansburg High School and the present high school are expected to be open to the public at selected times on Saturday morning so people may visit.

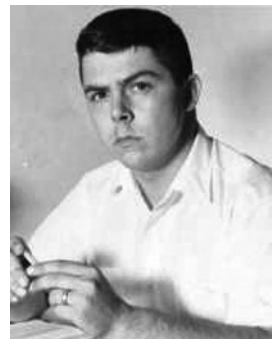
An attempt is being made to contact members of all classes, but rosters of some classes have proved to be elusive, along with addresses for past staff and teachers. Since the event is open to anyone who attended Christiansburg schools, addresses for people who attended but did not graduate from Christiansburg High Schools have also been hard to find. Event organizers are relying on internet sources and word of mouth to help spread the information to all.

Loans of Christiansburg school memorabilia would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to serve as a volunteer at the event, contact the Christiansburg Alumni Return event committee at P.O. Box 1401, Christiansburg, VA, 24068; or call 540-381-0003 or 540-250-7418; or E-mail: Christiansburgreunion@gmail.com.

Museum Mourns the Loss of Steve Poff



Flower arrangement and accompanying note donated to the Museum from the family



Steve Poff

When Museum Member Steve Poff died on June 21, 2009, his family asked that contributions be sent to the Museum. At the time of this publication, those making Steve Poff Memorial donations have been S.R. and Jean Woodyard, Ruth G. Harmon, Doris and Henry Nixon, and Asa and Jeanette Harris.

A Retrospective

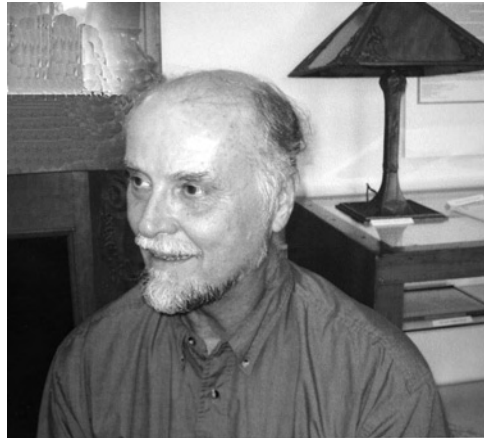
MOUNTAIN LAKE WORKSHOPS

An exhibit highlighting the Mountain Lake Workshops and Symposium will be presented at the Montgomery Museum from September through October. These important artists' retreats were sponsored by the Virginia Tech Foundation during the 1980s and 1990s.

This extensive exhibit will help define the influence of the Mountain Lake experience on the regional art and artists of Southwest Virginia. The emphasis will be on small works by widely acclaimed artists and workshop presenters: John Cage, Howard Finster and Ray Kass. There will also be works from regional artists who were among the workshop participants: Chico Harkrader, Brian Seveiking, Pat West and others.

The Arts Council of the Blue Ridge will partner with our museum to present "Mountain Lake Workshops, A Retrospective." A publication which highlights the influence of the workshops on regional artists, and their art will accompany the exhibit. Workshops and lectures will be held to create an opportunity for the continued educational component of the workshops and to aid in advocacy for the arts in the community.

Plans are now being formulated to present these works of art in exhibits next year in the Taubman Museum in Roanoke, and museums in New York City and the United Kingdom. This is a wonderful opportunity for the museum to offer our community a very special experience.



Workshop Instructor Ray Kass

History Exhibit . . .

GROWING UP IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

"Growing Up in Montgomery County" will be the theme of our next history exhibit. It will be installed in November and remain until May. We need your help to make this a success. Please look into your attic or storage and think creatively about how the museum might display some of the treasures hidden there. We are looking for anything that had to do with childhood from the early days through the mid-twentieth century --- toys, games, school items, shopping, travel, living at home, helping parents, doctors, store owners, friends, food, etc. We appreciate any help you can give. Please contact Sherry (sherrywyatt@earthlink.net) or Sue (director@montgomerymuseum.org).

Newsletter Note

Jean Galloway has been compiling news and writing the Docent Newsletter and producing the Docent Calendar for some time and is unable at this time to continue with that responsibility. We very much need help with these two things. If you have reasonable computer skills and are willing to learn in order to help Jean, please call Sue Farrar at the office. Thank you so much.

Mark Your Calendar

July / August ~ History Exhibit ~ History of Food

July/ August ~ Art Exhibit ~ Betty Moore

August 22 - Heritage Day

September 11 - Hokie Thunder

September / October Art Exhibit ~
Ray Kass and Mountain Lake Workshop

November / May Exhibit ~
Growing Up in Montgomery County

November/ December ~ Membership Holiday Exhibit

May/ November 2010 ~ New History Exhibit ~
Patriotism in Conflict and Peace

Change In Exhibit Schedule

We have recently learned that the nationally important art exhibit on the work of Ray Kass and the Mountain Lake Workshops that the museum will host in September and October will include more pieces than originally anticipated. To accommodate this significant exhibit, the museum will dedicate all of its available exhibit space. Thus, the rotating history exhibit schedule will now keep "Sustaining Montgomery County" up through August. Following the Mountain Lake exhibit, we will hang an exhibit exploring childhood in Montgomery County. The "Patriotism in Conflict and Peace" exhibit will now be moved to May - November 2010.