

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Floyd County, Virginia

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Opera Roanoke, November 2

We are happy to announce a scheduled joint fundraiser with Jacksonville Center for the Arts. Scott Williamson, Tenor and Artistic Director of Opera Roanoke returns to The Jacksonville Center for the Arts on Friday, November 2, 2012 at 7:30 PM. Joining him will be members of Opera Roanoke's Young Apprentice Artist Program in a performance entitled "Tempests, Ghosts, and Mad Queens". A "Meet the Artists" Champagne and Wine Reception will follow the performance. This concert benefits both The Jacksonville Center for the Arts and the Floyd County Historical Society. Advance tickets are \$25.00 per person and can be purchased at the following: Jacksonville Center, (540) 745-2784, online at jacksonvillecenter.org or Floyd County Historical Society Museum, (540)745-3247. Tickets purchased at the door are \$30.00 per person. The concert will take place in the Community Room at the Jacksonville Center.

Floyd County Historical Society 2013 Calendar

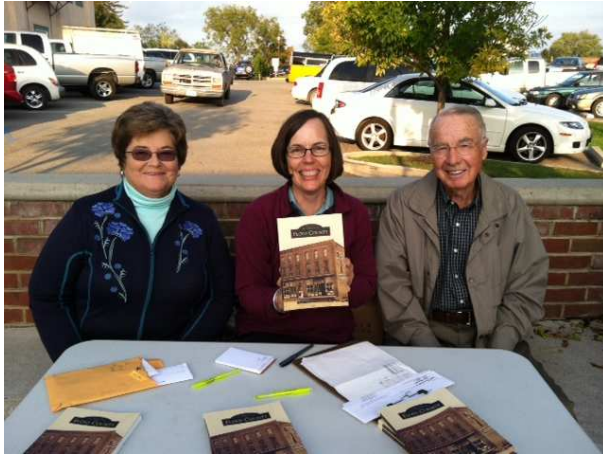
The 2013 Floyd County Historical Society Calendar "Post Offices of Floyd County" will be available at the Museum after October 25. The cost per calendar is \$10.00. Add \$2.50 if you want it mailed.

We know it seems a long way off, but for next year we would like to do a calendar featuring old stores of Floyd County. If you have photos of stores, we would appreciate your sharing the picture, dates and any information you know. We only need to scan the photo. You can keep the original. Call Rhonda 540-745-3247 or 540-392-5806 to schedule an appointment.

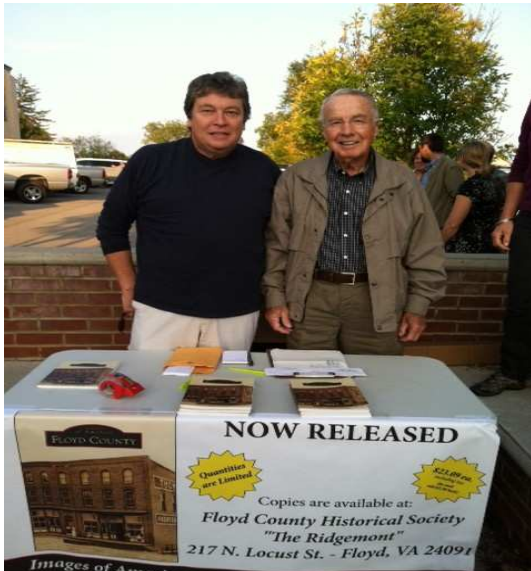
Society and Museum Updates

Appreciation is given to Janet Keith, Alice Slusher, Geneveive Starkey, Gerald Via, Vicky Via, Sue Anne Boothe, Ann Shank, Maurice Slusher, Rebecca Weeks, and Rhonda Smith for their diligent efforts in helping with the Images of America: Floyd County book sales at the various venues. Thanks to Gino Williams for the manpower to carry the boxes of books for the events. We have attended the Floyd Arts & Crafts Show, Meadows of Dan Crafts Show, Blue Ridge Heritage event as well as several Floyd Jamborees. Our book reception at the library September 28 was a big success. The Indian Valley Arts & Crafts Show will be October 27 and we will have a table at that event.





Janet Keith, Alice Slusher and Maurice Slusher are manning a sales table in a photo courtesy of Denise Wilson.



Gerald Via and Maurice Slusher are helping with book sales in this photo courtesy of Denise Wilson.

Willis Boy Scout troop toured the Museum in September and heard about farming practices from Janet Keith. Janet has scheduled several school tour groups during the next few weeks to learn about farming history to help with their SOL testing. We are trying to teach as many youngsters as possible about history so they can carry on with the preservation of Floyd history.

We received a generous grant from the Community Foundation of the Roanoke Valley through the Larry Woodrow Vest Fund. This will help toward adding

computer slide shows downstairs at the entrance of the Museum. We will also be updating the website so visitors may see our photographs.

If you have vintage photographs that you did not submit to us for the Images of America: Floyd County book, please bring them to the Museum now for scanning. We are already putting together another committee to start planning our second book to be published in 2014. Someone has suggested military, architecture of old homes, churches and "Then and Now", but no decision has been made. You can still help us, if you wish.



Ricky Cox speaking at the Book Reception

The Museum has several new acquisitions. World War II scrapbook with many original photographs of Floyd soldiers and newspaper articles was compiled by Kate Weddle Smith.

Original autograph book from Oxford Academy was donated by Sara Ann Lee Yarberry.

The Willis Postmaster desk was donated by Maurice Slusher and we are using it in the office.

Three portraits of the Dobyys family were donated by Gayle Fisher.



Mary Menefee Dobyys, Samuel Dobyys, John Nicholas Pryor Graves Perkins



Blue Ridge Lodge No. 54 I.O.O.F (Oddfellows) in Willis donated a portrait from circa 1902 taken in front of the Mountain Normal School in Willis and it can be seen at the Museum. Richard Monroe also sent two photographs of the I.O.O.F. The photograph above appears to have been taken at the wooden lodge building. David Sowers is 2nd from left and J. Luther Sowers is 4th from left on front row. If you can identify any other men please let us know.

Valuable Volunteers

It is hard to understand how much volunteer help goes into keeping the Society/Museum functioning unless you see the people in action. Make sure to keep track of your volunteer hours for your taxes at the end of year. We have In-kind donation forms that can be used to track volunteer hours as well as cleaning supplies, office supplies, or other tangible items that you may wish to donate to the museum. Feel free to ask for a list of what we need. We can always use more volunteers!

A Family History of Century Farms' Ancestors

Janet Slusher Keith has an excellent exhibit in our Family History Room that will be at the Museum until December 2012. You can call our audio tour line 540-585-3070 and hear Janet talking about some of the

items. Her exhibit items are numbered 8-15. For those of you who need genealogy information, now would be a good time to visit. Janet has all the Slusher Association Records on display.

Don't forget that this exhibit will close December 15, 2012. We will have a new exhibit in March 2013 created around the Smith/Williams Families thanks to the generosity of Margaret A. Smith and family.

Calendar of Events

- Nov. 10 Floyd County Historical Society Meeting 10 am- Jessie Peterman Library- Program 11 am will be Connie Smith "Rose Hill History"
- Dec 9 Floyd Christmas Parade
- Dec. 15 Closed for winter (call Rhonda for appointments 540-392-5806)
- Jan. 12, 2013 Floyd County Historical Society Meeting 10 am- Jessie Peterman Library- Program 11 am will be Ricky Cox "Mills of Floyd County"

Donations/In Honor of/In Memory of

A donation to the Floyd County Historical Society in Honor or in Memory of a loved one is a meaningful gift that can make a lasting difference. Every dollar you donate goes directly to support the Floyd County Historical Society Museum. Your gift will be acknowledged and a card will be mailed to the recipient or the recipient's family to let them know of your kindness.

I would like to donate _____ in honor of _____ in memory of _____

Name of person you want honored or remembered _____

Address for acknowledgement

Phone _____

Mail to Floyd County Historical Society,
P.O. Box 292, Floyd, VA 24091-0292

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While the supply lasts!

Books can be picked up at Museum in Floyd during regular hours: Thursday-Saturday Noon—5 p.m.

\$23.00 per book
plus shipping and handling if mailed
Media mail add \$3.00
Priority mail add \$5.50

Send your check along with this form to FCHS,
P.O. Box 292, Floyd, VA 24091-0292

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Become a Member, renew your membership or donate to the Museum Fund. You can help preserve the history of Floyd County. Our programs include lectures, publications, community outreach and exhibits. The Society maintains an archive of historic artifacts, documents and photographs.

Annual dues are \$15.00 single _____ \$25.00 family _____ Renewal ___ New ___

Museum Fund Amount enclosed _____

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