

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Floyd County, Virginia

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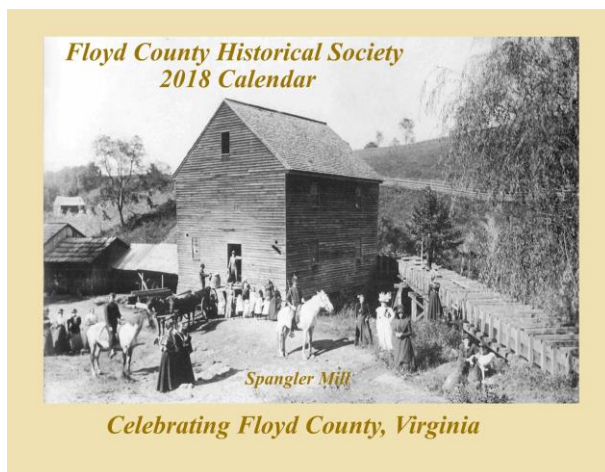
Audio Tour 540-585-3070

Busy Day September 9

Our regular meeting will be held at Floyd Center for the Arts at 10 am. The program for this month is Jim and Lucy Slusher with "A Hundred Years of Early American Glass-A Legacy of Excellence". The program will follow our business meeting. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Don't forget that the FCH Society will also have a booth at the Floyd County Fair from 10 am to 3 pm at Chantilly Farm. Come by and visit with us.

2018 Calendar "Celebrating Floyd County, Virginia"



The Floyd County Historical Society 2018 Calendar is at the printers. We will have them ready to sell by September 9 at our regular meeting at Floyd Center for the Arts and Floyd Fair booth at Chantilly Farm. This year the photos include: Western Auto Main Street, Pine Tavern, Cherry Hill house, Floyd Race Track, Floyd Dairy, Old Brick Academy, Floyd Theatre, Parade on Locust Street, Spangler Mill, Mattie Yearout, Willis International Order of Oddfellows (I.O.O.F), Water tower, Lutheran Parsonage, George Phlegar House, 1917 draftees, Floyd Grange, Arsenic Mines, Freezer Shirt Factory and Covered Bridge Route 615. Cost will be \$10.00 each plus \$5.50 each, if mailed. We are sorry to have to increase the cost of mailing, but postage has increased. Various local stores will be selling the calendar as well as the Floyd Chamber of Commerce.

Open House Photo

Margaret Sue Turner Wright, daughter of Curtis Turner, was the special guest at our open house, April 26. We had a great turn out and learned about the proposed sign to be installed at the Curtis Turner birth place located at 229 Smartview Rd SE.



Gino Williams, Margaret Sue Turner Wright and Gerald Via

Donations are being accepted by the FCH Society for the \$2000 needed to place this marker. The proposed marker wording is:

Birthplace of Curtis Turner

Curtis Morton Turner was born here April 12, 1924 to Morton Tyler and Minnie Thomas Turner. After honoring his driving skills hauling moonshine in the mountains of Virginia, he became an early pioneer of NASCAR. Turner has 360 career wins including 22 in the NASCAR Convertible Division in 1956, and 17 in the NASCAR Grand National series. He was the first driver to be featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated. He set a record as the first driver to climb Pike's Peak in under 15 minutes. Turner was known for his business skills, hard driving, and non-stop partying. He was inducted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame in 2016.

Family Information Needed

The Museum has a request for genealogy information on Hugh Boyd Lemon and Annie Spencer Beavers Lemon. We know they were African American and related to the Claytor family. Some family members are buried in Big Oak Cemetery. We would love to talk to an actual family member to get more information and possibly photographs.

We need information on the Haden/Hayden/Headen family military members from all wars.

We are looking for descendants of Humphrey Claytor who is buried in Pine Spur Cemetery. He was a Civil War Veteran and we would like to honor him with an Iron Cross, but we need more family information.

Does anyone have a copy of a letter written by Mattie Phlegar Brown describing her wedding at Phlegar House in the early 1900's? The family knows this letter exists but they do not have a copy.

Contact Rhonda at the Museum 540-745-3247 or 540-392-5806 email floydhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Crooked Road Cookbook

Margaret Smith is helping collect old recipes and stories of Floyd County memories, for the new cookbook being put together. **Just a reminder that deadline for stories and recipes is September 30, 2017.** Contact the Museum for information about what is needed and where to send the information. You can also bring the information to the Museum. The Museum is open Thursday and Friday Noon to 4:00 pm and Saturday 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Volunteers Needed

We are blessed with dedicated volunteers. There is always a need for additional helping hands. No experience needed, we will train you. Please contact Rhonda, 540-745-3247

Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

Many thanks to Margaret Smith for hosting the FCH Society Volunteer Appreciation BBQ at her historic home. Everyone had a great time, wonderful food, fellowship and ideal weather.

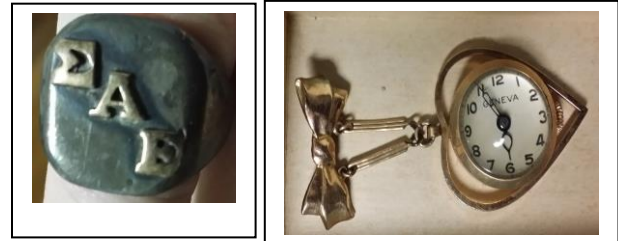


Susan Harris Akers donated many items from the John Kellogg Harris and Akers family. Included were Clara Harris Akers and Arthur K. Akers Jr. pendants and ring. Can someone identify the organization on the ring on the lower left?



Light the Lights 2017

In late October we will be starting our “Light the Lights” fundraiser project for 2017. Forms will be going out to everyone so that you can donate money to the Floyd County Historical Society and sponsor a light on our Christmas tree in memory or in honor of anyone you wish. We will have a special event December 1 to light the tree and remember all those honored. A listing of all sponsors and honorees will be displayed at the Museum.



Calendar of Events 2017

Sept. 9 10:00 am- Floyd Center for the Arts
FCHS General Meeting
Program: “Early American Glassware” Jim & Lucy Slusher

Sept. 9 Floyd Fair- Chantilly Farm
(FCH Society will have booth)

Nov-Dec “Light the Lights” Fundraiser
Dec 1 Tree Lighting at Museum

Nov. 11 10:00 am- Floyd Center for the Arts
FCHS General Meeting. Program will be by Ward Lowrance-“Antique Cameras”. Bring your old camera for show and tell.

Floyd’s Veterans Day Parade

Floyd’s Christmas Parade

December 15- Museum closes for winter

What’s New at Museum?

Jim and Gisela Vaughan donated a crazy quilt that has not been placed on display yet. The middle of the quilt has this wording, Lela Slusher Home Sweet Home Dec. 21st, 1894 Mary Slusher.



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

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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

Annual dues are \$20.00 single _____ \$30.00 family _____ Renewal ___ New ___

Museum Fund Amount enclosed _____

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE & EMAIL _____

Send to Floyd County Historical Society, P.O. Box 292, Floyd, VA 24091-0292
This is a 501(c) 3 organization and your donation may be tax deductible.

Many thanks to those who have paid membership dues.

2017 MEMBERSHIPS WERE DUE JANUARY 1, 2017