

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Floyd County, Virginia

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July 12 FCCHS Meeting

Floyd County Historical Society regular membership meeting will be held at the Jacksonville Center July 12, 2014-10 am business meeting-11 am program. Jean Schaeffer and Ann Shank will present a program on "100 Years of Schooling in Floyd County Beginning in the 1800s." They are encouraging people who attended or taught at any small schools in Floyd County to attend the meeting. There will be time at the end of the program to share information about your experiences. Please bring photographs of the schools to share. A map is being constructed showing the locations of all known schools in Floyd County.



Ridgemont 100th Birthday Celebration



Mark your calendar for August 16, 2014. We are holding the Ridgemont 100 Year Birthday Celebration from 1-4 pm at the Museum. We will be honoring the doctors past and present of Floyd County. Gino Williams will be the featured speaker.

The Ridgemont was the first hospital ever

built in Floyd. It was built by Lather Hylton for Dr. Martin L. Dalton. Dr. Silas T. Yeatts worked at Ridgemont until 1949 when Miss Marie Williams purchased the building for her home.

We extend a special invitation to all the descendants of Floyd doctors and the builders of Ridgemont to attend.

Civil War Living History Day at the Phlegar House

Floyd County Historical Society, Floyd County Sesquicentennial Committee, and Floyd County Historic Preservation Trust sponsored the 3rd Annual Living History Day at Phlegar House May 10. Even though it rained again this year, the event was enjoyed by the attendees. Thank you to all who helped and attended. Groups involved included: 14th Virginia Cavalry, 60th Virginia Infantry, Hamilton Wade 949 United Daughters of the Confederacy Christiansburg, VA, Fincastle Rifles Sons of Confederate Veterans, Stuart's Horse Artillery Sons of Confederate Veterans and several other groups.





Thanks to Gary Gray for the cannon



Hotel Floyd Room 114

Hotel Floyd has opened the newest addition to the Hotel and Floyd County Historical Society was honored to help decorate Room 114. Remember to ask for this room when making reservations. The prints represent historical aspects of Floyd. They were all framed in historic wormy

chestnut by local artist Ron Campbell. Our own board member, Margaret Smith, painted an original scene for us to hang in the room. Also for the room, she colored one of the Floyd County maps that Pat Lawson and Marguerite Tise created.

Pictured below are the photographs before they were framed. The room features 2 queen beds, desk and 2 club chairs.



Original Painting by Margaret Smith



Typical Floyd scene



Brame Hotel



Thomas Huff Farmers Supply



Fall in Floyd

Society News

Work is in progress by the Book Committee for our next book “World War II Military of Floyd County”. If you have photographs or information on Floyd soldiers during World War II, please contact us. Projected publication date is late 2015.

The current World War II exhibit will be extended another year at the Museum. We have received so many items after the exhibit was in place that we have decided to replace some items in 2015, but keep the same theme for another year.

There has been a new printing of the book “Images of America Floyd County” It is available for \$23.00 at the Museum. Add \$3.50 shipping and handling, if mailed. Christmas is just around the corner and this book makes a great gift.

We still have copies of “1853-1872 Birth and Death Records Floyd County, Virginia and The Zion Lutheran Church Register” on sale for \$20.00 each. Add \$3.50 for shipping & handling, if mailed.

2014 Exhibit Audio Tour online

Just call [540-585-3070](tel:540-585-3070) and select the Tour Stop # that you wish to know more about, listen and then enjoy yourself! At the present time these are our exhibit listings:

- Stop #1– Floyd County Mills
- Stop #2– Ridgemont Hospital
- Stop #3– Dr. F. Clyde Bedsaul
- Stop #4– John Floyd-Surgeon and Governor
- Stop #5– Dr. Silas T. Yeatts
- Stop #6– Dr. Martin Luther Dalton
- Stop #7– Drs. Jabez Masten Harman and Christopher C. Harman
- Stop #8– World War II
- Stop #9– Martin Brothers
- Stop #10– Photo Posters and Uniforms
- Stop #11– Military Issued Items
- Stop #12– 48-star US Flag
- Stop #13– Home Front Memorabilia
- Stop #14– Floyd Ruritan Club
- Stop #15– POW Andrew Graham
- Stop #16– Slusher Brother and Sister
- Stop #17– Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans
- Stop #18– Military History
- Stop #19– Avis H. Cox
- Stop #20– Floyd Blue Sox
- Stop #21– Floyd High School Classes of 1942, 1943
- Stop #22– Education Exhibit

Calendar of Events 2014

July 4 Museum is OPEN

- July 12 Floyd County Historical Society Meeting at Jacksonville Center - 10 am business meeting-11 am program- Jean Schaeffer and Ann Shank "100 Years of Schooling in Floyd County Beginning in the 1800s."
- August 16 Ridgemont's 100th Birthday Celebration, 1-4 pm, 217 North Locust St. at the Museum
- Sept. 13 Floyd County Historical Society Meeting at Jacksonville Center 10 am business meeting-11 am program with Kathleen Ingoldsby and Catherine Pauley "World War II Veterans"
- Nov. 8 Floyd County Historical Society Meeting at Eco Village- 10 am business meeting-11 am program with Ricky Cox "Appalachian Music and Stories"
- Dec. 20 Museum closes for winter

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,
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FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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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This is a 501(c) (3) organization and your donation may be tax deductible.



Happy 100th Birthday Ridgemont Hospital

**We request the honor of your presence at the 100th Birthday
Celebration for the Ridgemont Hospital Building.**

August 16, 2014

1:00 pm until 4:00 pm

217 North Locust Street (Museum)

Gino Williams will be the featured speaker

Floyd's first hospital, The Ridgemont, was built by Lather Hylton for Dr. M.L. Dalton and now houses the Floyd County Historical Society Museum. We are honoring all past and present doctors of Floyd with a celebration of the 100th birthday of the building.

RSVP before July 25, 2014

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