

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Floyd County, Virginia

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Floyd County Historical Society General Meeting July 9

Floyd County Historical Society will hold their business meeting at 10:00 am at Jacksonville Arts Center July 9, 2016. Pack you a lunch and see what all Floyd county sixth graders have already toured. We are taking a road trip to Double Springs School, in Check, for a tour immediately after the business meeting. This one room school house has been lovingly restored. Mason Whitenack purchased the building in 1952 and restored it in 1992 with the help of former teacher, Dorothy Vest.



Ron Campbell donated this original drawing to the Museum of Double Springs School. Prints are on sale at the Floyd County Historical Society Museum.

Tribute to Jean T. Schaeffer

Jean Thomas Schaeffer was surprised with a “Hometown History Heroine” certificate, gift of coasters with historical photographs on them and dinner at Pine Tavern Restaurant. The celebration was to honor her years of service to the Floyd County Historical Society. The certificate reads as follows:

“In honor of our Hometown History Heroine, Ms. Jean Thomas Schaeffer, the Floyd County historical Society, Inc., extends a sincere thank you for the dedication, knowledge, and care shown in her efforts as FCHS President, 2003-2006, before and beyond. During her tenure, we happily note, the Society organized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, established and completed a substantial digital image and document archive, approved National Landmark status for the Town of Floyd, all the while preparing for a major museum move. We appreciate and value Jean’s continued research, writings, and efforts toward sharing the wealth of history in Floyd County, Virginia.”

This presentation occurred at our May meeting prior to the fabulous presentation by Phyllis Dianne Campbell Cunningham on Harris Hart School and her father Walker Campbell.



Kathleen Ingoldsby making the presentation to Jean Thomas Schaeffer.

Laurel Branch Driving Tour

Thanks to Alice Slusher and Janet Keith the Historical Society now has a Driving Tour brochure of the Laurel Branch area. The Society sponsored 2 bus tours, June 11 and 18. They were very entertaining and educational. Thank you to Judy Lowrance for the photos. Thank you to Topeco Church of the Brethren for use of their bus. Thanks especially to Janet Keith for preparing the tour information and serving as tour guide.

An OnCell Audio Tour is now available by calling 540-585-3070 for both Laurel Branch Driving Tour and the Museum's Education Exhibit.



People boarding the Topeco Bus for tours



Christopher Slusher Jr. homeplace on Laurel Branch Rd.

2016 Art Scholarship Contest Winners

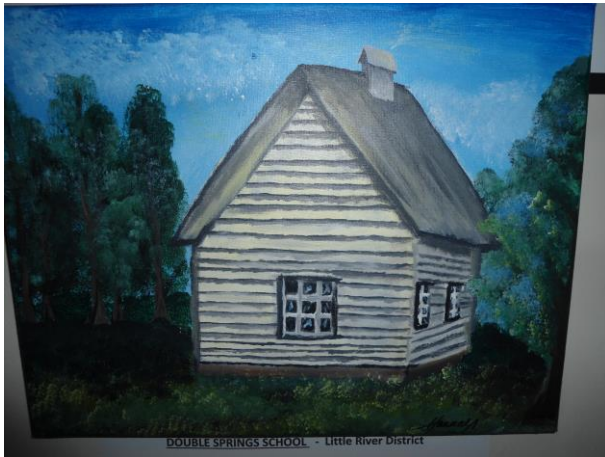
The Floyd County High School students from Kimberly Ingram's art class entered their education connected art projects for this year's \$500.00 Art Scholarship. First place was awarded to Stephanie Higgs for her entry of Pluck Valley School. Runner up prizes of \$50 and \$100 were awarded to Hannah Cox and Taryn Brewer. All three entries are on display at the Museum.



Pluck Valley School-Burks Fork District by Stephanie Higgs, a 3-d wood burning using wood from the remaining school.



Union School- Burks Fork District painted by Taryn Brewer



Double Springs School-Little River District painted by Hannah Cox

2017 Historic Stores Vol. 2 Calendar

For our 2017 calendar we are doing Vol. 2 of Floyd's Historic Stores. If you have photos and/or history of stores in the Floyd area please let us know before August 1. We are also in need of pictures and information regarding Mick or Mack, Piggly Wiggly, Buren Hall, John Freeman Smith Store, McNeil's Store, Phillips Store, Tom Agee Store, Hettie Yates, Shields Ingram, A.P. Alderman, Blackwell Store, Morton Turner's Store, Winfred West Store, Wilson Boyd Store and Poff Store. Contact Rhonda at 745-3247(FCHS) or floydhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

New at the Museum



Sears "Minnesota" Sewing Machine donated by Hilda Harman Dickerson. It belonged to her grandmother, Cordelia Weddle Harman.



Charles Wood made a replica of the Slate Mountain School from original material of the school. This replica is on loan to the Museum.



Bell from a school on Strick Sweeney farm on Dusty Rock Road

Calendar of Events 2016

- July 4 10:00 am WWII Book Committee meeting at Museum
- July 9 10:00 am Jacksonville Arts Center FCHS General Meeting
Program: Field trip to Double Springs School. Bring a lunch.
- Sept. 10 10:00 Jacksonville Art Center FCHS General Meeting
Program: Dennis Kitts "Radford Arsenal and Floyd County"
- Sept. 17 Floyd Livestock & County Fair
Floydvafair.com
The FCHSociety will have a bingo booth along with school and medical exhibits.
- Floyd Veterans Day Parade
- Nov. 12 10:00 am Jacksonville Arts Center FCHS General Meeting
Program: Phyllis Stump "Midwife Olena Puckett"
- Floyd Christmas Parade

Dec. 17 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, P.O. Box 292, Floyd, VA 24091-0292

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 \$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.

ALL DUES ARE PAYABLE YEARLY ON JANUARY 1.

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one room school house on

Saturday July 9, 2016 at 11:00 am

Double Springs School



Before



After

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Sponsored by Floyd County Historical Society

10:00 am Short Business Meeting at

Jacksonville Art Center

220 Parkway Lane S

Contact Rhonda Fleming Smith for more information

540-745-3247 (FCHS) or 540-392-5806

