

FLOYD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Floyd County, Virginia

Spring 2013

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<http://www.floydhistoricalsociety.org>

Audio Tour 540-585-3070

Civil War Living History Day at the Phlegar House

Floyd County Historical Society along with Floyd County Historical Preservation Trust and the Floyd County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee will present the 2nd Annual Civil War Living History Day at the Phlegar House in the Floyd Regional Commerce Center, off Christiansburg Pike (Route 615), on May 11, 2013 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The featured speaker will be historian Chris J. Hartley, author of Stoneman's Raid, 1865, who will speak about Stoneman's cavalry movements through Floyd County in April of 1865.

Re-enactors will portray both soldier life and life on the home front. Educational programs will be presented during the morning, and military demonstrations take place in the afternoon. Research materials will be available to look up Floyd County Civil War connections and ancestor information.

The military demonstrations in the afternoon will include a portrayal of General Stoneman's Union cavalry meeting up with the Floyd Confederate Home Guard.

Schedule of activities:

10:00 am – Camp opens

10:30 am – Educational Programs begin under the tent

1:00 pm – Chris Hartley will speak on Stoneman's Raid, 1865

3:00 pm – Military Demonstrations

4:00 pm – Camps close

Admission is free but donations are accepted. Barbeque, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available for purchase. Bring your lawn chairs and join us for an educational and entertaining day. For more information please visit www.floydlivinghistory.com or call the Museum 540-745-3247(FCHS).

Reeves Pogue, New Board Member

Reeves Pogue was recently elected to the executive board of the Floyd County Historical Society as second Vice President. Reeves is interested in the area's history and has served in leadership roles in other historical societies.

2013 Officers are:

Rebecca Weeks-President

Gerald Via- 1st Vice- President

Reeves Pogue- 2nd Vice-President

Ann Shank-Treasurer

Julie Hancock-Secretary

Carolyn Shockley-Historian

Margaret Smith-Parliamentarian

Rhonda Fleming Smith-Museum Manager

Ridgemont's Birthday

On August 16, 2014 there will be a special celebration at the Museum to commemorate 100 years since the first hospital in Floyd was built. The Ridgemont housed a 9 bed hospital, the first xray machine in the county and a surgery room. Lather Hylton started the building in 1913 for Dr. M.L. Dalton and the hospital opened in 1914.

We are seeking information, artifacts, pictures, and memories about the medical history of Floyd during the past 100 years. We would love to have photos of the inside of Ridgemont when it was a hospital. If you have knowledge concerning any of the Floyd medical doctors and their careers over the last 100 years, please call Rhonda 540-745-3247 or 540-392-5806 or email floydhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.



Douglas Clements and Margaret A. Smith

Smith/Williams Family Exhibit

Margaret A. Smith, along with several friends and family members, has put together our newest exhibit on the Smith/Williams family. This exhibit will be on display until December 21 when the Museum closes for the winter months. This family has produced many naturally talented individuals including carpenters, inventors, artists, weavers, carvers, tailors, writers, teachers and other handcrafters. We are honored to have several

original paintings, sculptures, wood carvings and furniture on display.



Working Miniature Cannon made by Frank Shelor (Smith Grandson) 1955



Wood carvings by Floyd P. Smith 1970-1989



Rebecca Weeks is welcoming visitors to the opening reception for the Smith/Williams Exhibit.



Handmade doll furniture

Society and Museum Updates

When you arrive to visit the Floyd County Historical Society Museum, you will notice the new front porch. Thanks to the Floyd County Historical Preservation Trust for their continued support of the museum building.

The Museum continues to update local historical archives with new technology and innovations, thanks to the recent award from the Vest grant. Many thanks is extended to the Community Foundation of the Roanoke Valley and the Larry Woodrow Vest Fund. The money from the grant provides updates to our website. The images should be finished in a few weeks. The computer slide show downstairs at the entrance of the Museum are already being used and receiving many compliments.

If you have vintage photographs that you did not submit for the Images of America: Floyd County book, please bring them to the Museum now for scanning. We are planning to publish a second book in 2014. We invite your help. Please call the Museum 540-745-3247(FCHS) to receive more information.

The 2013 Floyd County Historical Society Calendar "Post Offices of Floyd County" is still available at the Museum for a reduced price of \$5.00 per calendar plus \$2.50 if mailed.

Images of America: Floyd County book is in very limited supply. \$23.00 each plus \$5.50 if mailed.

In honor of the 200th anniversary of Zion Lutheran Church the Museum has a limited number of books available that include early records of the church. A book, 1853-1872 Birth and Deaths Records Floyd County, Virginia and The Zion Lutheran Church Register by Marjorie Fluor and Marguerite Tise is available for \$25.00. Please add \$5.50 if book is mailed.

We have received a 48 star U.S. Flag which stood in the Floyd Mayor's office when it was still in the courthouse. Dinky Harris made the stand and Vernon Harris took the flag to the new mayor's office. We also received a booklet on the correct display and history of the flag. The flag is on display in the front room.



Dick Giessler gave the program for the FCHS meeting in March on the 200th Anniversary of Zion Lutheran Church. According to church records, it was established May 10, 1813. (photo by Kaye Wilkerson)



Carolyn Shockley and Sue Quesinberry are two of the many volunteers who enjoyed an appreciation dinner at Pine Tavern in March. (photo by Kaye Wilkerson)

OnCell Audio Tour

Have you used our OnCell Audio Messaging System? If you can't visit the Museum in person, you can use the OnCell Tour by using a telephone. When you dial, 540-585-3070, you will be able to listen to a recording describing and explaining many of the exhibits currently on display. There is no charge to you for calling the Audio Tour.

Calendar of Events 2013

- May 11 Civil War Living History Day at Phlegar House 10-4
- July 13 Floyd County Historical Society Meeting at Jessie Peterman Library- 10 am business meeting- 11 am Program "Rock Churches of Floyd" by Randle Brim
- Sept. 14 Floyd County Historical Society Meeting at Jessie Peterman Library- 10 am business meeting- 11 am Program "The Floyd Press" by Wanda Combs
- Nov. 9 Floyd County Historical Society Meeting at Jessie Peterman Library- 10 am business meeting- 11 am program "Curtis Turner" by daughter, Margaret Sue Turner Wright
- Dec. 21 Museum closes for winter.
- Aug. 16, 2014 Ridgemont Birthday Celebration

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 _____

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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 _____
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