

Monroe County Historical Society

New Members

The Historical Society extends a very warm welcome to our new members. Please tell us about your interests and how you would like to be involved in the Society activities.

Crafton and Wanda Barnett, of SC

Bobbie Cassey, of WV

Elizabeth Corey Kells-Jeter
(Life Membership), of WV

Joyce Vance Pritt, of WV

Julian G. Frazier, III, of SC

Margurette B. Ratliff, of WV

Ward Lefler
(Life Membership), of WV

Farm Tools Gift to Museum

Warren and Judy Ellison of Hans Creek have donated several farm tools. The Ellison family has been farming on Hans Creek for over 200 years. One of the artifacts, a broadax, was used to dig out graves on Hans Creek. Having this historical record of the tools is invaluable to presenting and preserving farm implements of Monroe County. The MCHS truly appreciates their generosity.

2011 DUES are DUE

This is a reminder for all our wonderful members, that dues are payable on a calendar-year basis. If you have not

paid your dues for 2011, there is no better time than now. Membership dues help maintain the museum and other buildings, as well as printing and mailing the quarterly newsletter. If you have a question about dues, just call Treasurer Judy Wagner at [304.772.4468](tel:304.772.4468). (Please leave a message with your telephone number and she will return your call.

E-Mail List for Newsletter

Thanks to one of our savvy members, we are developing an e-mail address list for our newsletter. So far, this seems to work well for those members who have high-speed internet service, but some who don't have high-speed service have experienced difficulty. If you would like to receive your newsletter this way, please send an e-mail message to Helen Graves (helen.graves@mail.wvu.edu). This will ensure that we have your correct e-mail address. Beginning with the next newsletter, you will receive it sooner and also save the Society the cost of a stamp. Thank you!

March Meeting

The Quarterly Meeting will be held at the library in Union on Sunday, March 13th at 2:00 P.M. The speaker will be Dr. Robert Conte, the Resident Historian at the Greenbrier Resort. He will be speaking on "New Additions to the Green-

brier's Photo Archives". Dr. Conte is author of "The History of the Greenbrier: America's Resort". He is a resident of Monroe County.

Make It Shine—Help needed

Mark your calendar for "Clean Up" at the museum and log houses, **Saturday, April 9th, 9 A.M. until**—RAIN OR SHINE. Please bring rakes, brooms, and dusters.

December Fundraiser

The Historical Society would like to thank those who contributed to our December Fundraiser. Altogether, \$3,160 was received and this will be put to good use in the many projects that we are involved in, ranging from the Museum to the Old Brick Church. Appreciation to Ted Blankship, Sally Miles Bruns, Glenn and Jan Bryan, Margaret Clark, Robert and Betsy Conte, Beth Covington, Jean Cowder, Page Dickson, Mary K. Dunn, Stephen Ellison, Warren and Judy Ellison, Linda Francois, Helen and Rodney Graves, Robert and Becky Irons, Jay L. Joslin, Drs. Kilcollin and Kilcollin, Billie and Carolyn Kronmeister, David Lambert, Julia Light, Ralph Mann, Bank of Monroe, Clyde Mitchell, Jill Modlin, Barbara Morris, Patricia Nelson, Jean Nichols, Geraldine O'Bryan, Nadine Peterson, Verna Rose, Sylvia Ryder, Mabel and Junior Sarver, Charles and Geraldine Shaver, Chip and Kelly Sills, June Volckmann, Judy Wagner, Christopher White, Duane Wilson, Woody Wilson, Thomas Woodward, Jr. and Jim and Robin Wright.

VISTA's VIEW

It is with great sadness that I have to report that my application for spending another year at the Historical Society was denied by the VISTA office in Charleston, because of budget cuts across the board. I won't be any less ambitious in what needs to be accomplished. It does mean that more volunteers are needed, especially to catalogue items.

The richness of Monroe County History compels me to start a series of rotating exhibits that highlight specific aspects of our local heritage. We have limited display space in our museum, and focusing on a specific topic for a duration will let us create more rewarding and informative exhibits, while also giving the public a reason to visit our museum repeatedly. Monroe County's involvement in the Civil War, the springs resorts, the various mills, farming and agriculture—these are examples of the many exhibits that could be created.

Although my service term ends in May, I will be staying a bit later thanks to the generosity of some members.

As always, I can be reached easily by email, at jerrycampbell@mac.com. If you have any interest in helping out the Society in any way, please let me know.