

Monroe County Historical Society

Spring Quarterly Meeting

Ames Claire Hall

Sunday, April 8th, 2018, 2:00 P.M.

Featured presenter Jim Costa will take us on an entertaining musical history tour of our region. Live music enhanced life before the phonograph was invented and carrying on musical traditions continues to be important in West Virginia. Jim will play a variety of tunes on a variety of instruments, sing and share stories about musicians from the past to the present.



Jim Costa is a well known local historian, musician and story teller. He has been collecting local artifacts, musical instruments, songs and tunes since he was a youngster. He learned much of his repertoire from the “old folks”, some of whom shared songs and melodies that referenced events as distant as the Mexican-American war and the Revolution.

Meet Emma Cate, new AmeriCorps Member

People often ask, what’s an AmeriCorps member? One answer is they are individuals with a passion for public service. Communities benefit from their full-time work in many capacities to meet a variety of needs. Members typically serve for one or two years and are an invaluable resource to non-profits like MCHS.



Emma Cate Cummins comes to us from Northern Kentucky and is enrolled at Northern Kentucky University. She looked for work at another museum while the Cincinnati History Museum where she is employed is closed for renovations. Volunteers and visitors to the museum can expect to see a lot of Emma Cate once the season starts on Farmers Day in June.

She will coordinate volunteers at the MCHS museums and work with them on special projects, such as landscaping around the Caperton Museum to get ready for Farmers Day.

And a note from new MCHS president Toni Ogden ...

Every president comes to the office with a special project of some kind and mine is the 1820 Caperton Law Office, our little brick museum. This building has been neglected and “re-muddled” over its two hundred years as various owners tried to modernize the structure. After talking with Dr. Ron Ripley and Bob Pomphrey, I have been encouraged to believe that we might turn the building back toward its historic context, when it was one of brick mason John Dunn and woodworker Conrad Burgess’s handsome structures. Restoring the interior wainscoting and plaster walls would go a long way toward making the building what it deserves to be - an important artifact in the MCHS collection. Does anyone know where we can find a Burgess mantel? togdenweaver@gmail.com



Monroe County Heritage Days

May 3-5th 2018

Old Monroe : Recollections of a Frontier Past



1770-1820



*Spring Home Tour,
Lectures, Art Show and
Living History Event*

Spring Homes Tour Saturday May 5th, 2018

Mark your calendars for this exciting event and join the fun! Monroe County Heritage Days is looking for costumed participants and MCHS is looking for volunteers, costumed or otherwise to help docent in the Log Houses, the Caperton Museum and the Carriage House. With over 500 visitors to last spring’s MCHS Homes Tour, expectations are for that number or more, and because it takes a few docents to staff each building, we are reaching out to members to volunteer for a shift.

Tickets for the Old Monroe Spring Home Tour, including two evening events, are \$20. For more information call 434-422-0258. Will Call tickets will be at Elmwood on the days of the events, May 3, 4, 5. Otherwise, for tickets call Tomlinson’s Union Country Store: 304-772-5205.