

# Monroe County Historical Society

## Vernessa Pontius, Americorps Member

The Monroe County Historical society welcomes Vernessa Pontius back for her third season as our Americorps member of the Preserve WV project sponsored by Preservation Alliance of West Virginia.

One of the most popular resources in our Museum is our Genealogy file, Since the Historical Society formed in 1963, we have collected over 75 family histories and photographs that were donated by members and supporters. Our volunteers have worked together to arrange these resources and indexed them into the collection so that we can help people with their genealogical research.

Visit our website\* and go to the Genealogy section to find a list of many families who have contributed histories to our Museum archives. You will also find a guide to other county courthouses that contain records relevant to Monroe and links to more websites. We have Census data for several decades; a Cemetery book; old maps; and publications on various communities in the county,

Call the Museum at 304-772-4449 for information about using our archives or send an email to [genealogy@monroevwhistory.org](mailto:genealogy@monroevwhistory.org). The Museum will open to the public on Farmer's Day, the first weekend of June. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 AM through 4:00 PM.

\*<http://www.monroevwhistory.org>

## “Make It Shine”

Come join us and volunteer on Saturday, April 9, 2022, to help the museums “Make It Shine.” The Monroe County Historical Society, in conjunction with the state Department of Environmental Protection and the state Division of Highways, will be participating in their annual “Make It Shine” program. This year the clean-up will focus on cleaning leaves and branches from the grounds around the main museum building and log cabins in order to provide a safe passageway for visitors and to be able to mow the grounds during the summer. Last year, more than 3,000 West Virginians participated in the clean-up and removed close to 190 tons of litter and over 3,000 discarded tires from our state's landscape.

The “Make It Shine program” provides cleanup materials and waste hauling. Come to the museum at 10:00 A.M. and volunteer to help clean the grounds around the Museum and the Log Cabins. The museum is at 275 Main Street, across from the Methodist Church in Union.

Like many small, local museums, the Monroe County Historical Society museums are in need of volunteers to help with most of the activities. The Society is hoping to find volunteers to help throughout the summer to assist visitors around the museums. If you are interested, please call the museum at 304-772-4449 and leave a message with your contact information.

## Historical Society Fundraiser Rescheduled

Larry Emerson, President of the Monroe County Historical Society has announced that the society's Fall Wine and Cheese Fundraiser, originally scheduled for November 14, 2021, has been rescheduled for Sunday, May 1, 2022.



The fundraiser was cancelled in November because of the rising number of COVID 19 cases in the county. Now the Spring Wine and Cheese Fundraiser, the event will take place at historic Elmwood Estate in Union from two until four in the afternoon. Music will be provided by The Bohemian Social Club and will feature light jazz and easy listening.

According to Emerson, the society is happy to welcome folks who purchased a ticket, or tickets, for the Fall Fundraiser, and has a list so that actual tickets will not be required.

Anyone who did not purchase tickets and would now like to do so can contact Ana Lusk at (304) 772-5411 or Doris Franklin at (304) 832-6864.

**\*\*\* MCHS PROGRAM RESCHEDULED \*\*\***

At the April 10th quarterly meeting of the MCHS, geologists Fred Ziegler and Rocky Parsons will present an illustrated talk about the historical geology of Monroe County. The meeting will be held at the Ames Clair Hall, beginning at 2:00 PM.