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Calendar of Events

October 5 Day at the Point

Point of Honor will host the 16th Annual Day at the Point. This fall festival brings together living history, food, kid's games and crafts, period music, a full-size batteau, Gift Shop sale, and more each year. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. FREE

November 11 Veteran's Day

Museum and Point of Honor FREE to visitors 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

December 1 Christmas Open House at Point of Honor

Point of Honor, one of Lynchburg's architectural jewels, will host its 31st Annual Open House. Decorated for Christmas in 1815, the home will feature native greens, yule log, and customs of the day. Join us for period music, refreshments, and a special sale in our Gift Shop. Noon to 4:00 p.m. FREE

The Museum and Point of Honor are closed only on New Years Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. Open hours are 10 am to 4 pm Monday–Saturday and noon to 4 pm Sunday. Call (434) 455-6226 for more information

Contact the Museum Educator for group tours and special programs:
(434) 455-4424 or whitney.roberts@lynchburgva.gov

Visit us at www.lynchburgmuseum.org and
www.pointofhonor.org or [facebook/lynchburgmuseum](https://www.facebook.com/lynchburgmuseum).



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Lynchburg Portraits Restored



Caroline M. Morgan



Edward Sanford Gregory



Samuel McGregor Scott



Camilla Payne Scott

Four oil portraits owned by the Museum System have just been restored by the Richmond Conservation Studio and will be placed on exhibition in August. The Morgan portrait was recently donated by the August Forsberg descendants who generously paid for the restoration.

Caroline M. Morgan, ca. 1840 (1805-1883) married James Morgan, wealthy Lynchburg tobacconist, and managed his large estate after his early demise. She is buried in Old City Cemetery.

Edward Sanford Gregory, ca. 1862 (1843-1884) joined the Lynchburg Rifles of the 11th Virginia Infantry in 1861. After the Civil War, his careers included teacher, journalist, clergyman, and published poet. He is buried in Presbyterian Cemetery.

Samuel McGregor Scott (1798-1878) and Camilla Payne Scott's (1803-1883) portraits are in matching frames and date ca. 1840. Scott inherited the Locust Thicket plantation on what is now Old Forest Road and farmed other holdings in Bedford County. He and his wife moved to Texas in 1857 and are buried in Dallas.

New Acquisition for Point of Honor

Known as a night stool, commode chair, necessary, or close stool, these were a fixture of life in the early 19th century. Donated by Florence and Ned Perrow, the chair will be placed in the guest bed chamber at Point of Honor.





STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

Laura Lembas, Whitney Roberts, and Mary Frances Pressley

In March, the Museum System welcomed Laura Lembas as curator. Laura, a native of Detroit, holds an undergraduate degree in American history and master's degree in historic preservation. She most recently worked at the Stonewall Jackson House and George Marshall Museum in Lexington.

Whitney Roberts was recently named museum educator and volunteer coordinator. Whitney was born in Lynchburg and has worked part-time for the Museum System since 2007. She has an undergraduate degree in history/anthropology and master's degree in archival studies.

The late Mary Frances Pressley was the first office manager for the Lynchburg Museum System and passed away in 2012. Former Museum Director Tom Ledford made a generous donation to the Foundation in her memory and the following is excerpted from his remembrance: "Mary Frances Pressley worked at the Museum from 1979 until she retired in 1991. It was her character and dependability

that made our early success possible and without her patience and humanity, the museum volunteer organization would have never existed.

She was at Point of Honor alone most of the time because I was out at meetings, at the Old Court House which was still under restoration, or somewhere in the community visiting donors.

When we began opening to the public, Mary Frances took on the scheduling and caretaking of the volunteers and helped me to schedule schools for living history programs. None of that would have worked without her help.

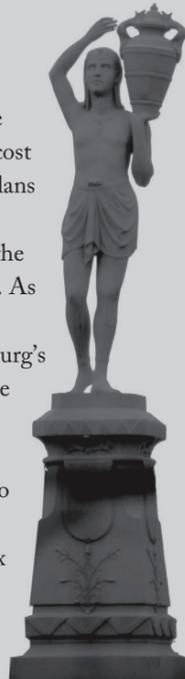
Eventually we moved into the Old Court House, where her office was on the main floor. She greeted anyone coming into the building, whether they were on museum business or just looking for the traffic court--always pleasant, always helpful. She gracefully managed every change, every disruption, and every calamity with a smile, a roll of her eyes and her never-ending patience."

Water Bearer Statue to Be Recast

Lynchburg's first public artwork, *The Water Bearer*, was found toppled and in pieces in 2012. The zinc statue was purchased by the City and placed atop the Clay Street reservoir ca. 1880. At first thought to be vandalism, further investigation indicates that the zinc statue collapsed under its own weight, a common issue with zinc figures. Because of this fundamental flaw, the statue cannot be restored as is. While commonly known as the Greek Water Bearer, research shows that the figure has Egyptian ties with a flying sun disk headband that represents the Egyptian god Horus.

The Lynchburg Historical Foundation and the SOS (Save Outdoor Sculpture!) Committee are spearheading a project to recast the statue in bronze. Sculptor Ken Faraoni, who repaired the *Listening Post* statue at Monument Terrace and the 2nd Virginia Cavalry marker in Miller Park, will be coordinating the project.

The Lynchburg Museum Foundation is a partner and has donated \$3,500 to the project, estimated to cost \$35,000. Tentative plans are to place the recast bronze statue within the Lower Bluffwalk area. As a deserving and visible part of Lynchburg's heritage, we encourage everyone to donate to this project. Please send your donations to Lynchburg Historical Foundation, P.O. Box 248, Lynchburg, VA 24505.



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| (up to 4 kids under 17) | \$75 |

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