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Calendar of Events

February 15

Kids' Night at Point of Honor

Kids ages 7-12 participate in living history, interact with nocturnal animals from the Nature Zone, visit with a mystery guest, and end with hot dogs, popcorn, and a movie. 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. \$25 per child. Reserve early!

February 18

President's Day

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

February 23

Federal Period Hearth Cooking Class

Help prepare and eat a meal in the hearth kitchen at Point of Honor as if it were 1815.
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
\$20 per person
Limited to 12 people so reserve early!

April 23

Garden Day

Point of Honor is FREE to visitors from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tea and light refreshments will be served at Point of Honor and the Gift Shop will have a sale on special items. A special FREE trolley will run this year from Point of Honor to several of the nearby attractions.

June 10-14

Discover Lynchburg: Summer Camp for Kids

Children ages 9-12 can enjoy a week long camp from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. Visit historic sites, police department, fire station, and picnic on Percival's Island. \$50 per child. Reserve early!

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 rachel.deddens@lynchburgva.gov

Visit us at www.lynchburgmuseum.org and
www.pointofhonor.org or on Facebook.



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Highlights From 2012

The Lynchburg Museum System continued to grow in visitation, educational programs, public visibility, and artifact collections in FY 2012. Visitation to the Lynchburg Museum, Point of Honor, and outreach programs taken to schools and senior centers saw a 6% overall increase over the previous year. Visitors came from 48 states, the District of Columbia, and 21 countries.

The Lynchburg Museum was one of seven Virginia museums selected to exhibit: *American Turning Point: The Civil War in Virginia*. This notable exhibit commemorates the 150th anniversary of the war and draws on rare artifacts from many museums. The exhibit was funded by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the National Endowment for the Humanities and created by the Virginia Historical Society. The second phase of the exhibit is now on display at the Museum through May 5, 2013.

The Museum System received several fine artifact collections in 2012. A tall case clock ca. 1815-1825 marked "Williams and Victor, Lynchburg, VA," was donated by the late Samuel Williams. Williams was a descendent of Jehu Williams of Williams and Victor, clockmakers and jewelers in Lynchburg in the early 19th century. The tall case clock is one of five known (others are at Colonial Williamsburg and Virginia Historical Society) and is one of the finest objects ever donated to the Museum System.

Lt. Gen. George Loving, Jr., USAF Ret., added to the Museum's collection of his military memorabilia including medals, aviation charts from the Korean Conflict, gifts from foreign leaders and nations, and related items. His career spanned 1941-1977. Loving became an ace fighter pilot in WW II soon after graduating from E. C. Glass High School.

During the year, an orientation video was created for Point of Honor, funded by the Museum System Foundation. Cinebar Productions, Inc. created the eight minute film which is shown to visitors and school groups. A Museum exterior restoration project was also completed which included the painting of all wood trim, portico, and columns. Repairs were also made to roof seams, hidden gutters, windows, and related areas of the building.



*T.C. Miller Singing Eagles, Point of Honor
Christmas Open House*

*Williams and Victor clock,
ca. 1815-1825*



Learn More About Becoming a Museum System Volunteer!

There are many opportunities available for volunteers with the Lynchburg Museum System:

- Greet visitors at the Lynchburg Museum
- Conduct guided tours at Point of Honor
- Conduct hands-on activities and demonstrations with students
- Help with special events such as First Friday, Garden Day, Day at the Point, and Christmas Open House
- Assist in the Point of Honor Gift Shop
- Help with research and special projects

For more information contact

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Volunteer Coordinator
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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

Patsy Meyer

Patsy Meyer is a retired special education teacher, with a masters degree in learning disabilities from the University of Florida. A native of Georgia, Patsy and her husband Rich moved to Virginia in 2005. Together they have five children and four grandchildren. Because of her love of history, Patsy became a volunteer for the Lynchburg Museum System in 2007 where she excels as a docent at Point of Honor and conducts educational programs at the Museum. Patsy is the President of the Volunteers of the Lynchburg Museum System, and also spends time quilting. Her quilting guild, Patches 'n' Pieces Quilt Club, showcases their work each year at the Point of Honor fall festival, Day at the Point.



American Turning Point: Waging War

The Lynchburg Museum is pleased to present the second phase of this major exhibition on Virginia during the Civil War. *Waging War* focuses on technology, weaponry, leadership, and Virginia as the major battleground of the war. The exhibit runs through Sunday, May 5, 2013. Since the Civil War initiated vast changes in technology and invention, the exhibit explores the use of balloons, railroads, and communication devices. Visitors are challenged to text on their cell phones to see if they are as fast as a telegrapher, who sent the message in 54 seconds that President Lincoln had been shot. Also included is an exhibit on James Hanger, one of the first amputees of the Civil War and founder of a company that still produces prosthetic limbs today.

One major exhibit element is the battlefield scene where visitors experience a 3D setting complete with sound effects. Notable artifacts include items recovered from the USS *Monitor*

shipwreck, a pocket watch owned by General Stonewall Jackson, maps, photographs, JEB Stuart's revolver, and an octant, a navigation device used on the CSS *Virginia*. Also included are weapons that show the evolution of firearms from smoothbore muskets to Sharps carbines to Spencer repeating rifles. Original art depicting the battle between the *Monitor* and *Virginia* by Xanthus Smith is included as is the well-known portrait of General Jubal Early by John Wycliffe Lowes Forster.

Visitors will learn about the "Angel of Marye's Heights," the 19-year-old South Carolina soldier Richard Kirkland, who carried water to wounded Union troops between the lines at the Battle of Fredericksburg. Other stories relate to Siah Carter, a slave at Shirley Plantation on the James River. Carter rowed to a Union gunboat to his freedom and then served in the U.S. Navy on the USS *Monitor*. Don't miss the chance to see this once in a lifetime exhibit here in Lynchburg.

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