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Second Annual Holiday Book Sale

Give the gift of history this holiday season!!! That's right, we are doing it again this year! Mix and match any three of our publications for \$30 plus \$3 shipping. But, wait, there's more! This year we have two new titles available: *Ramblings* and *Other Days*. So, we are also doing a special offer for our new books. Get both *Ramblings* and *Other Days* for \$26 plus \$3 shipping. To order, email at hcwvhs@gmail.com or call 304-709-4902 to let us know books you wish to order and your mailing address. Once you send us payment, the books will be shipped. We ask that you order early if want your books to arrive in time for Christmas. When sending payment, please make checks payable to HCWVHS. We apologize in advance that we are unable to process orders through debit or credit cards at this time.

For questions or more information, email hcwvhs@gmail.com or call 304-709-4902. Book sale ends on December 16, 2016.

Available Titles:

- Old Gold: Tales of Antebellum Shinnston
- Shinnston Tornado
- Out of the Past: Harrison County History Vignettes
- Glimpses of the Past: Marion County History Vignettes
- *Ramblings*: With Biographical Sketches of the Author
- *Other Days*



Annual Christmas Party December 10th

Our annual Christmas party will be held at the Progressive Women's Association (old YWCA at 305 Washington Ave., Clarksburg) on Saturday, December 10 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of seasonal treats and beverages as we celebrate all we have accomplished in 2016. As per tradition, we will have door prizes and our books for sale, and all are welcome to attend.



THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR FOR REMEMBERING: family, good times, good foods, sad times too.

Seventy-five years ago on December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was attacked which began the long struggle of World War II. For those of us who remember that day, those who may have had loved ones involved at that moment in time, a “day that will live in infamy” we will pause to remember that day. For those of us who had a father or grandfather in that conflict, we have heard the stories. The U.S.S. West Virginia, aka the “Wee Vee”, was in the thick of the raid and was sunk. The ship was later raised and returned to action and also was present in Japan at the end of the war and later transported our veterans home. West Virginians have always remembered and honored our veterans.

By 1950 Korea was in the news, remember? Around this same time of year from November 27 - December 13, 1950, the Battle of Chosin Reservoir was underway. Truman argued with MacArthur who believed the war would be over quickly and we should strike and leave. Under the field command of Marine Maj. General Oliver P. Smith, 30,000 US troops were attacked by 120,000 Chinese at the Chosin Reservoir. The battle lasted long enough for the U.S. to recognize they were up against an invincible foe. Some of our local men endured that long freezing battle and they are still with us. Do you have memories to pass on to the next generation?

If you are of a particular age you might remember protests during the Vietnam conflict. Television for the first time let us see military action within 24 hours. Life and Time Magazines were still there to capture the images. The local newspaper ran stories of young men being enlisted and going off to an unfamiliar country. College campuses erupted with protests and West Virginia University students gathered in front of the “Lair” to proclaim their feelings. Were you there? Did you know a nurse, enlistee, or pilot from home who served? Do you have photographs, buttons, or pins? Remember?

It seemed as though the Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan would follow Vietnam too quickly. In 2015, the Harrison County Historical Society proudly demonstrated the histories of all those conflicts with our successful exhibit, “In Remembrance: A Tribute to Harrison County's Veterans”. We showed the visiting public the importance of preserving history. Many months of work were involved gathering and mounting photographs, memorabilia, and objects that told the stories our heroes at those moments in time. While many of the exhibit pieces were already in our collection, we are grateful to our community for contributing to this important exhibit. Our expanding “Neff-Hardesty Archives” appreciates donations of family items and photographs of any generation and significance, especially from the 1950s onward.



Fall in West Virginia means hunting time. Guns were cleaned and hunting gear dusted off. Do you still have grandpa's hunting coat, cap and trousers; did they had their special place to hang in the basement? Men gathered with their hunting buddies to head for the woods. Squirrel, turkey and deer were the targets. The hunter went deeply into the woods, or to a forested mountain top in the panhandle to search for game. Now, we have deer wandering through flower beds and yards in towns and neighborhoods. You don't have to go very far. Remember all the excitement that the deer carcass caused when it hung in the shed and Grandpa and Dad skinned it. Mom would be ready to fix the meat just like her Mother taught her. If you didn't have a freezer, you could rent a locker at the North Pole Ice Company to store your venison.

This is a family time of year, and we can imagine the warm aroma of turkey, dressing and pie in the air and hear the adults chattering among themselves.



Home cooking and feasting was the ordinary; not then a time of gathering at the local restaurant or bistro. Remember that wonderful Saturday Evening Post Norman Rockwell cover illustrating a family gathered in prayer at the Thanksgiving table? I remember a friend in Marshville telling me that she and her daughters would bake at least a dozen each of mince, pumpkin, and lemon meringue pies just for that day. Remember homemade mincemeat or the smell of homemade rolls? Remember when your turkey was locally raised not shipped in frozen?

Home was the epicenter of the holiday gathering. The elder men grouped in the living room telling stories you may have heard many times before. The women cooked and reminisced on other meals with the elders long gone. Do you wish you could remember all of those stories, and could ask that special question from someone long since passed?



The sights and smells of the Christmas season included the aluminum Christmas tree, neighborhood caroling, candlelight services at church, secret Santas, Christmas specials, pageants and parades, stockings from the grandparents, community service, and decorating the house and tree.

On the next page is a favorite recipe found in some family papers. Enjoy and remember.

Written by : Carol Schweiker



Grandma Shinn's Apple Dumplings

2 c. all purpose flour	4 c. (approximately 1 1/4 lbs.) thinly sliced apples
1/2 tsp. baking soda	Cinnamon
1/2 tsp. salt	Nutmeg
1/3 c. vegetable shortening	2 Tbsp. (1/2 stick) butter
3/4 c. buttermilk	Sugar syrup (see recipe below)

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Grease 13" X 9" pan. In medium bowl, mix flour, baking soda, and salt. With pastry blender or two knives, cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add buttermilk, and knead lightly to make soft dough.

Divide dough in half. On floured board, roll one dough half into a 12" square; cut into four 6" squares. Arrange about 1/2 cup apples in center of each square; sprinkle with cinnamon and nutmeg; dot with butter. Fold corners of each square to center; pinch edges to seal. Repeat with remaining dough and apples.

Arrange dumplings in baking pan. Bake 15 minutes. Pour hot sugar syrup over dumplings, and bake 15 minutes longer or until dumplings are brown and apples tender. Serve warm with ice cream or ice milk.

Sugar Syrup

In 1 quart saucepan, heat one 1 cup of sugar and 1/2 cup water to boiling. Feel free to add cinnamon and nutmeg to taste to the sugar. Reduce heat, and simmer 5 minutes or until light syrup forms. If desired, add 1 tablespoon butter.



Our volunteer Ashley at the Journal-Making Workshop

Jarom Leads Journal-Making Workshop

Jill Reinhold Jarom instructed the historical society's first workshop at the Starving Artist Studio in Bridgeport on September 24. Jill Jarom has a Master of Fine Arts from Columbia College School of Arts in Chicago, Illinois. She specializes in multi-media art and is the proprietor of the Red Tail Bindery & Studio.

After discussing and displaying examples of various book bindings, Jill took our workshop attendees step-by-step in assembling their own journals. Two different styles of journals were created during the workshop, and Jill supplied extra handouts and materials to craft two more types easily at home. We thank Jill for putting on this unique workshop. Thank you Amanda Leaseburg and the Starving Artist Studio for hosting our workshop. Please let us know what other types of workshops you would like us to sponsor in 2017.



Finished Journal

Welcome Our New Preserve WV AmeriCorps Members



Hi all! My name is Sydney Stapleton and I am from Oak Hill, Ohio and I am the new full time Preserve West Virginia AmeriCorps member here at the Historical Society. I graduated with a B.A. in Anthropology with a focus in archaeology from Ohio University in August of 2016. I also have a minor in History and certificates in both Museum and European Studies.

I was able to have many opportunities at Ohio University including, creating an exhibit at the Kennedy Art, working in the Digital Archives, and a semester long internship at the Athens County Historical Society and Museum. Being from Appalachia myself I feel that the history of this area is not always treated with the respect that it deserves and that its cultural importance is often overlooked. When I learned of the work that Preserve West Virginia was doing to persevere this history, I knew that it would be a perfect place to spend my time before graduate school while also helping the area that I have grown up loving.

I am excited to be serving at the Harrison County Historical Society. I believe that small, local history organizations are a great resource for communities and are often undervalued. I hope that I can use my skills and knowledge to help ensure that the community is aware of the wonderful resource they have in the historical society.

My name is Charlotte Riestenberg, and I am the half-time Preserve WV AmeriCorps Member for the Harrison County WV Historical Society. I am from Clarksburg, WV but was born in West Palm Beach, FL. I graduated from Robert C. Byrd High School in 2015. During my time in high school I was a member of the Robert C. Byrd show choir Vocal Intensity, a member of the theater department, president of the RCB FFA Chapter, and co-captain for the colorguard. I'm a student at Fairmont State University majoring in history with minors in folklore studies, outdoor recreation leadership, and museum studies.

As I start this year long journey at the historical society, I hope to gain a better understanding of how the leaders in the community come together to get things done. I hope to expand my archival and preservation skills as well as learn new skills such as accessioning, cataloging, and some grant writing. I am excited to be a part of this great group of people at the historical society, as well as the PAWV members who are also out there doing great things for West Virginia.



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Historical Society Sponsors VeterUN 5K

To honor the memory of Harrison County veterans, the HCWVHS held its first VeterUN 5K on September 17 at the Clarksburg City Park at Nutter Fort. Fourteen runners participated in our inaugural race despite the rainy weather, and each ran in the memory of a veteran killed in service of our country. Several local nonprofits, businesses, and public officials also attended our race to show their support for our veterans. HCWVHS made a donation of \$204 to the recreation therapy program at the Louis A. Johnston VA Hospital. Again, we thank all of our sponsors for our inaugural VeterUN 5K, and we are in the planning stages for the next one.





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The HCWVHS is lacking archival treasures and memories from the last half of the 20th Century, 1940's through now. We invite your consideration of passing on to us special items and remembrances for preservation and future research. This is the time of year when memories flood back with a sound of music, smells, lights, and the rush of finding just the right present. Walk down memory lane, downtown Clarksburg, Shinnston, Salem, Lumberport, etc., and all our wonderful county streets.