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LHF Annual Meeting

Thursday, January 12, 2012
7:00 Reception – 7:30 Meeting
First Presbyterian Church
VES Road

Kick off for our 40th Anniversary Gala Year!

Join us for our annual awards presentations, volunteer recognition and retiring board member appreciation. This is going to be quite a show!

Guest Speaker:

R. Chamblis Light, who will enlighten us on, **“Restoring a Family Cemetery – Where to Begin.”**

Cham’s ancestors of the Clark, Leftwich and Moorman families are amongst the earliest settlers in Central Virginia. Cham will give you a brief overview of his experience in restoring one of his family cemeteries; from reviewing the Virginia Codes, finding records in the Clerk’s Office, acquiring professional services from archeologists, maintaining smooth relations with the land owners and other family members and finding the funding for such a project.

Cham has been an attorney at Nationwide Insurance since 1985. He was one of the founding board members of the Free Clinic of Central Virginia. He has also served on the Executive Committee of the Library of Virginia, as President of both the Lynchburg Historical Foundation and the Southern Memorial Association/Old City Cemetery and is currently on the board of the Jones Memorial Library. Cham is married to Edie Light and has two grown children, Trey and Paige.

Cham has agreed to expand this topic for LHF in May at our educational workshop. You don’t want to miss this.

Lynchburg Museum To Sell Reproduction Gargoyles From Old Court House

When the City of Lynchburg, Virginia built a new court house in 1855, the design called for wooden "Corinthian lions" to be carved and placed on the exterior of the Greek Revival building as gargoyles. Based on the surviving original gargoyle in the Lynchburg Museum collection, the woodcarver must have thought lions looked somewhat like pigs.

When the Museum moved into the court house in 1977, the original gargoyles had rotted, and wooden replacements were carved by local artisan Michael Creed. Creed related that he cut sections from a yellow pine beam from an old tobacco warehouse and hand-carved the replacement gargoyles to match the originals.

Now 34 years later, the 1970's versions are being replaced. The Lynchburg Museum will retain one to document this aspect of the building's history, donate one to the Lynchburg Historical Foundation, and five others will be sold on eBay with proceeds to benefit the Museum.

Each gargoyle weighs 29 pounds, measures 15 inches long, 13 inches wide, and 12 inches tall and has a 12-inch metal rod on the rear which was used to mount it to the building. Museum Director Douglas Harvey said, "We talked with our Board and City officials, and everyone thought it a good idea to share these with the public, generate funds to support the Museum, and not take up our limited storage with non-original items. The gargoyles are really collectible folk art at this point so we hope to see some real bidder interest."

Anyone wishing to place a bid or to just view the images, the five gargoyles will be featured on eBay (listed under Antiques, Collectibles, Folk Art, and Architectural Elements) beginning Wednesday, December 7. During a 10-day bidding period, they will be sold separately and will vary somewhat in condition with cracks, small areas of soft wood, or flaking paint.

For more information about the Lynchburg Museum System, visit www.lynchburgmuseum.org, www.pointofhonor.org, the Museum's Facebook page, or call (434) 455-6226.



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Old City Cemetery Events

Mark your calendar:
Seasons in the Cemetery

Peak of Bloom for Antique Roses:
Last two weeks of May

Peak of Bloom for Lotus Pond:
July and August

Peak of Fall Foliage:
Last two weeks of October

Birds & Butterflies
Peak of Bird Population:
First week of June

Peak of Butterfly Population: August

January Events**Lynchburg Museum System**

January 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Museum and Point of Honor
FREE to visitors 10 am - 4 pm

January 20 and February 17
Kids' Night at the Museum
6 pm - 11 pm \$20 per child Reserve early!

Kids ages 7-12 participate in scavenger
hunts and living history, interact with noc-
turnal animals from the Nature Zone and a
mystery guest, create art, and end with
pizza and a movie.

Academy of Fine Arts

American Shakespeare Center:
A Midsummer Night's Dream
A complex farce of the adventures of four
young lovers, actors and moonlit forest
fairies. Romantic intrigues amidst true mis-
chief and tricks!

Performances
January 21, 7:30PM

Tickets
\$25 Adults
\$22 Seniors
\$13 Students
Senior priced tickets are for ages 60 and
above

**Annual Absentee Ballot
Program**

The Commonwealth of Virginia offers an
absentee ballot application program for
chronically ill or disabled voters whereby
a voter may apply to receive absentee
ballots for each election without having
to submit a separate application for each
election during the year.

For example, in 2012, a voter would only
have to submit one absentee ballot appli-
cation instead of four. The first time a
voter submits this annual application, he/
she will need to have a doctor's signature
certifying that the voter is unlikely to be
able to go to the polls during the year.
After the first-time application, a renewal
application will be sent to the voter in
December for the upcoming calendar
year.

The City of Lynchburg's Registrar's Of-
fice is currently mailing applications to
those voters already in the program.
Residents who would like more informa-
tion about the program can call the Reg-
istrar's Office at 847-1609.

New Year's Day Closings

Lynchburg municipal offices, including
the Main Branch of the Lynchburg Pub-
lic Library, will be closed January 2 in
observance of New Year's Day.

The Regional Landfill on Concord Turn-
pike will be closed January 2.

- Trash not collected on Monday, Janu-
ary 2 will be collected on Friday, January
6.

For more information, call the Citizens
First Info Center at 856-CITY (2489).

**DHHS Brunch: good food, good
friends**

A pleasant morning at the Briley's resi-
dence at 416-418 Washington Street.
And it was indeed a beautiful morning
for our December meeting. Our thanks to
Fran & Rad for accommodating us.
Thanks also to all of our talented cooks
who prepared the spectacular food for the
brunch!

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Meetings

Business meetings are usually held at 7:30 p.m.
on first Tuesdays of each month except June, July
and August. Owners of properties in the Dia-
mond Hill Historic District and others interested
in supporting historic preservation are welcome
to attend.

Membership

Annual dues for Active Members are \$10.00 per
person and the initiation fee is \$5.00 (first year).
Active Membership is limited to adult members
of households owning Diamond Hill property.
Annual dues for Associate Members are \$10 per
person (no initiation fee). All members receive
this newsletter at no charge. Newsletter subscrip-
tions for non-members are \$5.00 per year.

Publisher's Statement

The Diamond Hill Historical Society (DHHS) is
a nonprofit historic preservation organization
approved under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
Revenue Code of 1954. Its purpose is to preserve
and encourage—through the fostering of educa-
tion, research and restoration—the historical and
architectural integrity of the Diamond Hill His-
toric District. DHHS was incorporated in the
Commonwealth of Virginia February 22, 1979.
Views expressed in the *Diamond Hill News* do
not necessarily reflect the position of DHHS or
its officers and directors.

DHHS Serves Kid's Haven

The letter bellow is from Kids' Haven thanking DHHS for preparing and serving the meal to their Monday Night Group session, Nov 13th. Sally Schneider coordinated the food and the serving and DHHS provided help as follows:

Food purchases and preparation:

Barbeque	Jeff and Sally
Cole slaw	Jane Dooley
Mac n cheese	Katheryn Brown
Milk	Mary Kathryn McIntosh
Apple Juice	Mary Kathryn McIntosh
Potato Chips	Mary Kathryn McIntosh
Buns	Jean Hannon
Brownies	Jean Hannon

Servers: Jean, Sally and Jeff

A big thank you to Jeff & Sally for coordinating DHHS participation. We also would like to extend our appreciation to Mary Kathryn McIntosh, Jane Dooley, Jean Hannon, and Jeff & Sally Schneider for providing food and being able to serve. Job well done!



Serving the unique needs of grieving children and their families through programs of support and education

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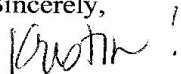
November 29, 2011

Diamond Hill Mealmaker Angels
 c/o Captain and Mrs. Jeffrey Schneider
 307 Washington Street
 Lynchburg, Virginia 24504

Dear Meal Makers,

I extend a heartfelt thanks to your team for providing a delicious meal to our Kids' Haven Group Night participants earlier this month. We could not begin to offer our support program in its current format without the help of friends like you. The meal you served provided our participants time to connect with each other and our families a chance to enjoy each other's company around the table before they go into their grief groups.

On behalf of our participants, our volunteers and our board, I thank you for sharing the mission of Kids' Haven with your generous gifts of both food and time.

Sincerely,

 Kristin Dabney
 Program Director

*Huge thanks -
 P.S. I ordered the W#8
 pbq subs!*

Kids' Haven is licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia and is classified as a 501©3 organization by the Internal Revenue Service

Election of Officers & Directors

Our nominating committee will present the following slate of officers and directors at the Annual Meeting on Jan. 3:

- ◆ President: Julianna K Neighbors
- ◆ Vice-President: Ray Pulliam
- ◆ Recording Sec: Robert Halpin
- ◆ Membership Sec: Luther White
- ◆ Treasurer: Mark Little
- ◆ Historian: Jean Hannon
- ◆ Director 2011-12: Josi Alvarenga
- ◆ Director 2011-12: Louis Kibby
- ◆ Director 2012-13: Marla Potter
- ◆ Director 2012-13: Katheryn Brown

During 2012 Josi Alvarenga and Louis Kibby will be completing their two-year terms of office as directors. The election will be held during the DHHS Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012. Our sincere thanks to our nominating committee for their work: chairperson Josi Alvarenga, Fran Briley and Marla Potter.

We would like to remind our members that in order to vote in the January meeting the 2012 membership dues must be current.

Thank you to our volunteers!

A big hearty THANK YOU to our members who turned out on the beautiful morning of Nov. 19th to spruce-up our neighborhood. We also would like to say thank you to our volunteers who helped with the Calendar sales at the City Market on Nov. 12th and Dec. 10th.

2011 National Preservation Awards

The Peter H. Brink Award for Individual Achievement: Pamela Bates, Lowell's Boat Shop Pamela Bates grew up landlocked in Longmeadow, Mass. But as the daughter of an accomplished fly-fisherman, "I was always gravitating toward the water," she says.

American Brewery

As seen from the back seat of George Holback's family station wagon more than 50 years ago, the American Brewery building in East Baltimore was "a place the Addams family might have lived."

Acworth Meetinghouse

For nearly two centuries, a beloved icon known locally as the Church on the Hill towered above the rooftops of Acworth, N.H. When residents noticed in 2005 that the steeple atop Acworth Meetinghouse was leaning, they sprang into action to save the 1821 building.

Downtown Women's Center

The residents of the Downtown Women's Center in Los Angeles have found a fresh start in their new home on San Pedro Street. And the same can be said of the center's 1926 Gothic Revival structure, which reopened last December after a \$26 million restoration.

Seashore Farmers' Lodge

The Seashore Farmers' Lodge on the tiny barrier island of Sol Legare, S.C., was erected in 1915 to serve freedmen and their families who could not secure loans or insurance policies at white-run banks and firms in the segregated South. "This was our community center, this was our church, it was our school, it was our funeral home," local resident Ernest L. Parks says. "It was everything."

Real Estate Tax Installment #2

Due January 17, 2012

Real estate property owners are reminded that the second installment for real estate taxes is due by Tuesday, January 17, 2012. NOTE: A 10% penalty will be assessed if the January 17 deadline is not met. If you have not received a real estate tax bill or have questions concerning your bill, please contact the Billings and Collections Division at 455-3850. For questions regarding real estate assessments, please call the Assessor's Office at 455-3830.



Jan. Meeting

**Tue., Jan 3rd
7:30 pm.**

at the

**Carrington House
(1909)
508 Washington St**

Hosts: Jane and George W. Dooley

