



# Diamond Hill News

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Just across downtown in the Historic Moser Furniture/Marine Building at 409 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Elizabeth and Kurt Schulz – owners of 1314-1316 Harrison Street and 617 Washington Street – recently created The Red Shoes: a new dance studio which offers classes in Ballet & Ballroom, boasts Lynchburg's only alternative to Carolina Connections for purchasing dancewear, and the building's elegance is available for event rentals on Friday, Saturday & Sunday evenings.

A pair of Diamond Hill's own were The Red Shoes' first students: Jeff & Sally Schneider started taking 'Experienced Ballroom' classes with Dot Pollard at The Red Shoes before the studio's doors opened in August. Another of Diamond Hill's finest couples – Ray & Martha Stokes – joined the class in October; both couples are a joy to watch on the dance floor.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of December, The Red Shoes had its First Ballet Recital in front of a packed house. The dancing and costuming were utterly fantastic and included performances from three more of Diamond Hill's own: Liberty, Abi & Penelope Brigman whose smiles truly lit-up the studio.

Elizabeth's knowledge of and experience in ballet – a graduate of both Lynchburg's former icon, Virginia School of the Arts, and TCU with a fine arts degree – provide The Red Shoes' inspiration and expertise; Kurt's background in historic property renovation and administration fill the studio's management needs.

Looking forward, Elizabeth & Kurt are anxiously awaiting completion of the rather inconvenient roadwork taking place on 5<sup>th</sup> street, which should be completed prior to the beginning of classes next fall.

All are welcome at The Red Shoes from experienced ballroomers to little ones ready to experience the joy of dance for the first time. Information about The Red Shoes is available on the studio's website ([www.theredshoes.us](http://www.theredshoes.us)) or simply give Elizabeth & Kurt a call at 434.444.6791.

The Red Shoes - "Ballet & Ballroom at 409 5<sup>th</sup> Street" - boasts the finest dance instructors at Lynchburg's most elegant studio. Consider giving it a try sometime - Spring Classes begin the third week of January.

*Information for this article was provided by "The Red Shoes".*

## Election of Officers & Directors

Our nominating committee will present the following slate of officers and directors at the Annual Meeting on Jan. 8th:

- ◆ President: Julianna K Neighbors
- ◆ Vice-President: Ray Pulliam
- ◆ Recording Sec: Robert Halpin
- ◆ Membership Sec: Kathryn Becker
- ◆ Treasurer: Mark Little
- ◆ Historian: Jean Hannon
- ◆ Director 2013-14: Mari Smallshaw
- ◆ Director 2013-14: Louis Kibby
- ◆ Director 2012-13: Marla Potter
- ◆ Director 2012-13: Kathryn Brown

The election will be held during the DHHS Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013. Our sincere thanks to our nominating committee for their work: chairperson Josi Alvarenga, Kat Becker and Nancy Zehmer.

We would like to remind our members that in order to vote in the January meeting the 2013 membership dues must be current.

## 2013 Membership Renewal It's that time of the year again:

The 2013 dues are due. In order to vote in the January DHHS meeting the membership must be current!



## January Activities:

### Poplar Forest

January 19th

Popular Forest Winter Weekends

Due to popular demand beginning January 19, 2013 Can't make a tour of Jefferson's retreat before the season closing December 30th? Do not fret! Winter Weekends at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest start January 19th and will continue until the regular season opening March 15th. Be sure to note that group tours are available year-round by appointment. For any questions, please call the Museum Shop at (434) 525-1806.

### Academy of Fine Arts

#### Mark your calendar!

Empty Bowls

Saturday March 2: 11 am to 2 pm

Bowl & Meal are \$15

Benefiting Daily Bread

The basic idea for Empty Bowls is simple:

Potters and other community members donate handmade ceramic bowls. A simple meal of soup and bread is served. Guests donate \$15 then choose a bowl to use that day and to keep as a reminder that there are always Empty Bowls in the world. New for this year will be a group of special bowls donated by noted potters in our area which will have higher prices.

### Opera on the James

Opera Cabaret

Saturday January 26th—6 pm

Join Opera on the James for an evening celebrating all things Parisian! Cocktails, fine wine and cuisine, live and silent auctions, and dazzling performances of opera, torch songs, and high kicking dancing girls. The Paris Opera meets the Moulin Rouge for one of the social and musical highlights of the season.

### Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra

#### Mark your calendar!

Four Seasons to Fiddlers

Sun., Feb. 3, 2013 3:00 p.m.

St. Thomas More Church

Festival of Brass

Sat., March, 16, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Court St. United Methodist Church

Glorious Voices II

With the Jefferson Choral Society

Sun., April 21, 2013 3:00 p.m.

E.C. Glass Auditorium

### Old City Cemetery

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

## Thank you for your help!

On Saturday, December 1st, a team of DHHS volunteers dedicated their morning to raking leaves from our streets. The volunteers gathered at the corner of Washington St. at 9:00 AM and began by raking and weeding some of our sidewalks. Gopher Neighbors and Ray Stokes provided their truck for use by the team as well. Thanks to all of the volunteers – thank you to Louis Kibby and to the Department of Public Works for your coordination and help with this effort.

## Newsletter articles and mailing list corrections

If you have some news you think our members would find interesting, please send it to:

[diamondhill\\_news@yahoo.com](mailto:diamondhill_news@yahoo.com)

Mailing list corrections should also be sent to the same e-mail address.

## REMINDER:

DHHS January meeting will be on January 8th. For more information please see the last page of this newsletter edition.



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### Officers & Directors

*President:* Julianna K. Neighbors

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*Historian:* Jean Hannon

*Director 11-12:* Louis Kibby

*Director 11-12:* Josiani Alvarenga

*Director 12-13:* Marla Potter

*Director 12-13:* Kathryn Brown

### Committee Chairpersons

*Neighborhood Beautification:* Louis Kibby

*June Social:* Jean Hannon

*Tours:* Ray Pulliam

*Website:* Mari White Smallshaw

*Newsletter:* Josi Alvarenga

*Neighborhood Watch:* L. Robert Halpin

*Children's Activities:* Mari Smallshaw

*Auditor:* Todd Leap

*Endowment Fund:* Jim Carrington

*Remembrance Committee:* Ray Pulliam

*Parliamentarian:* Pat Gatti

### 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 Diamond 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 subscriptions 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 education, research and restoration—the historical and architectural integrity of the Diamond Hill Historic 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.

## Preservation Virginia

Yesterday, Governor Bob McDonnell announced his proposed amendments to the Commonwealth's operating budget for the current biennium (2012-2014). Members of the General Assembly will propose many more amendments during the 2013 legislative session, but this is the first opportunity to assess the Commonwealth's budget process.

The initial news is positive. Several key tax credits, vital to ongoing preservation work in Virginia, were spared any proposal for change by the Governor. As Virginia seeks to address major funding challenges - transportation funding in particular - the risk to the stability of all tax credits is significant. Preservation Virginia is committed to defending the tools necessary to carry out the work of protecting Virginia's historic places.

To that end, Preservation Virginia has analyzed the Governor's proposed amendments and wishes to highlight several key items:

### **Priority Item: Rehabilitation Tax Credit**

Preservation Virginia is pleased to report that the Governor's proposed budget amendments do not include any change to the existing state Rehabilitation Tax Credit. While the Governor has not proposed changes to the state Rehabilitation Tax Credit at this time, Preservation Virginia will remain vigilant throughout the 2013 General Assembly session as the Rehabilitation Tax Credit, among other tax credits, has been a rumored target during cost-cutting conversations.

### **Priority Item: Land Preservation Tax Credit**

Preservation Virginia is pleased to report that the Governor's proposed budget amendments do not include any change to the existing land preservation tax credit. While the Governor has not proposed changes to the land preservation tax credit at this time, Preservation Virginia will remain vigilant throughout the 2013 General Assembly session as the Land Preservation Tax Credit, among other tax credits, has been a rumored target during cost-cutting conversations.

### **Priority Item: Department of Historic Resources**

Significantly, the Department of Historic Resources received no reduction in appropriation under the Governor's proposed budget amendments. The Department, along with all state agencies, risked cuts of up to 4% of its current operating budget. The Governor's budget amendments appropriate funding for a full time easement specialist to assist in managing the Department's Historic Preservation Easement Program.

### **Item of Interest: Department of Conservation and Recreation**

The Governor's budget amendments appropriate \$2.0 million in deferred maintenance funding to address top maintenance problems at state park facilities.

### **Item of Interest: Marine Resources Commission**

The Governor's budget amendments appropriate \$84,000 to complete the state's cost-share for the Tangier Island seawall project.

### **Special Thanks**

Preservation Virginia wishes to extend special thanks to Governor McDonnell, Secretary of Natural Resources Doug Domenech, and Department of Historic Resources Director Kathleen Kilpatrick for their ongoing commitment to the continued vitality of Virginia's historic places.

### **Next Scheduled Action Alert**

Preservation Virginia's next action alert is scheduled for January 7th and will detail legislation pre-filed for introduction during the 2013 legislative session. The General Assembly Session opens on January 9th.

*Information for this article was taken from the "Preservation VA Alert" dated 12/18/2012.*

## LHF

Annual Meeting  
Thursday, January 10, 2013  
7:00 Reception – 7:30 Meeting  
First Presbyterian Church  
VES Road

Wrap up of our 40th Anniversary Year!

Please join LHF for the annual awards presentations, volunteer recognition and retiring board member appreciation. This is going to be quite a show!

Guest Speaker:

Heidi Fauth James: The History of the E.C. Glass Art Collection

Originally from Michigan, Heidi James moved to Lynchburg in 1989. She and her husband, Blitz James, have been renovating a 1920s family home on V.E.S. Road. Heidi worked with the Lynchburg Historical Foundation for 10 years during the 1990s. She has been involved in many local non-profit projects over the years. She served as president of Rivermont House, Inc., a non-profit dedicated to restoring the Rivermont House on F Street on Daniel's Hill. The Rivermont House was successfully rescued and in 2010 it was sold to an individual who will continue the interior restoration and make the house a private residence. Heidi authored the article, The History of Riverside Park in Lynchburg, Virginia for Lynch's Ferry magazine. She was president of the Lynchburg Garden Club, historian of the Garden Club of Virginia, and founding member and first president of the Friends of the E.C. Glass Art Collection. Heidi is a 1982 graduate of Salem College in Winston-Salem, NC.

New Board members to be voted in by membership:

Libby Koepenick  
Mark Little  
Carolyn Sparks  
Jennifer Dooley Tilley

Please join LHF to celebrate the end of 40 fabulous years and the beginning of the next 40!





**Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden  
Dominion Garden Fest of Lights  
Richmond, VA**

A holiday tradition featuring more than half-a-million twinkling lights, hand-crafted botanical decorations, model trains, holiday dinners, family activities and more. Visit often to fully experience Dominion GardenFest of Lights -- the region's ultimate holiday extravaganza!

Dominion GardenFest of Lights is a "rain or shine" event and is only closed for extreme inclement weather.

Admission: \$11 adults; \$10 seniors; \$7 children ages 3 - 12; children under age 3 free; Garden Members \$5; child on Membership (ages 3 - 18) \$4; Member on Member Nights ( Nov. 26, 27, 28 & Jan. 7): FREE.

Nov. 23 - Jan. 7 (closed Dec. 24 & 25);  
Nightly 5 - 10 p.m.  
1800 Lakeside Avenue, Richmond, VA

This year's "East Meets West" theme showcases the rich array of plants and decorative arts of Eastern cultures that have influenced our Western traditions. The theme underscores our educational mission and our passion for connecting people and plants to improve our community.

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- Walk-through dragon tunnel;
- Japanese lanterns and shoji panels;
- Exquisite origami and floating swans;
- Toy trains amid bonsai and pagodas;
- Trail along flora native to Asia.

For more information:  
Call (804) 262-9887, ext. 322. or  
Visit the web site:  
<http://www.lewisginter.org/>



**January Meeting**  
**Tue., Jan. 8th**  
**7:30 p.m.**

at the  
**Carrington House**  
**(C.1909)**  
508 Washington St.

Hosts: Jane & George Dooley

