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Apples and Onions

Many thanks to Jeff Schneider for organizing our latest project on digitizing our historical slide shows and pictures. Greg Krueger, curator at the Lynchburg Museum has agreed to help us with this project. This is such exciting news!! With the advancement of technology, we now have hope for retaining valuable information about the history of the Diamond Hill District.

It is a large undertaking since it will take between 80-100 volunteer hours to complete this endeavor. It will take awhile to accomplish. I know some DHHS members signed up to help already at the February meeting. However, I am sure that Jeff will be glad to have additional volunteers. Greg said that it is not a complicated task. He will train those who are interested. Greg indicated possible hours for work would be Mondays and Fridays between 8am-5pm, some Tuesday and Thursdays between 2-5 pm, and possibly some Saturdays between 10am-4pm. Jeff is working with Greg to establish a standard schedule that will work for the museum and our volunteers.

Anyone who saw the slideshows years ago can remember what a wonderful job our predecessors did in creating these. They are very informative and interesting as well. It is so important to retain the history of the character of Diamond Hill. Through this project, we will be able to see them once again, and be able to encourage others to invest in our neighborhood.

As part of the agreement, we will give one of the copies of the collection to the Lynchburg Museum System, and maintain the other copy for our use.

I sincerely hope that you will consider giving some of your time to help us out. I recognize that we are all busy, and the amount of time you can donate doesn't have to be in a regular time slot. At the next meeting please let Jeff or any DHHS board member know if you can donate time to this worthy project.

Once again, I would like to thank Greg Krueger and the Lynchburg Museum System for their help, and to Jeff Schneider for his valuable insight!

Lynchburg at War 1861-1865

Exhibit open through June 15, 2012.

The Lynchburg Museum at the Old Court House, 901 Court Street.



Preservation Virginia Legislative Alert

[HB 1137](#) The bill, as currently written, could undermine the integrity of new local historic districts and its amendment provision could have an impact on existing districts. Local historic districts are an important tool and used by local governments to ensure quality changes and development. If enacted, it could have the affect of creating "Swiss cheese" in these districts and would be difficult to administer. Rural and urban local historic districts alike would be affected. There has been no outreach to the conservation or preservation communities, nor to our knowledge, local governments or local ARBs.

Contact [Delegate Danny Marshall](#) and your delegate to express concern about the bill. Ask if consideration of this bill can be delayed until the 2013 session so that preservationists, conservationists and ARB members can help describe the impacts and offer workable suggestions. Use this link for contact information http://legis.virginia.gov/1_cit_guide/contacting_my.html

Other Bills of Interest

[HB 327](#) Provides that a locality may require by ordinance that certain structures within a historic district not be demolished except in compliance with the local ordinance, unless the local building department determines that it constitutes such a hazard that it shall be razed and removed. Patron Del. Peace <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?121+sum+HB327>

[HB 580 and SB 473](#) Both bills remove the requirement for the consent of both the Governor and the General Assembly in cases where real property interests in the Area of Operation at Fort Monroe are sold. <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?121+sum+HB580> and <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?121+sum+SB473>

We are sorting through other bills related to planning commissions, land conservation easements and transportation. Future updates will contain information on status, impact and action.

Summary of Legislation to Date

Below, please find an updated table reflecting legislative items that may be of interest to Preservation Virginia.

[HB 246](#) Prohibits any committee of the General Assembly from reporting a new tax credit or renewing a tax credit without a sunset date within five years. Patron Delegate Cline <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?121+sum+HB246>

New: No new action. Bill remains in subcommittee. Likely to be called for hearing next week.

Previous: Assigned to House Finance subcommittee #1.

Additional Bills will be published in the April Newsletter.



Ervin David Porter passed away on February 15, 2012. He was 87 yrs old. David lived with his partner, Charles Bedat, at Dingee-Stalling House (c.1904), 316 Washington St. on Diamond Hill Historic District.

Ervin David Porter

David was born in Kentucky, October 20, 1924, and at an early age given to teenage parents who then gave him up for adoption in New York where he was adopted by his parents in Concord, New Hampshire. His parents also adopted his younger sister who was born in England and is currently living in a cabin she built in Vermont. His father died in the New Hampshire flood in 1936 when David was 12 yrs old, his mother, then, raised him and his younger sister. David once told me how he used to collect sap with a bucket from the maple trees for syrup. In the 40's David served in the Navy. In the 50's David met Charles Bedat and they bought a house in Stratford, Connecticut. David was a friend and loving partner of Charley's for 58years. They later moved to Diamond Hill in Lynchburg, Virginia. David wanted his body donated to "The Anatomical Society of Virginia" which provides cadavers for research at universities in Virginia. David was a "Bridge Life Master" and he operated his own club in Bridgeport, CT. He was instrumental in advancing the Lynchburg Bridge Club that now has a permanent home on Wiggington Rd. Charley said he was as happy as a pig in poop when he was playing Bridge. David loved to smoke his pipe and I loved the smell of it. I often knew when he was out walking, by catching a wiff of his aromatic pipe tobacco. David helped me a lot; he helped me at times when I needed it most, loading furniture for my business. Whenever I called he would come over to help me load furniture for delivery. He even went with me once for a delivery in Charlottesville. I'll never forget he once said " It's not the inability, it's the ability that counts in a person" ,and , that phrase stuck with me. David wanted to be helpful, useful, and make a difference. He certainly did that with me. David was a good man and I miss him, but, he's in a better place today.

—Jeff Potter—

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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 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.



Dumbar Street building: Former civil war era tobacco warehouse that also served as Confederate Hospital during the civil war has been demolished.

Whims 'n Fancies Catering

(Jennifer Tilley-Owner)

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The picture shown on the left has "White Chocolate W/ Kahlua cupcake with Frangelico mascarpone frosting" and the other cupcake is "Chocolate Chambord".



Sally Schneider
LHF Director

Sally & Jeff Schneider

The article published on February 06, 2012, in The News & Advance writes about how Jeff and Sally Schneider came to know Lynchburg. In fact, it tells how they decided to move to Diamond Hill and how they got involved with the neighborhood historical group. The Diamond Hill Historical Society is honor having you both as members but mostly for being such gracious neighbors. We thank you for choosing Diamond Hill as the place to live!

Downtown Library Branch

The Downtown Branch of the Lynchburg Public Library has reduced its hours. The reduction is due to the decision not to fill a professional position at the Main Library that was recently left vacant. The Branch Library will be open 23 hours a week, down from the regular 40 hours. The new hours for the Downtown Branch are:

- Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Closed on Fridays

The AARP Voluntary Tax Assistance Program will not change.

Change to the Membership Quorum

DHHS Board of Directors has proposed a change to paragraph 4, Article VIII: Meetings of Diamond Hill Historical Society Articles of Incorporation to be voted on in the April membership meeting:

Paragraph 4, Article VIII: Meetings **currently reads: Thirty percent** of the voting membership of the Society shall constitute a quorum, with the following exceptions: Fifty percent of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum for the Annual Meeting.

Paragraph 4, Article VIII: Meetings **proposed change: Twenty-five percent** of the voting membership of the Society shall constitute a quorum, with the following exceptions: Fifty percent of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum for the Annual Meeting.



Ervin David Porter

David Porter of Lynchburg passed away on February 15, 2012, at Lynchburg General Hospital. There was no viewing or service. The EMS ambulance picked up Dave after he collapsed on the morning of the 15th. He died at Lynchburg General later that day.

David and Charles moved to Lynchburg from Connecticut and purchased the Dingee-Stalling House. The previous owner had allowed the house to become very run-down; so they hired Mike Murphy to renovate the house. Mike and his wife Carol were living in the Jones House, 601 Pearl Street, at that time. The Dingee-Stalling House was one of several houses in our historic district that Mike renovated.

During the many years they've lived on Diamond Hill, Charlie and Dave have been active DHHS members and continuously supported our organization and our neighborhood.

Addition to the Potter Family

Congratulations to Marla and Jeff on the birth of their grandson , Asa Elias , born January 21 in Los Angeles to Tristan and Jason . Happiness abounds !

Diamond Hill Easter Egg Hunt

Grab your Easter Baskets and join the Diamond Hill Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7th* at 10:30am on the lawn at the corner of Washington and Harrison Streets. We'll have an "egg" citing morning of games, activities and refreshments -- and don't forget your Easter Baskets! All children, grandchildren and friends 10 and under are invited to participate.

Donations of plastic eggs and/or candy are welcome! Please drop them by the Smallshaws' at 409 Washington Street by April 5th.

Questions? Contact Mari at 846-3242 or mws1019@aol.com

March Meeting

**Tue., Mar. 6th
7:30 pm.**

at the

**Payne-Perrow House
(1883)
507 13th St**

Hosts: Ray Pulliam

