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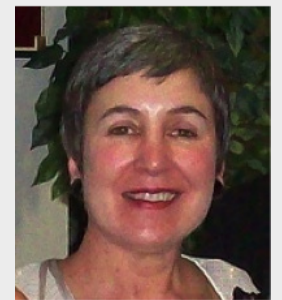
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Lynchburg Historical Foundation Selects Mary Kathryn McIntosh for John D. Owen, Jr. Memorial Award

The Lynchburg Historical Foundation conducted its Annual Meeting Thursday, January 9th. The annual meeting includes a look-back at the past year in pictures, recognition of volunteers and off-going board members, introducing new board members, a guest speaker and certificates and awards to recognize individuals who had rehabilitated and restored a house or building and individuals who have made long-term contributions to the city and LHF. This year, LHF selected **Mary Kathryn McIntosh** as recipient of the John D. Owen, Jr. Memorial Award, established to recognize an individual who is dedicated to promoting Lynchburg's history and architecture and is a committed supporter of the LHF and the Lynchburg community in all aspects of historic preservation.



Mary Kathryn McIntosh

Sally Schneider, Executive Director of LHF, made the award:

This person exemplifies the words, "dedication to promoting Lynchburg's History." She served as President of the Diamond Hill Historical Society and President of Jones Memorial Library; served on the Historic Sandusky board; worked with Old City Cemetery in the design department; served as a member of the Hillside Garden Club helped with the Ann Spencer garden; and she has opened her historic home on Diamond Hill many times hosting dinner parties for large groups of visitors. In 2002 she founded Lynchburg Tours. If you haven't been on one of these tours make arrangements to take one. She was heavily involved with the Victoria Society of America's annual meeting and the Southeast Garden Association meeting, both held in Lynchburg; gave tours to these associations as well as numerous groups that have come to town to admire our architectural gems. She handmade the period ornaments that adorn the tree at Miller Claytor House for Story Time with Santa, was our guest speaker and presented "Tokens of Love" at our 2010 annual meeting, has given several Victorian Valentine classes at Old City Cemetery and elsewhere and is a frequent lecturer on a variety of historical topics.

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Mary Kathryn leading her "Lynchburg Historic Tours"

Diamond Hill on Facebook

The Diamond Hill Historic District has a facebook page dedicated to things going on in the District. We invite you to "Like" the page. Search for "Diamond Hill Historic District."



**Upcoming
DHHS Meeting
Tue., March 4th
7:30 pm.**

at the Langhorne-Beck
House (c.1852)
305 Washington St.

Hosts:
Ray and Martha Stokes

Resident News

Terra Vance-Hovda and Eric Hovda

Residents **Eric and Terra Hovda** got married on New Years Eve. Their late night outdoor nuptials were featured in the News and Advance because they chose to get married in front of Paul Clement's LOVE sculpture along the Percival's Island trail.



"We were newly engaged and just couldn't wait," Terra writes, "We picked up the license, found an officiant, bought a dress, put together a flower bouquet, and planned as much of a wedding as we could in the span of eight hours."

Baby Fesmire

Tom and Karla Fesmire welcomed their son, John-Thomas Lloyd, on December 22nd. 6 lbs., 4 oz. and 19.5 inches of joy! Congratulations Mom, Dad and big sisters.



Sally Schneider

Diamond Hill resident and Executive Director of the Lynchburg Historical Foundation (LHF), **Sally Schneider** was selected by Lynchburg Business Magazine as the November Business Leader of the Month for November 2013. Sally and her husband Jeff moved into their home on Washington Street in June of 2000, and have been very active in the Diamond Hill Historical Society, LHF, and a variety of city committees and commissions. Sally was recognized for her enthusiastic leadership and untiring hard work in establishing the Foundation as an active and vibrant organization that supports the city in the preservation and revitalization of downtown and all of the historic districts. Congratulations Sally for a job well done!



William Boyd (Billy) DeHart

Longtime resident of Diamond Hill **William Boyd (Billy) DeHart** passed away at his home on November 14th. Billy was born on December 20, 1949 and worked in downtown Lynchburg his entire adult life. He lived downtown as well, having purchased the cottage at the end of Church Street in 1974. He was known to all as a quiet man who was kind and gentle. Billy always had a smile on his face and always shared a friendly wave from his front porch as people drove by. He will be greatly missed by all of us.



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Committee Chairpersons

<i>Neighborhood Beautification:</i>	Louis Kibby
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<i>Website:</i>	Mari Smallshaw
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<i>Children's Activities:</i>	Mari Smallshaw
<i>Auditor:</i>	Todd Leap Jeff Schneider
<i>Endowment Fund:</i>	Fran Briley
<i>Remembrance Committee:</i>	J. Ray Pulliam
<i>Parliamentarian:</i>	Pat Gatti

Any updates to the above committee's chairpersons will be published in further releases.

Meetings

Business meetings are usually held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of January, March, May, September and November. 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. All members receive this newsletter at no charge.

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.

Mary Kathryn continued

She is a member of the Golden Glow of Christmas Past and attends their national convention every July. This is just a small glimpse into what Mary Kathryn does to promote Lynchburg History. I am so honored to present this award to Mary Kathryn McIntosh.

Congratulations, Mary Kathryn!

Updating Email Roster

As we move to a digital (and green) organization, DHHS is sharing more and more news and announcements via email and on our web and the District facebook page. If you do not receive items like this newsletter in your email account and would like to, please send a request to diamondhill_news@yahoo.com. We do not send non-Diamond Hill related emails to this list, but you will get reminders of events and meetings as well as this newsletter.

Being Green

If you are still getting the printed newsletter, you can also opt to get this newsletter electronically only, which guarantees you more timely delivery and saves the Society mailing and printing costs.

The Water Bearer Needs Your Help!

The Lynchburg Save Outdoor Sculpture! Committee (LSOS!) has kicked-off its fund-raising effort to restore Lynchburg's first public sculpture, the Water Bearer statue, which stood in the center of the Clay Street reservoir from 1880 until 2012. In 2012, the statue, originally cast in zinc, collapsed under its own weight; apparently a very common issue with many old zinc statues. Because of this fundamental flaw of its design and material, the statue cannot be restored in its present condition, but should be recast and replicated in bronze. Local sculptor, Ken Faraoni, has undertaken the enormous project of cleaning, smoothing, and building the multiple molds that are need for the recasting. Once completed, tentative plans are to place the new bronze statue within the lower Bluffwalk area as a deserving and visible part of Lynchburg's outdoor artistic heritage.



Creating this bronze recasting will require an extraordinary amount of detailed work. LSOS! is seeking to raise the necessary funds for this project. If you would like to be part of this restoration effort, contributions may be mailed to the Lynchburg Historical Foundation, P.O. Box 248, Lynchburg, VA 24505 (please be sure to annotate your check for the Water Bearer or LSOS!), or made online at www.lyncburgtickets.com/WaterBearerDonation. If you are interested, you can follow Ken's progress on his blog zinctobronze.blogspot.com.



Grab your baskets and hop over to the Diamond Hill Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19th 10:30 a.m.

Join us for games, refreshments and Easter Egg hunting on the lawn at the corner of Washington and Harrison Streets!

All kids 10 and under are welcome to hunt.

We'll have games for the bigger kids too!

Questions? Call Mari Smallshaw 846-3242

Donations of plastic eggs and/or candy are welcome! Please drop them by the Smallshaws' at 409 Washington Street by April 18th.

Events Around Town

Lynchburg Historical Foundation

Educational Series

Thursday, March 18, 7 p.m.

Westminster Canterbury

Edie Light, Executive Director of Presbyterian Cemetery

“Monumental Art: Restoration and Revitalization of Presbyterian Cemetery.”

Jones Memorial Library

25 Years at Estate Specialists, Inc.
March 19, 5 p.m.

Lecturer Betty Davidson Ligon will talk about the 25 years of her company and, more specifically, about the past and future of antique collecting.

City Cemetery

www.gravegarden.org

Nature Walks in the Gravegarden

March 29, “Early Signs of Spring”

April 5, “Nature’s Best-Kept Secrets”

April 12, “Trees”

All walks start at 10:00 a.m.

Join Master Naturalists for walking

tours that highlight the diverse flora and fauna of the Cemetery.

Garden Day & Open House

April 29, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The Cemetery will be at a beautiful stage of bloom and the perfect place for a picnic or box lunch.

Academy of Fine Arts

Empty Bowls benefitting Daily Bread

March 8, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

A simple meal of soup and bread is served. Guests donate \$20 then choose a bowl to use that day and to keep as a reminder that there are always Empty Bowls in the world.

Other Downtown Events

First Fridays

Several downtown Galleries stay open on the First Friday of the month

Hours: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Admission: FREE

(434) 528-3950

www.downtownlynchburg.com

Angels Race Triathlon

April 27, 8 - 11 a.m.

<http://www.angelsrace.com/>

Please note this will likely affect DHHD. Closure information will be emailed and posted online.

2014 Meeting Schedule

Regular membership meetings are held the first Tuesday of odd numbered months, July excepted, at 7:30 p.m.

- January 7th
- March 4th
- May 6th
- September 2nd
- November 4th

Annual Events (date determined by hosts): June Social, Fall Open House and December Holiday Brunch.

We are still looking for hosts for our meetings and events. If you are interested, please send an email to Ray Pulliam, jthirteenth@comcast.net.

