



# Diamond Hill News

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## Tracking the elusive egg

The morning of April 7th dawned sunny and warm—perfect weather for the annual Diamond Hill Easter Egg Hunt. About 10:20, neighborhood children began turning out—Easter baskets in hand—on the lawn at the corner of Harrison and Washington Streets. By 10:30 almost 20 children with their parents, grandparents and friends were eagerly anticipating the hunt for sweet treasures. Divided into age groups, the children dashed across both sides of the yard, searching for eggs that had been carefully hidden in the tall grass, bushes and flowers. There were plenty of eggs—and smiles—to be found and, by the end of the hunt, each child's basket was full. The kids were even courteous enough to pose for a few pictures before devouring their treats. Afterward, everyone had treats and refreshments. Many thanks to children's activities chairperson Mari Smallshaw, Carrie, Tiffany, Fran and Julie Neighbors for their efforts that gave neighborhood children so much joy.



**May Activities:****Point of Honor**

May 22—10 am – 3 pm FREE

Homeschool Open House

Homeschoolers from across Virginia are invited to tour the Museum and Point of Honor as educational resources for families.

May 28

Memorial Day—10 am - 4 pm—FREE

Museum and Point of Honor

**Jones Memorial Library**

May 16, 2012

THE APPLE ORCHARDS  
OF LYNCHBURG

For more information call the library @

(434) 846-0501

**LHF**

May 12th

Corks & Forks Annual Wine Event

Historic Miller Claytor House

Riverside Park—5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Members - \$35.00, Non Members - \$60.00

RSVP by Friday May 4th

Enjoy an evening under a festive tent sipping wine and taste a special beer crafted exclusively for LHF by Jefferson Street Brewery, all while listening to the sweet sounds of the Apple Butter Band. Seating is limited so make your reservations now!

Tickets are available by calling the Foundation office at 528-5353 or on [lynchburgtickets.com](http://lynchburgtickets.com).

May 19th

“Family Cemeteries, Hidden in Plain Sight”

Cham Light 10:00 to 12:00 Noon

Old City Cemetery

Edith Lee Reading Room

RSVP to the Foundation office by Thursday,

May 17th, Members no fee

Non Member Fee - \$10.00

**Old City Cemetery**

May 12th

17th Annual Antique Rose Festival

Enjoy the Cemetery's famous antique rose collection near its peak of bloom.

Heirloom rose sale: May 6–13

Special free Mother's Day Rose Walk: Sun.,

May 13 9 a.m.– 2 p.m.

May 27th

Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony

Annual Lynchburg tradition since 1866 @

3:00 pm

**Poplar Forest**

May 5, 2012

1) Craftsmen Demonstrations in the house  
Saturdays in May visit the Craftsmen doing demonstrations in the house.

2) Preservation Month:

Architectural Restoration Talk & Tour

11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Update, guided tour, and slide lecture with Travis McDonald, Director of Architectural Restoration. Free with regular admission. Reservations required, please contact the Museum Shop at (434)534-8120

3) Family Archaeology in the Field

(Rain date May 6th) 8 a.m. - Noon Parents and kids can learn together how to be an archaeologist! Spend a special Saturday morning learning from the archaeologists. \$25.00 per adult/child team Reservations Required please contact the Museum Shop at (434)534-8120

May 12, 2012

Conversations with Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton Step back in time as Thomas Jefferson hosts his political adversary Alexander Hamilton for a lively discourse on their competing visions for the new nation. Tickets can be purchased at the following <http://2012conversations.eventbrite.com/>

May 13, 2012

Mother's Day—open 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Half-off admission for mothers who bring their family.

May 19, 2012

Family Archaeology in the Lab

8 a.m. - noon. Become a detective! Go behind-the-scenes with your kids or grandkids for hands-on learning with the archaeologists as they figure out what artifacts are and what they mean. \$25.00 per adult/child team. Reservations required please contact the Museum Shop at (434)534-8120

May 20, 2012

Architectural Restoration Field School

May 20th - June 2nd—Please see the link <http://www.poplarforest.org/programs/restoration-field-school> The deadline for applications for the summer 2012 session is April 13th

May 26, 2012

Stargazing at Poplar Forest

Stargazing at Poplar Forest 8 p.m.

Talk and stargazing with Dr. Neal Sumerlin, Director of Lynchburg College's Belk Astonomical Observatory at Claytor Nature Center. \$5.00, Reservations Required please contact the Museum Shop at (434)534-8120

May 26, 2012

Pizza in a Pot with the Master Gardeners

2 p.m.

Children learn together with parents or grandparents how to grow herbs in containers. \$5.00 supply fee plus regular admission Hands-on History open 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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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.

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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.

## Steps in a Home Energy Checkup

While you can perform some of the steps yourself, a thorough home energy checkup should be conducted by an energy auditor. A professional auditor uses a variety of techniques and equipment to determine the energy efficiency of your home.

**Outside**—the auditor will begin by inspecting the outside of your home, looking for problems around walls, joints, or doors and windows. **Attic**—the next stop on your energy assessment may be the attic. The auditor will make sure that you have the right amount of insulation, and check for air leaks, as well as proper ventilation.

**Walls**—wall insulation should meet recommended R-values and should be evenly applied throughout the structure. If it is attached loosely or has fallen down, it is not doing its job. Your auditor will use a thermographic scanner to inspect your walls to determine if they are insulated properly.

**Basement**—the auditor will look for air leaks in the area where the basement walls meet the ceiling. If you have a crawlspace, it should be inspected for proper insulation. Next, the heating and cooling system will be checked for regular maintenance. Something as simple as a dirty air filter could be costing you money. Depending on the age of your heating and cooling system and your water heater, the auditor may recommend upgrading to newer, more energy-efficient units.

**Ductwork**—the auditor will inspect connections to make sure they fit tightly. They must be sealed to keep the conditioned air going where it is supposed to go. **Blower**

**Door Test**—this test measures the overall air tightness of your home. Blower doors consist of a frame and panel that fit inside an exterior door, a fan, and a pressure gauge. As the fan pulls air out of the house, it lowers the interior air pressure. The higher pressure, outside air then flows in through all unsealed openings. With the fan operating, the auditor can spot leaks using an infrared camera or smoke pencil. An energy checkup will reveal the various ways energy is escaping your home. Your auditor may suggest additional ways to save energy, such as installing low-flow faucets and shower heads, or switching to energy-efficient compact-fluorescent lights (CFLs). At the end of the checkup, you will receive a comprehensive report showing which energy-efficiency measures are right for you. Upgrading your home to save energy can reduce your utility bills by up to 30%.

## City of Lynchburg Zoning Diagnostic Report Released

Earlier this year, Lynchburg's Department of Community Development partnered with the Lynchburg Planning Commission and Planning Works© to conduct a Zoning Diagnostic Project. A Zoning Diagnostic is simply a review of the Ordinance for consistency with state law and input from the community. The purpose of the diagnostic is to provide the City with a plan on what should be improved, changed or added to enhance the Zoning Ordinance, as well as recommendations on how to revise the Ordinance. In addition to interviews with a broad cross section of City staff and elected/appointed officials from the City's Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, the Historic Preservation Commission and City Council that work with the zoning ordinance on a regular basis, the City hosted nine public meetings and a series of group presentations which were attended by over 200 people. Input from those meetings, as well as online surveys and social media responses, were used to develop the key findings of the report.

The report findings will be presented to the Planning Commission during their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 9 and to City Council during their Tuesday, June 12 meeting. Copies of the report may be viewed at the Department of Community Development, Planning Division, City Hall, 900 Church Street, second floor, weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or on the City's website at [www.lyncburgva.gov](http://www.lyncburgva.gov).

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**



## Fifth Street CDC Offers Commemorative Bricks for Sale

The Fifth Street Community Development Corporation (CDC) announced today the offering of commemorative bricks for sale. The personalized bricks will be used as a border for the tree wells along historic Fifth Street. Money raised in the brick sale will also be used to help fund streetscape improvements on Fifth Street.

Each commemorative brick (4" x 8") can be engraved with a three-line message consisting of 15 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation. For \$50 per engraved brick, purchasers can celebrate their family memories or honor an important person. Businesses, organizations, and churches can also have their names and messages permanently engraved and placed in a highly visible area used by the entire community. (Please note that inscriptions must not be commercial in nature.)

The Fifth Street CDC is a 501(c) (3) non-profit that acts and advocates for the redevelopment of the Fifth Street corridor. In partnership with the City of Lynchburg, businesses and residents, the CDC works to eliminate blight, rehabilitate existing buildings, develop and support commercial ventures including set design and architectural guidelines for future development projects on Fifth Street.

For more information, contact Eddie Claiborne with the Fifth Street Community Development Corporation at (434) 239-8732 or [evclai@comcast.net](mailto:evclai@comcast.net). Information can also be found on the City's website at [www.lyncburgva.gov](http://www.lyncburgva.gov) or the CDC's website at <http://fifthstreetcdc.org/>

## Remembrance Committee

The remembrance committee has been created for honoring members that have passed away.

The committee is composed by the president, Ray Pulliam, Martha Stokes and Mark Little. For additional information please contact any remembrance committee member.



### Cape Henry Lighthouse during your summer trip to Virginia Beach

The iconic Cape Henry Lighthouse has implemented a new strategy to raise money for the protection of its exposed and eroded limestone foundation. In partnership with the Virginia Department of Transportation, Preservation Virginia is raising the money necessary to replenish the sand on the top of the dune, to once again protect the foundation of the lighthouse.

Cape Henry's Bucket Brigade provides visitors a tangible way to help the lighthouse in this endeavor. Sand pails with the "Bucket Brigade" logo are available as a keepsake for a \$5 donation. Visitors can fill the bucket with sand (located right before the ascent up the dune). New signs explaining the history of Bucket Brigades dot the ascent to the top of the dune. Once they reach the top, there is an allocated sand dumping spot. The hope is that this "preservation in action" approach will move the lighthouse quickly, in the direction of having a completed dune restoration with in the next two years.

### LHF's 40th Anniversary Gala

Celebrating 40th Years of Lynchburg History  
Saturday, June 23 2012



Craddock & Terry Hotel and Conference Center — Cocktails, heavy horsd'oeuvres  
Music for dancing and music for listening!

GRAND RAFFLE PRIZE:  
A DIAMOND RUBY PENDANT by BOWEN JEWELRY COMPANY  
Tickets - \$20.00 each--you do not have to be present to win. Drawing will be at the Gala, June 23rd.

Contact a LHF Board Member or call the office 528-5353.

### June Social scheduled

Our annual June Social will be held at the home of Ted and Jean Hannon, 708 Pearl Street. Invitations will be mailed during May to all members in good standing. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting for food and tasks. Additional information for date and time will follow. On behalf of our membership, we would like to thank the Hannon's for hosting this social event.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**



### May Meeting

**Tue., May 1st  
7:30 pm.**

at the

**Yancey-Suhling House  
(1857)  
700 Pearl St**

Hosts: Mary Kathryn and William McIntosh

