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Wow! What a change!

With a new siding, paint job and some landscaping, the houses on Grace Street look wonderful! The appearance of these properties has completely changed. It was impossible to see some of the interesting details, such as the porch and the beautiful roof architecture. It has been a stunning transformation.

The lots of all four houses 2003, 2005, 2011 and 2019 Grace Street were part of the Campbell County Annexation in January 01, 1870. If you have not seen these houses make sure to take exit 2 from 29 North . You can see them from the corner of Grace and Robins Street.



2003 Grace Street
2578 sq ft. - Built c.1919

2005 Grace Street
2456 sq. ft. - Built c.1916

DHHS 2012 Calendars Available

The 2012 edition of the DHHS Calendar will be available in the next few months. This year's edition is better than ever with beautiful vintage pictures of fabulous Diamond Hill homes. They will be available for purchase for \$12 at the December membership meeting as well as within the local community as follows:
Lynchburg Visitors' Center
Zen Micro Spa and Salon
Accent Flags & Gifts

If you would like to purchase a calendar and are unable to attend a membership meeting or visit one of the sites listed, please feel free to contact DHHS historian and she will make arrangements to get one (or more) to you. The calendars make wonderful gifts and are a great souvenir for family and friends who may visit Lynchburg during the holidays. Please encourage your friends to support this fund raiser – the proceeds all go to the maintenance of the gardens on Diamond Hill.



2011 Grace Street
1680 sq ft. -Built c.1916

2019 Grace Street
1952 sq. ft. -Built c.1920



November Events

Poplar Forest

November 3, 2011

Candlelight Tour 5:30 p.m.

Admission for the special after-hours tour is \$18.00, Please call the Museum Shop for Reservations 434-534-8120. The Museum Shop will be open until 7:00 p.m. for holiday shopping. Tour admission includes matted print of Poplar Forest at night.

November 3, 2011

Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest is hosting Andrea Wulf on FOUNDING GARDENERS from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM (ET)

The lecture will be held in the Wimbley Recital Hall in Presser Hall on the Randolph College campus. The lecture and book signing will be followed by a light reception. FOUNDING GARDENERS (hardcover \$30.00) and BROTHER GARDENERS (softcover \$17.95) will be for sale. Tickets may be purchased from Eventbrite <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/1927526283/eorg>

Sponsored by the Hill City and Lynchburg Garden Clubs, and Randolph College.

November 5, 2011 Hill

City Master Gardeners are presenting a series of special talks in Poplar Forest's heirloom garden Preparing your Garden for Winter. 2:00 p.m.

November 10, 2011

Candlelight Tour 5:30 p.m.

Admission for the special after-hours tour is \$18.00, Please call the Museum Shop for Reservations 434-534-8120. The Museum Shop will be open until 7:00 p.m. for holiday shopping. Tour admission includes matted print of Poplar Forest at night.

November 12, 2011 Hill

City Master Gardeners are presenting a series of special talks in Poplar Forest's heirloom garden How to Become a Master Gardener. 2:00 p.m.

November 17, 2011

Candlelight Tour 5:30 p.m.

Admission for the special after-hours tour is \$18.00, Please call the Museum Shop for Reservations 434-534-8120. The Museum Shop will be open until 7:00 p.m. for holiday shopping. Tour admission includes

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November 19, 2011

Thomas Jefferson Wine Festival

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Celebrate Jefferson's passion for wine! The festival will feature Virginia wineries, artisans and local food purveyors, musical entertainment and more. Tickets now available at the following participating locations.

Bedford Welcome Center / Bedford

Bedford Welcome Center / Forest

Aylor's

Basket Case

Lynchburg Welcome Center

Poplar Forest Museum Shop

Lynchburg Museum System

November 4: First Friday

The Courts of Court Street

Hours: 5pm to 8pm--FREE

The judicial center of Lynchburg has been Court Street since 1813—learn about the four active courts and the Museum as court house from 1855 - 1970s.

Nov 11: Veteran's Day

Hours: 10am to 4pm -- FREE

Visit the Lynchburg Museum and Point of Honor FREE of charge.

Jones Memorial Library

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A JOURNEY TAKEN

by Hermina W. Hendricks

Clarence W. Seay (1902-1982) became one of the most outstanding African American High School principals in the state of Virginia in the twentieth century. He served as the principal of Dunbar High School from 1938-1968. Many graduates of Dunbar became college graduates and model citizens in their communities. The Seay philosophy was "The successful school and its community are inseparable." Dunbar High School became the academic and cultural center for the African American community in Lynchburg throughout much of the twentieth century.

All lectures are held at the Jones Memorial Library and begin at 5:00 P.M.

For more details call (434) 846-0501.

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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.

Nominating Committee

The committee is currently contacting the membership. The slate of officers and directors will be published in December and voted on in the January meeting.

Academy Potters Holiday Pottery Sale

Unique Handmade Gifts
Nov 4, 4:30-7:30 pm (first Friday!)
Nov 5, 10:30 am-2 pm
Nov 6, 12-2 pm

At the Academy of Fine Arts

It's that time of the year again:

The 2012 dues are due. In order to vote in the January DHHS meeting the membership must be current!

Vote Nov. 8th

The following candidates will be on the ballot for State Senate:

Bert Dodson—Democratic Party
Thomas Garrett—Republican Party

SAVE THE DATE

The **December** membership meeting will be on **Saturday**, Dec. 3rd at 10:00 am—Holiday Brunch at 416 Washington St., the home of Rad and Fran Briley.

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

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



Lynchburg's City Assessor's Office Receives International Award

Lynchburg's City Assessor's Office has received the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) Public Information Award for excellence in their customer service and public access to assessments. The City Assessor, Gregory H. Daniels, CAE, accepted the award at the IAAO's annual conference held in Phoenix, Arizona. The IAAO is the internationally recognized leader and preeminent source for innovation, education, and research in property appraisal, assessment administration, and property tax policy.

"I think my staff does an amazing job in providing in the public with information. I'm very proud that our hard work has been recognized by an international community of our peers," said Daniels after receiving the award.

The award is given to assessment jurisdictions that have developed and implemented an effective system for the dissemination to taxpayers of information regarding the assessment process for the past two years. Lynchburg was recognized for open dialogues regarding property assessments with the community through various mediums including The News & Advance, WSET 13, WLNI 105.FM and others. One unique process prints a brochure on the City's Rehabilitation and Renovation Program when certain building permits are acquired.

The City's online GIS Parcel Viewer was the crowning achievement regarding public access to assessments and associated property data. One critical measurement for the award hinged on how the public's access to information improved the quality of assessments.

"With all that information available to the public, timeliness and accuracy are a must, and it's that timeliness and accuracy which goes a long way in helping the public understand their assessments," said Daniels. Many of the databases associated with assessment have been interlinked allowing for immediate updates. The public can see building permits immediately. Real estate transfers are processed from the Circuit Court Clerk's Office with one to two business days.

The nomination package noted the improved accuracy and timeliness necessary when making information available for public scrutiny. Local real estate brokers, title companies, and attorneys supported the nomination with letters lauding the on-line GIS Parcel Viewer and the Assessor's Office superior customer service. They noted ease and plethora of accurate information available.

Real Estate Tax Installment #1 Due November 15

Real estate property owners are reminded that the first installment for real estate taxes is due by Tuesday, November 15, 2011.

NOTE: A 10% penalty will be assessed if the November 15 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.

Loose Leaf Collection Begins

Loose leaf collection begins October 31 for all Wards. There is no charge for this service, and no phone call is necessary. Citizens are asked to rake leaves curbside but do not place in leaves in the street. Leaf piles should be free of sticks, rocks and pine cones. City crews will vacuum leaves as promptly as possible.

Bagged leaves may be placed at curbside for pickup during regular trash collection; however, each bag must be tagged with a .95 cent trash tag. For more information, contact Citizens First at 856-CITY (2489).

Diamond Hill Community Celebration

On Monday, October 17, the Lynchburg Parks and Recreation Department and the Diamond Hill Neighborhood Association hosted a Diamond Hill Community Celebration at Diamond Hill Neighborhood Center, 1005 17th Street.

This event marked the completion of extensive site improvements to the Center and featured remarks by Mayor Joan Foster, Vice Mayor Ceasor Johnson, and others. Afterwards, the Center hosted an open house with food, games, and fun!



Happy Thanksgiving!

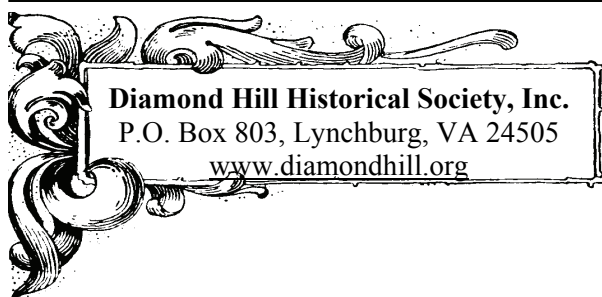
Nov. Meeting

**Tues., Nov 1st
7:30 p.m.**

at the

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

Host: Ray Pulliam



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