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Halloween Safety Tips

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
 - Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility.
 - Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives. Hats should fit properly to prevent them from sliding over eyes.
 - When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories look for and purchase those with a label clearly indicating they are flame resistant.
 - If a sword, cane, or stick is a part of your child's costume, make sure it is not sharp or too long. A child may be easily hurt by these accessories if he stumbles or trips.
 - Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
 - Teach children how to call 9-1-1 (or their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost.
- CARVING A NICHE:**
- Small children should never carve pumpkins. Children can draw a face with markers. Then parents can do the cutting.
 - Votive candles are safest for candle-lit pumpkins.
 - Candlelit pumpkins should be placed on a sturdy table, away from curtains and other flammable objects, and should never be left unattended.

HOME SAFE HOME:

- To keep homes safe for visiting trick-or-treaters, parents should remove from the porch and front yard anything a child could trip over such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations.
- Parents should check outdoor lights and replace burned-out bulbs.
- Wet leaves should be swept from sidewalks and steps.
- Restrain pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite a trick-or-treater.

Diamond Hill Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Prizes for spookiest,
funniest and
most creative!

Pumpkins will be judged the
evening of October 19th
(the night before the Ghost Tour
begins)

Questions? call Mari Smallshaw
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October Events

Poplar Forest

October 1, 2011

Saturdays in October: Watch the Archaeologists 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Each Saturday in October, Poplar Forest archaeologists will be digging and talking with visitors at the current excavation site. Stop by and watch, ask questions and learn more about how archaeologists are planning to recreate Jefferson's gardens. Recurring October 8, 15, 22, and 29.

October 8, 2011

Archaeology "Behind-the-Scenes" Tours

Tours at 11:15 a.m., 12:15, 1:15 and 2:15 p.m. Poplar Forest archaeologists will share their latest discoveries in the field with a guided, behind-the-scenes access to the archaeology lab. Hands-on-History activities will be available for kids. Tours are free with regular admission. Please call the Museum Shop for Reservations 434-534-8120.

October 9, 2011

Jefferson's Passions: Literature

4:30 Richard Goodman (author of A New York Memoir) will speak about the period of time when Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Adams were living in New York while working to put democracy into practice. Wine and cheese reception, stationed tours of the house; \$20. Reservations required Tickets can be purchased at <http://jeffersonspassionsliterature-rss.eventbrite.com> or for the series <http://jeffersonspassionsseries-rss.eventbrite.com>—*This Sunday afternoon wine & cheese series on Jefferson's wing roof will explore his many interests. * All reservations are final.

October 15, 2011

Poplar Forest 5k Race

8:30 a.m. A 5k run to support children's educational programming at Poplar Forest. Kid's one-mile run/walk begins at 9:30 a.m. Online registration is now open. All reservations are final.

October 22, 2011

Hill City Master Gardeners are presenting a series of special talks in Poplar Forest's heirloom garden Medicinal Plants—Natural is not always better. 2:00 p.m.

Jones Memorial Library

October 19

Jimmie Steptoe: Pride of Place

Both social and geographical

For 54 years, Jimmie Steptoe served as the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bedford County, VA. Mrs. Gladwell will relate important facts about Steptoe including his position in the community and his relationship with his neighbor, Thomas Jefferson.

Lynchburg Museum System

October 7: First Friday

The Streets of Lynchburg

Many City streets had different names from today. You may live on the Lexington Turnpike and not even know it!

Hours: 5pm to 8pm FREE

Old City Cemetery

October 23 3:00 Pm

Autumn Afternoon in the Gravegarden

Guided walking tour highlighting history and horticulture on the grounds at the peak of fall color

October 21, 22, 27, 28 & 29

Candlelight Tours \$

New stories each year! Professional actors in period costume portray true stories of Cemetery residents. Five tours each night. Tickets must be purchased in advance, either at the Cemetery Center or online at LynchburgTickets.com.

October 31 5:00 pm

All Hallows Eve Service Annual Halloween-themed Episcopal service in the Chapel



Ghost Walk on Diamond Hill

Lynchburg Historical Foundation

October 20, 21, 22

Starting at 6:30 p.m. running every 15 to 20 minutes. Last walk 8:30 p.m.

\$10.00 Adults - \$5.00 Children

Tickets will be sold at the site, first come first served. No rain date Ticket sales start at 6:00 each night Group reservations for 15 or more by calling the Foundation office. For more information call 528-5353. All proceeds from this event will go to the Diamond Hill Historic District and the Lynchburg Historical Foundation. Sponsored by – Tharp Funeral Home and Crematory.

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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.

Point of Honor to Host Day at the Point

The 14th Annual Fall Festival, Day at the Point, will be held on Saturday, October 1 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of Point of Honor, 112 Cabell Street, in Lynchburg. Admission is free. The event brings living history, food, kid's games and crafts, period music, and more to Point of Honor each year. The historic home, the seat of a 750 acre plantation built in 1815 by the Cabell family, is among the finest examples of Federal architecture in Piedmont Virginia.

The event will feature a number of new presentations and activities reflective of Point of Honor during the Civil War as part of the Civil War Sesquicentennial. From 1861-1865, the home was owned by Col. Robert Owen and his wife, Narcissa. He was president of the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad, a vital supply line for the Confederacy. The railroad moved supplies and soldiers to the front and brought thousands of wounded back to Lynchburg's hospitals. Narcissa and many Lynchburg women made clothing and gathered supplies for the troops and worked in the hospitals. Costumed interpreters will portray Col. and Mrs. Owen and Civil War reenactors will demonstrate soldier life and perform musket firing demonstrations during the day. Dr. John Arnold will also be on hand discussing Civil War period medicine.

Musical performers include Jim Robertson, The McKenzies, and Bill Smith of Wise, Virginia, each playing a variety of period music on acoustic instruments. Interpreters will be in costume portraying Dr. George Cabell, Lucy Otey, and frontiersmen. A full size bateau, The Morning Star, will be on the grounds and there will be a quilt exhibit, open hearth cooking, spinning and weaving, furniture making, demonstrations by the Piedmont Beekeepers, and much more.

Both modern and historic kid's games and activities are planned along with a jump castle, the critters from the Nature Zone, and Primrose the Cow. Food will include Brunswick stew, barbeque, hot dogs, a bake sale of home-made items, popcorn, cotton candy, and an apple pie baking contest.

Guided tours of Point of Honor will be available all day, and walking tours of historic Daniel's Hill will take place at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The public may also tour the exhibit, Medicine in Early Virginia. The Gift Shop will offer 10% off with many unique gifts, books, prints, and ceramics. Authors Deanna Klingel (Avery's Battlefield and other books for children), Gene Tomlin (The First Decade of the Lynchburg, Virginia Free Public Schools), and Nancy Marion (The Canal on the James), will be on hand to sell and sign books.

Point of Honor is part of the Lynchburg Museum System. For more information, call 455-6226 or visit www.pointofhonor.org, www.lyncburgmuseum.org, or visit Facebook.



Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library Hosts Shredding Event

Watch your old, outdated papers turned into confetti and help your community! On Saturday, October 15, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., the Kodiak Shredding truck will be at the Lynchburg Public Library, 2315 Memorial Avenue, and everyone is invited to bring their personal, legal and tax papers for shredding. The cost is \$10 for a standard copy paper box (cash or checks only). Staples and paper clips can be left attached.

The shredding is done immediately, and you get to watch a video of the entire process while it's happening. This public service is sponsored by the Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library. Funds raised will be used to support the library's Volunteer Program, Youth Summer Reading Program and other activities. For information, contact Lynn Dodge, Lynchburg Public Library at 455-6310 or Michelle Jackson, Friends of the Library at 528-2393.

City of Lynchburg Receives Award for Development of Riverfront Park

The Virginia Recreation and Parks Society has awarded the City of Lynchburg the 2010 Best New Facility Award (for cities with a population of 50,001- 100,000) for the development of Riverfront Park. The park, located at 1000 Jefferson Street, reopened in May 2010 with the addition of extensive new park features. The award was accepted by the Lynchburg Parks and Recreation Department at the recent VRPS annual conference in Norfolk.

Riverfront Park's primary design included development of the park as a component of downtown economic redevelopment, best practices for environmental storm water management, recognition of both the cultural and natural history of the site, and creating a modern, open space for the 21st century, all reflecting the City's commitment to sustainability. Most notably, the park design reflects an innovative approach to storm water management for the seven acre park and downtown area. The extensive landscaped rain gardens, permeable paving, and vegetated swales have the potential to naturally treat 11 acres of storm water runoff before it enters the James River. Other elements of the park include a new fountain, plaza, extensive landscaping, and stage area to support events.

Riverfront Park provides a public space for residents of the Hill City to enjoy their close proximity to the James River as well as vital connections to existing resources including the James River Heritage Trail System and Percival's Island Natural Area. The park is the venue for Friday Cheers and other major special events, attracting many visitors to the downtown area. In addition, the park serves as an economic driver to attract new businesses and reinvestment in the downtown area that contribute to the success of the City.

SAVE THE DATE

The **December** membership meeting will be on **Saturday**, Dec. 3rd at 10:00—Holiday Brunch. More details to follow!

Ghost Walk on Historic Diamond Hill

On the evenings of October 25, 26 and 27 the Lynchburg Historical Foundation's Ghost Walk event returns to Diamond Hill. Guests will enjoy an evening walking through our neighborhood with a guide who will delight them with stories of the ghosts who have haunted Diamond Hill mansions. These stories were collected from our members several years ago for LHF's first Ghost Walk.

Groups will assemble at the Lewis-Clark Duplex, 416-418 Washington, starting at 6:30 p.m. and running every 15 to 20 minutes. The last walk leaves at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children and will be sold each night on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 6:00 p.m.. No rain dates. Group reservations for 15 or more can be made in advance by calling LHF headquarters at 528-5353.

Our members are encouraged to enter into the "spirit" of the event. One way to participate is to decorate the front of your home with jack-o-lanterns, spooky lights, an autumn wreath or a ghostly apparition in the window. You might dress up as some kind of "haint" and wave at passing visitors. Be careful not to suddenly surprise any of our patrons. After all, they might not be used to having ghostly guests around—like we are. Just keep it light.

Tharp Funeral Home and Cremation Center is supporting this event; all proceeds will go to LHF and DHHS.

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 at the November and December membership meeting as well as within the local community as follows:

Lynchburg Visitors' Center
Craddock-Terry Hotel Gift Shop
Community Market Non-Profit in
November and December.

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.

Nominating Committee

We need volunteers!

The membership will be contacted to fulfill positions on DHHS for the coming year.

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Oct. Meeting

**Tues., Oct 4th
7:30 p.m.**

at the

**Evans-Bass Wood House
(c.1905)
608 Washington St**

Host: Pat Gatti

