



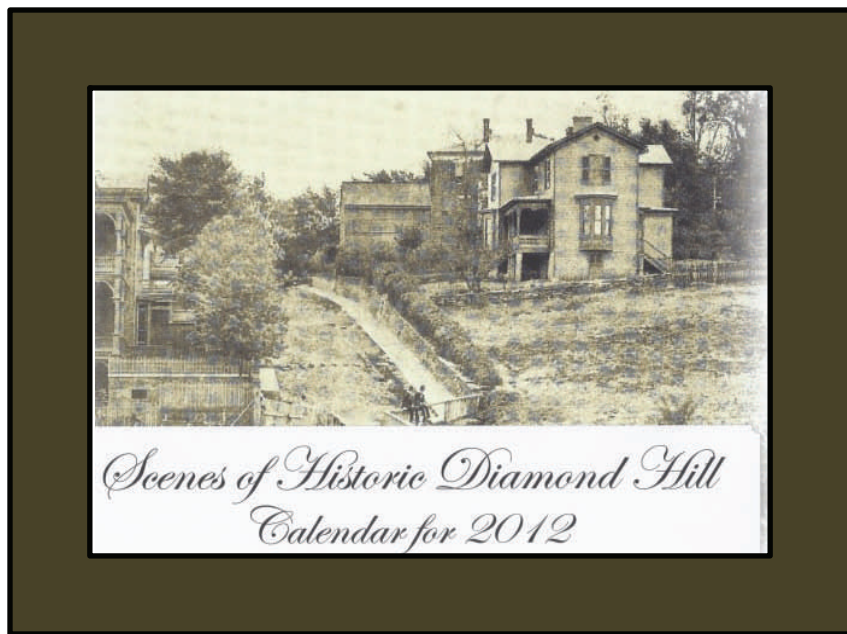
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Meet, Eat & Be Merry December Meeting DHHS Brunch

Please join us to celebrate the spirit of the season at the Briley's residence for the December meeting and brunch.

Location: 416-418 Washington St.
When: Saturday, December 3rd
Time: meeting at 10:00 am followed by brunch at 11:00 am.
Food: If you would like please bring your favorite dish.

Looking for a great gift idea? How about a wonderful vintage pictorial tour of Diamond Hill? This year's calendar focuses on vintage pictures of the fabulous homes in the Diamond Hill Historic District, portrayed in sepia tone reflecting the picture style and format of the period. Each month also includes a smaller picture insert taken from the approximate same vantage point as the original vintage photo, giving you a wonderful "then and now" perspective. Calendars are available at: Lynchburg Visitors Center, Zen Spa and Salon, Accents Flags & Gifts, and Craddock Terry Hotel. You may also purchase calendars at the City Market on Dec 10th and at upcoming DHHS meetings. The price is \$12.00 each.



Lynchburg Historical Foundation

The Foundation's second annual Story Time with Santa will be Saturday Dec. 3rd. This event is at the Historic Miller Claytor House and everyone have such a good time. Last year over 100 children and adults joined the event to meet Santa, hear a story and finish with milk and cookies. Each child will go home with an autographed book from Santa. If you don't have young children, grand children or wonderful neighborhood children to bring to see Santa, then check out the homes tour in Appomattox. Both of these events will get you in the holiday spirit!

Story Times are:
1:00 p.m.(FULL) – 2:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.
\$5.00 per child

Limited seating – please RSVP - ASAP

Refreshments will be served.

Please contact the LHF office at 434-528-5353 for times available and to make your reservation.

Appomattox Home Tour

Appomattox Christian Academy and St. Andrew's Reformed Episcopal Church are hosting a holiday home tour in Appomattox on Saturday, December 3 from 1-5 pm as a fundraiser. One of the homes, "Eldon" has never been open to the public and has a significance as the home of Confederate Major Joel Flood and later the birthplace of his son Henry "Hal" Flood who became a congressman and wrote the articles of war which entered the United States into World War I.

Two other homes are also historically significant for Appomattox.

December Events

Poplar Forest

December 11, 2011

Holiday Tours *

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Special tours of Poplar Forest that feature holiday traditions in the early 19th-century.

December 15, 2011

Poplar Forest Closes for the Season

Old City Cemetery

December 10, 2011

Wreaths Across America

12 Noon

This special ceremony honors all veterans who have served in times of war and peace. After a brief service, attendees lay evergreen wreaths on hundreds of veterans' graves in the Cemetery.

December 17, 2011

Holiday Open House

The Cemetery's historic museums will be open to the public and decorated for the holidays with greenery from the grounds. Enjoy mulled cider and cookies in the Cemetery Center.

Lynchburg Museum System

December 2: First Friday

Furniture made in Lynchburg

Hours: 5pm to 8pm FREE

Tobacco profits created a market in Lynchburg for quality furniture; learn about the Museum's collection of furniture made here by Crandall, Diuguid, Hardy, Winston, and others.

December 4:

Christmas Open House at Point of Honor

Noon to 4 pm FREE

Point of Honor, one of Lynchburg's architectural jewels, will host its 29th Annual Open House. Decorated for a Civil War era Christmas with native greens, Christmas tree, yule log, and other customs of the period. Join us for period music, refreshments, and special items on sale in our Gift Shop.

Academy of Fine Arts

A FACination Christmas

Songs of the Holiday, Cocoa with peppermint sticks, Christmas Cheer, and a Surprise Guest abound in this chorus' frolic through this magic season.

Performances

December 10, 7:30PM

December 11, 2:00PM

Tickets

\$15 Adults

\$10 Seniors

\$5 Students

Senior priced tickets are for ages 60 and above

Dancing with Strings and Christmas Things

Exquisite dancers, fine musicians and angelic voices in this Holiday sensation.

Performances

December 17 7:30PM

December 18, 2:00PM

Tickets

\$22 Adults

\$19 Seniors

\$13 Students

Senior priced tickets are for ages 60 and above

City Of Lynchburg Christmas Parade

Christmas Parade

Date: 12/4/2011 5:00 PM

Location: Downtown

12th & Main St

Lynchburg, Virginia 24504

51st annual Lynchburg Christmas Parade will highlight marching bands, beauty queens, floats and other entries by area schools, businesses, churches, and civic organizations.

For more information call (434) 455-6342.



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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.



Old photograph of the J.D. Langhorne House, 313 Washington St. that was made before the Guggenheimer family remodeled it in 1909.

Election of Officers & Directors

Our nominating committee will present the following slate of officers and directors at the Annual Meeting on Jan. 3:

- ◆ President: Julianna K Neighbors
- ◆ Vice-President: Ray Pulliam
- ◆ Recording Sec: Robert Halpin
- ◆ Membership Sec: Luther White
- ◆ Treasurer: Mark Little
- ◆ Historian: Jean Hannon
- ◆ Director 2011-12: Josi Alvarenga
- ◆ Director 2011-12: Louis Kibby
- ◆ Director 2012-13: Marla Potter
- ◆ Director 2012-13: Katheryn Brown

During 2012 Josi Alvarenga and Louis Kibby will be completing their two-year terms of office as directors. The election will be held during the DHHS Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012. Our sincere thanks to our nominating committee for their work: chairperson Josi Alvarenga, Fran Briley and Marla Potter.

We would like to remind our members that in order to vote in the January meeting the 2012 membership dues must be current.

James Reuben "Tuney" Woodson

James Reuben "Tuney" Woodson joined his Heavenly Father on Monday, October 24, 2011. He was born in Albemarle County, VA on September 26, 1927. James was preceded in death by his parents, Ethel Banks Woodson and Reuben C. Woodson, his wife, Alice Johnson, and his son, Jackie Gerado Woodson, Sr.

James is survived by his daughters, Janice Fowler (Howard) of Lynchburg and Maria Bumbrey of Fredericksburg, VA; his son, James C Woodson of Brooklyn, NY. He was blessed with five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. A funeral service was held noon, Saturday, October 29, 2011 at White Rock Baptist Church. Interment was at the Forest Hill Cemetery. Military rites were provided by American Legion Post 16. His remains were at the church one hour prior to the service. The family received friends at the residence of his daughter, Janice Fowler, 611 Pearl St. The cortege was assembled at the church.

Free Admission to Christmas Open House at Point of Honor

On Sunday, December 4, from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., Point of Honor will host its 29th Annual Christmas Open House, presenting one of Lynchburg's architectural jewels decorated for the holiday season. The home was built in 1815 by the Cabell family and is among the most elegant examples of Federal architecture in Piedmont Virginia. To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, Point of Honor will present a Civil War Christmas as it would have been celebrated in Lynchburg in the 1860's.

Admission is free, and the house will be decorated with native greens and authentic holiday table settings based on Victorian-era traditions popular during the Civil War. Riddle on the Harp will perform period music in the parlor, and a Victorian Christmas tree will be part of the room décor. German immigrants came to America in large numbers in the 19th century, bringing many of the traditions celebrated today-Santa Claus, the hanging of stockings, and the Christmas tree. The dining room and other areas in the house will exhibit faux food and table settings of the period. Cooking demonstrations will take place in the kitchen and over an open fire nearby.

For most of the Civil War, Point of Honor was the home of Colonel Robert Owen and his wife, Narcissa. Owen was president of the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad, and his wife was the daughter of a Cherokee war chief. This railroad ran along Blackwater Creek (now the location of the Blackwater Trail) and carried men and war material to the front lines, returning with sick and wounded soldiers to Lynchburg's many Confederate hospitals. Point of Honor this year features an early Civil War Christmas, when the food shortages and massive casualties of later in the war had not yet occurred.

The Gift Shop at Point of Honor will offer 10% off during the Open House with many unique gifts such as books, prints, ceramics, and other special gift items. Refreshments will be served in the Carriage House.

For more information, call 455-6226 or 847-1867, or visit www.pointofhonor.org, or the Lynchburg Museum System on Facebook.

Holiday Safety

◆ If you are Traveling:

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home, shovel the snow and park in the driveway from time to time.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you are gone.

◆ If you are out for the Evening:

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone's home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.

◆ If you are Shopping:

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Park in a well-lighted space, and be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with check or credit card whenever possible.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

Properties Sold on Diamond Hill

- ◆ 310-312 Washington St was sold to Diamond Hill Residence LLC for \$660,000.
- ◆ 503 Washington St sold to John W. Wood III for \$159,000.
- ◆ 617 Washington St was sold to Mariposa LLC for \$20,000.

Staunton kicking off Holiday Celebration with lights

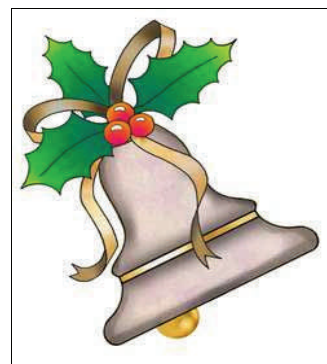
The dark and gloom of long winter nights can be as daunting today as it was of old. Early civilizations started celebrations of light to chase the darkness away. Beginning Monday until Jan. 9, Gypsy Hill Park will be illuminated with displays set up around the grounds by families, churches, nonprofit organizations, commercial firms and individuals. Each year, more elaborate displays appear, thanks to dedicated volunteers and the creativity of an entire community.

Where: Gypsy Hill Park in Staunton

When: Lights are on Monday following the downtown Christmas Parade through Jan. 9; celebration, 4 to 6 p.m., Dec. 10, entertainment, refreshments and Santa Claus. For more information call: Staunton Recreation and Parks Department, 332-3945.

Happy Holidays!

William (Billy) Dehart's brother died earlier November. Mr. Dehart's owns the cottage at 1501 Church Street. Our condolences to Mr. Dehart's family.



Enjoy the spirit of the Season!

Dec. Meeting

**Sat., Dec 3rd
10:00 am.**

at the

**Lewis-Clark Duplex
(prior to 1885)
416-418 Washington St**

Hosts: Fran & Rad Briley

