



Allegheny
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Spring 2022
149 S. Maple Avenue
P.O. Box 384
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Allegheny Historical Society
Annual Meeting - Sunday, April 24, 3:00 p.m.
Allegheny Highlands Industrial Heritage &
Technology Discovery Center
227 N. Maple Ave., Covington, VA



Our Membership meetings have been put on hold since the outbreak of Covid-19. The board has continued to be active in conducting the business of the Society. However, we have had some unforeseen changes in the past year with the passing of Dr. Calvin McClinton and the reduced participation and reassignment of treasurer duties due to family commitments of Nancy Tyree. On Sunday, April 24, we will conduct an Annual Meeting to elect officers and receive reports on our current activities, the financial status of the Society, and the proposed events to continue to move the Society forward/

The meeting will take place at 3:00 p.m. in the Allegheny Highlands Industrial Heritage and Technology Discovery Center located at 227 N. Maple Ave. in Covington. All members and prospective members are urged to attend this meeting. Dues will be accepted from those who are not currently members. Individual dues are \$25 and family dues are \$40. Membership dues are good for one year from the date of payment.

A tour of the facilities will take place at the start of the meeting followed by the annual business meeting located in the 2nd floor conference room. A reception will follow the event. We encourage members to invite potential members to learn about the mission and purpose of the Society. We invite everyone to attend and visit the Discovery Center. We are seeking active participation and support from a diverse cross section of our community. School aged children as well as students in local schools and those pursuing post graduate degrees and training certification are invited to join at a special student rate.

Volunteers and Workdays

In preparation for our Annual Meeting and eventual opening of the Discovery Center, the Society is asking members and volunteers to participate in two workdays on April 19 & 21 to clean the Center and dispose of trash and debris not suitable for use. The Center will be open at 10:00 a.m. on both days and you are invited to come for an hour, two, or any time during the day. We will conclude by 4:00 p.m. on each day. We have cleaning supplies but if you have your own favorite pail, mop, duster or cleaner, feel free to bring them. You may park on the Mid City Mall parking lot or on Maple Avenue. The rear entrance by the freight door and entry doors on Maple Avenue will be open,

Iron Industry Exhibit

In the first exhibit hall of the Discovery Center, the Iron Industry Display is nearing completion. The photo on the right is of Mike Wade discussing the initial installation of the blast furnace simulation with a representative of Lee Hartman & Sons, and David Thompson of Highland Computers. Visitors will have the opportunity to experience the process of placing a blast furnace into operation and witness raw ore being smelting into pure iron. Purdue University is a collaborator on the project as the developer of the simulation. Mike Wade has developed partners and support from WestRock, Ingevity, Dominion Energy, the Hercules Historical Society in California and others,



Discovery Center Available for Tours and Group Events



The photo on the left was taken during a recent visit to the Discovery Center by a group of 4H members. The young people were given an overview of the Center and the current exhibits and then left to explore on their own and engage with the numerous hands-on activities. Mike Wade, Director of Exhibit Development is shown giving the orientation instructions. A number of volunteers were on hand to answer questions and point out interesting aspects of the exhibits and displays. The group was in the Center for about 90 minutes. The group reluctantly departed after their leaders indicated that the activity was finished. Tours or group meetings may be scheduled by calling Paul Linkenhoker at (540) 969-6908.

Howard Hammond Memorial Service

A memorial service for the late Howard Hammond will be held on May 14, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church located on the corner of W. Locust St. and N. Maple Ave. in Covington. The service is open to the public with a reception to follow in the Discovery Center. Howard was an artist educator and genealogist. He taught art in schools in Virginia and South Carolina before retiring to his home town of Covington. He was an avid photographer and collector of artifacts and stories of local history. He led the effort to create the iron industry exhibit in the Discovery Center by using a diorama of a pre-Civil War cold blast furnace he had made. He worked with Bucky Mottern and Steve and Debbie Bennett to showcase the modeled scene of the furnace, He passed before the final display was put in place.

Howard joined his twin brother, Charlie Hammond, in preserving the history of the Alleghany Highlands and sharing it with the entire community. Charlie's family, including widow Karen, and children Charles, Lisa and Steven, have been working with the Society to ensure that their works are preserved and made available for public viewing and research. To access the collections, contact Marian Paxton at the Covington C&O Depot by calling (540) 965-0149, You may also contact Paul Linkenhoker. Several donations have been made to the Discovery Center in Howard's memory.



Brown Bag & Hard Hat Capital Campaign

*Champion	\$50,000
*Promoter	\$25,000
*Benefactor	\$10,000
Patron	\$5,000
Supporter	\$2,500
Master Craftsman	\$1,000
Craftsman	\$500
Journeyman	\$250
Apprentice	\$100

*Discovery Center naming rights for exhibit halls, entry ways, major attractions, and meeting spaces are available for gifts of \$10,000 or more. All contributors will be listed prominently on plaques inside the Center's entry hall.

Wall of Labor

A unique opportunity is also available to those who want to remember a loved one or friend for their contribution to the labor force of the Allegheny Highlands. A Wall of Labor will display the names of those individuals. To date, there are more than 70 individuals recognized on the donor board.



Discovery Fund: Memorial Gift for Wall of Labor \$100.00

Name of Individual _____
 Occupation _____ Years of Service _____
 Company _____
 By (Donor's Name) _____

The Allegheny Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization and is a corporation in the Commonwealth of Virginia. All contributions are tax deductible in accordance with state and federal statutes. The Tax I.D. # is 54-1252470. Please mail contributions to:
Allegheny Historical Society
 P.O. Box 384
 Covington, VA 24426
 Please call 540-962-3718 or 540-969-6908 if you wish to speak to someone about the project or have a donation picked up in person.

Allegheny County Bicentennial



Our county is 200 years old this year as it was established by an Act of the Virginia General Assembly in January of 1822. Events are being planned to celebrate the milestone. The Allegheny County Sheriff's office came into being at the same time and Sheriff Kevin Hall is making plans to recognize the anniversary of the local law enforcement agency and the establishment of the local jail.

As a brief reminder, the Allegheny Highlands was first settled in the spring of 1746 when Peter Wright and Joseph Carpenter came from New York by way of the Cumberland Valley in Pennsylvania and into the Valley of Virginia to establish homesteads along what is now the Jackson River. Wright settled on the land where the Dunlap Creek empties into the Jackson in what is present day Rosedale. His land encompassed most of the area where the original town of Covington was established. Carpenter settled just south of Wright's land where the Potts Creek flows into the Jackson River. Wright eventually moved further west but the Carpenters still occupy a part of the original homestead.

Annual Membership Form

Member's Name: _____ Individual: _____ Corporate: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Amount Enclosed: Membership Fee - _____ Additional Contribution - _____

Membership Categories:

Individual Member - \$25.00

Family Membership - \$40.00

***Corporate Member and Donor - \$100.00**

***Corporate Member and Sustainer - \$250.00**

***Corporate Member and Benefactor - \$500.00**

***Corporate Annual Supporter - \$1,000**

***Corporate Annual Sponsor - \$5,000**

***** Annual Memberships are good for one year beginning with payment date.**

Special Contribution for the Discovery Center's Brown Bag and Hard Hat Capital Campaign:
Amount: _____ Designation _____ Information: _____



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