



# Restoring Yesterday *for* Tomorrow

Arthurdale, W. Va.

The First New Deal Homestead Community — Inspired by Eleanor Roosevelt

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## Coming soon—updated audio and driving tours

Because of two generous grants from the West Virginia Humanities Council and the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, we are improving and expanding our tour options. Currently, our driving tour is done by following a map and directions on a paper brochure.

Soon, using your cell phone, Clio (a free GPS based service for historic sites) will help you explore Arthurdale more easily. While your phone guides you from stop to stop, you can listen to descriptions of what you are seeing and hear stories about what happened there.

An expanded tour experience is also in store for you at E-15. With funds from the Pomeroy Foundation, we bought 5 personal audio devices which will let you hear directly from homesteader families.

As you move from room to room, you will enjoy hearing snippets of stories found in our collection of homesteader oral histories which were done over the years.

For example, in the kitchen you will hear a story about home canning. In a bedroom, you will hear about a family's sleeping arrangements, which could be quite crowded for a large family.

Plan on visiting later this summer and enjoy the expanded tours. And bring your friends!



## Stop by to welcome our newest staff member



Elizabeth Satterfield

Meet Elizabeth Satterfield, our new Curator and Director of Education. Elizabeth grew up near Independence and has a special place in her heart for West Virginia and its history.

She graduated from West Virginia University in December 2021 with dual Masters in Public History and Public Administration. During graduate school, Elizabeth curated multiple exhibits at WVU and contributed to public-facing projects across the state.

In her spare time, Elizabeth enjoys spending time outdoors, working on her family's farm, and being creative. She has two cats: Clarice and Sylvie.

"I'm so excited to be a part of the Arthurdale community," Elizabeth said, "I hope to use my skills and passion to help preserve Arthurdale and its unique history!"

# Goat Gallop 5k—live and virtual

It's time to run with the goats—our much safer version of running with the bulls. On Saturday, June 11th you can run (or walk) through historic Arthurdale accompanied by our famous heritage goats. Google RunSignUp, search Goat Gallop 5k, and register to join us.

Entry fees are discounted until June 1 and include our popular Goat Gallop tee shirts. Race day registrations will be available, but you may have to wait for your shirt.

Everybody wins in our 1 mile fun race for children 10 and under. This untimed race starts shortly after the 5k. Every child gets a prize, but it does not include a tee shirt.

If you can't make it on race day, complete the 5k on the Arthurdale course on your own time OR from your hometown.

Questions? Email [goatgallop5k@gmail.com](mailto:goatgallop5k@gmail.com). Check out our Facebook page and website for more updates.



Hope you can ma-aa-ake it!



## Coming soon, Baby Goat Yoga !

While we're eagerly waiting for our goats to kid, we wanted to remind you all to keep an eye out for Baby Goat Yoga classes. Dates will be announced on Facebook and our website once they are born.

Depending on the weather, class may be held outdoors. Since each one is limited to 20 attendees and they are so popular, they always fill up. Email [americorps@arthurdaleheritage.org](mailto:americorps@arthurdaleheritage.org) to join the waiting list.

## Exploring the future of rural WV with students

In 2021, Arthurdale was one of eleven sites in the country awarded a Coming Home grant from the Smithsonian Institution. This grant ties in with our Crossroads exhibit. We are working with local youth to think about the questions posed by Crossroads, specifically what they value in their communities and how they can change where they live for the better.

Coming Home discussions ask young people to think for themselves and to become involved in the future of their communities. The goal is to encourage them to stay and to work for positive changes in the places that are important to them.

Our semester-long programming began with West Preston's After School Explorers Club. We will be working regularly with the students to think about the history and the future of Preston County and Arthurdale. Over the course of the semester, students will create a video on a subject of their choosing that explores these themes.

We hope to expand this into summer educational programming as well, and we have created a handbook for any homeschooling parents or groups who want to participate.

Contact [elizabeth.satterfield@arthurdaleheritage.org](mailto:elizabeth.satterfield@arthurdaleheritage.org) for more information.

**Coming  
HOME**  
STORIES FROM  
MAIN STREET





Arthurdale built Gallinger



Gallinger loom from PA

## Historic looms added to the Weaving Room

Our loom room filled up this winter with three new vintage looms. Most exciting is a 22" Gallinger loom that was built in Arthurdale in the 1930s. This loom traveled quite a bit in its life but is now back home in Arthurdale. Homestead daughter Sue Day-Perroots purchased this loom and donated it to our weaving program. The loom came with a stack of documents containing historical information that we are eagerly studying.

The second Gallinger loom was built by Milo Gallinger near Gettysburg and was used in a weaving school. It's an overhead jack loom with a sectional back beam and fourteen treadles. Normally, this loom has ten treadles, so the extra ones allow for a wider variety of "tie ups" in setting up a weaving pattern.

The last one is our Barbara V loom, built by Thought Products in the 1970s. Originally, this loom had eight shafts and could be set up as a tapestry loom but, over the years, its owners modified it. Now it is a versatile four shaft one that can be set up as either a counter balance, jack, or countermarch loom. A unique feature of this loom is that it has a metal cable system.

We are thrilled with these additions to our weaving room and are very thankful to Sue Day-Perroots for her generosity in purchasing the Arthurdale Gallinger and for driving to Belington to pick it up.

We are also very fortunate to have Linda Flemmer, our weaving teacher, who drove to Cazenovia, New York, in frigid January weather to pick up the Gallinger and Barbara V looms.

## AHI staffers visit the Legislature

Arthurdale Heritage workers visited Charleston twice in February. At Mon-Preston Day on February 3, Elizabeth Satterfield spoke with our state legislators about the impacts Arthurdale has on the county and the state.

During a meeting with the Secretary of Economic Development, she stressed the need for improved infrastructure, namely a sewer system and clean water, in order for AHI and the surrounding area to expand and thrive.

Later in the month, Elizabeth, Kendyl Bostic, and Linda Flemmer traveled back down to Charleston for History Day. Along with representatives from other WV culture and history organizations, they shared our unique history and how it can benefit the entire state.

While at the capitol, Linda received the West Virginia History Hero award for her tireless work in our Arthurdale Weaving program. It has become a wonderful asset to AHI and only exists because of the skill and knowledge that she shares with us. Congratulations, Linda!



# At last! The New Deal Festival returns

Mark your calendars! The New Deal Festival will be happening on Saturday July 9. We are thrilled to bring back this annual celebration which has live music, arts and crafts, artisan demos, vintage auto and tractor show, lots of kids activities, great food, hayrides, and more.

Soon you can buy advance tickets online at a discount. For the updated information, visit our website [newdealfestival.org](http://newdealfestival.org) or our Facebook page.

Interested in being a sponsor or volunteer? Contact us at [americorps@arthurdaleheritage.org](mailto:americorps@arthurdaleheritage.org).



## Reflections on the Crossroads exhibit

During the Smithsonian exhibit in historic Center Hall from December 13th to January 21st, more than 220 visitors toured the free exhibit.

We added our own touch to the exhibit. Local skilled artisans from blacksmiths to woodworkers to weavers shared their talents with our visitors. Weaver Linda Flemmer gave six demonstrations and spoke to a variety of people about the history of weaving in Arthurdale. She also helped continue this important tradition by teaching a children's weaving class.

The Friends of Deckers Creek added their Richard Mine Exhibit to the Crossroads display. That exhibit aims to reconnect communities with the history of the mine and its legacies which would otherwise be forgotten.

Among our many activities and programs we showed 'CC Boys: A West Virginia Legacy. This documentary shows the impact of the Civilian Conservation Corps on the state. Creator Robert Whetsell gave a presentation about his film and led a discussion about the CCC program.

Visiting Crossroads broadened everyone's understanding of the history and future of rural America.



Left:  
Opening day  
of Crossroads

Right:  
Randy Weaver,  
Eddie Adams, &  
Ed Turnley helping  
pack up the exhibit to  
send it to the next  
site in WV



## Arthurdale Angels

William Roy "Bill" Neely passed in November at 85 at his home in La Vale, Maryland with family by his side. Bill was an avid do-it-yourselfer who was adept at home renovations. A quiet man, he opened his heart and his home to neighbors and relatives who needed assistance, some for years at a time. He and his wife, the former Hester Ann Mason, celebrated 62 years of marriage together and are the parents of three children.

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I think the day of selfishness is over, the day of working together has come.

We must learn to work together—all of us regardless of race, creed, or color. We must wipe out the feeling of intolerance whenever we find it – of belief that any other group can go ahead alone.

We go ahead together or we go down together.

Eleanor Roosevelt 1934

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