



Restoring Yesterday *for* Tomorrow

Arthurdale, W. Va.

The First New Deal Homestead Community — Inspired by Eleanor Roosevelt

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You helped save our historic roofs!

Thanks to you we were able to replace our failing roofs over the Esso Station and the garage bays before leaks damaged the interiors! Because of your generosity, we were able to match the money needed to secure a \$32,500 gift from a private donor. This vital project also received financial help from the WV Department of Arts, Culture and History with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts, which provided a \$10,000 emergency Cultural Facilities Grant.

Renovation of our weaving room in the basement of Center Hall was also completed this spring. The dark, cramped basement has been transformed into a bright, accessible fiber arts classroom, complete with an ADA restroom.

We are excited to be able to offer weaving classes again this summer for adults and children! This project received financial assistance from the WV Department of Arts, Culture and History with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts, which provided funding through a Cultural Facilities Grant in 2022.



Welcome to our new staff members!



Tabatha Bottini

Because our 3 wonderful AmeriCorps workers - Kendyl, Claire, and Katie - terms of service with AHI are ending, we recently hired 2 people to help fill their positions.

Tabatha Bottini is now managing our Craft Shop and online store. Born and raised in Morgantown, she attended WVU for Visual Arts, but her love of animals led her to veterinary medicine where she spent 7 years working in administrative management. Outside of work she loves spending time with friends and family, running her small E-Commerce business (Gold Dust Studios), traveling, making art, and being outdoors. She lives in Bruceton Mills with her husband Tony, their two children, Isabella and Zander, and their cats, Ziggy, Zeppelin, and Dub.

As Program Assistant, Katharine Donnelly will help out with just about everything – from being a tour guide, to event planning, to exhibition development. Morgantown native Katharine has a lifelong passion for history and earned a BA in History from Fairmont State and an MA in History from Norwich University. She worked at Prickett's Fort for six years and is excited to join the Arthurdale team. In addition to working on a Masters in Museum Administration, Katharine enjoys gardening, sewing and textile arts (especially historical and vintage fashion), and spending time with her six cats, two dogs, chickens, and ducks.



Katharine Donnelly

Save the date - New Deal Festival, July 8

Our annual New Deal Festival will be on Saturday, July 8, 2023. We are excited to be back this year with all of your favorite events and more. You will enjoy live music from The Masons, Mary Linscheid, Chris Haddox, and the Lars Swanson Group.

Returning food trucks include Smokin' Jacks, Stray Cat Chimmi Shack, and Feathers Fire Pit Kettle Korn - with some new ones to come. Both the craft show and the Antique Car, Truck, and Tractor show will be happening, and we will have a NEW art show focused on work by local artists. As usual, it will be a day of fun for the whole family, and we can't wait to see you!

Is golf your game? On Friday, July 7 there will be the Pioneer Invitational Golf Tournament at the Preston County Country Club to benefit AHI. Sign up to play with your friends for \$100. You can donate to sponsor a hole on the course to help out your friends and neighbors. Contact ahi@arthurdaleheritage.org for more information or visit our website at arthurdaleheritage.org/events.

Check out the festival website to keep up with the newest information --- newdealfestival.org. Discounted tickets are available online until a few days before the festival.

Volunteers of the month



March's VOM was **Makayla Cunningham** who was a huge help at our Spring Craft Show. She enjoyed volunteering so much that you will meet her at the next spaghetti dinner.

In April we honored **Ben Susman**. Ben is a PhD student at West Virginia University. He faithfully worked in our archives each week during the spring semester, serving nearly 50 hours.



Fortunately in May, we had **Quinn Moser** to help with our Baby Goat Yoga. Quinn has been helping with our goats for quite a while. He helps to make the classes successful and has become our go-to baby goat wrangler!

Remember your family!

Did you get our note about putting a family or friend remembrance (or business advertisement) in this year's New Deal Festival program book?

Please contact us immediately if you did not, we need to get it compiled and to the printer soon.

You can see last year's edition online at newdealfestival.org - click the "Download Program" button. We are happy to design your page for you - or change a previous one.

The book is a treasured keepsake which also helps make the festival a financial success.

We always need many volunteers for a few hours before, during, and after the New Deal Festival.

You choose when to work and then receive free admission to the festival.

Sign up by contacting kendyl@arthurdaleheritage.org or calling our office at (304) 864-3959.

Thanks for your help!!

Gallop with our goats through scenic Arthurdale



The 6th annual Goat Gallop will be on June 10 and registrations are open now on our website. Admire historic Arthurdale dotted with scenic 1930s New Deal homes as you run or walk with the friendly goats in our annual Goat Gallop 5k.

Visit an original homestead, pet the goats, and join us in celebrating homestead life. After the race, join us for family-friendly fun and activities with the nannies and their kids - plus the dogs Reggie and Anya who protect the herd.

If you can't make it the day of the event, you can also participate in our virtual race to help support Arthurdale Heritage. On race day, packet pick-up will begin at 7 am with the race starting at 9 am. Activities should end around 1 pm. We hope to see you here!

Additions to our collections

AHI has thousands of pieces in its archival and museum collections. Recently we welcomed 14 more into them. Here are a few examples that are now preserved in our permanent collection.



Postcard (c.1935) of the Loom Room, which sat to the left of Center Hall. Note the Loom sign hanging above the door which matched the style of the Forge sign. Donated by Dorothy Riley.



Campaign buttons and political party charms. From L to R: Democratic donkey charm; 1940 FDR button; 1944 Roosevelt-Truman button; 1940 Roosevelt-Davey button; Republican elephant charm.



Child's rocking chair with a rush seat, originally owned by the Mayor family and possibly built by Alex Mayor of SR-15.

Donated by Darlene Bolyard

Donated by Jeff Zinn.

Our new outdoor rental space

Enjoy over 5,000 square feet in our new event space. It includes three sections: a concrete area outfitted with over 10 picnic tables, a graveled second level, and a private grassy courtyard. It's ideal for a variety of activities wedding receptions, family reunions, or graduation parties. Have some fun in the sun at Arthurdale Heritage!

More information is on our website - or stop by to see it for yourself.

We were able to stabilize and repurpose this area that had been in ruins due to funding from the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area, the West Virginia House of Delegates, and the Preston County Commission. The hard work of double homesteader descendant Jeff Zinn made it happen.

We appreciate the help of everyone who made this project possible!



Updates to our membership benefits



We have revamped our yearly memberships levels and have added many new benefits plus you will be getting a new membership card!

- ◆ Free guided tours for members only
- ◆ 10% discount in Craft Shop (must show membership card)
 - ◆ Discounts on classes and programs
 - ◆ Discounted rates on facility rentals
 - ◆ Invitation to Annual Meeting and Dinner
- ◆ Free subscription to AHI e-communications
- ◆ Free subscription to quarterly newsletter
 - ◆ Arthurdale Heritage Sticker

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Individuals - \$25
Households - \$40 (2 adults + children under 18)
Businesses - \$100
Lifetime - one payment of \$1000

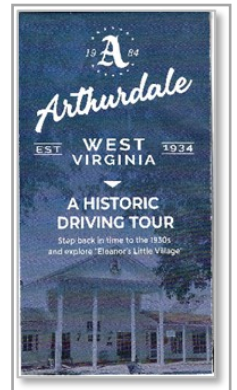
Changes in our tour ticket system

You may now book advance tickets for museum tours by visiting arthurdaleheritage.org/tours. Walk-ins are still very much welcome and appreciated, but advance scheduling helps our staff and guides plan ahead.

Tours leave at designated times to allow for a more regular schedule for our guides.

You can tour the museum at 10 am, 11:30 am, 1pm, and 2:30 pm. Each one lasts an hour and fifteen minutes with some additional time for questions. Before or after a tour, guests will be able to embark on their own brand-new self-guided driving tour. This driving tour consists of both our updated brochure (pictured) and a virtual tour on the app Clio.

Finally, we are excited to announce our participation in the nationwide initiative Museums for All! This program makes museums accessible for individuals who may have financial difficulties. Visitors can take advantage of this program by showing their SNAP/EBT card. That person (and up to 3 guests) will then receive a free museum tour.



A few of our summer events

- Tuesdays (repeated Fridays) are **Children's Art Classes** for ages 4-14. Offered on Tuesdays (5 pm-6 pm) and again on Fridays (2 pm-3 pm), choose the time that works best with your schedule.
- Join us for live music and fun on June 10 and August 12 from 7 pm-9 pm at our community **Square Dance**.
- Learn how to decorate beautiful cookies for special occasions. Join us on June 25 at 1:30 pm for a **Cookie Decorating Class**. Tickets are available on our website.
- Mountain Dragon Mazery is hosting a **Mead Workshop and Tasting** on August 19th from 6 pm-8 pm. Join us for an hour and a half workshop and learn about mead and its history through four continents and over nine thousand years. Tickets will be available in July.
- We're bringing back our free **Family Movie Nights!** Join us on the lawn of E-15 on June 16, July 21, and August 4. Check our Facebook page for updates and more info.
- Mark your calendars for our two upcoming dinners. Our annual **Father's Day Spaghetti Dinner** is June 18 and an **Outdoor Picnic** is August 12. Tickets are now available for the spaghetti dinner on our website.

Follow our Facebook page to keep up with all our events and programs!

Arthurdale's Angels

Christine (Tirelady) Wolfe Croucher unexpectedly passed on March 1 at 69. Her blue overalls, red bandanna, sheriff's badge, and smiling face made her immediately recognizable throughout the area. She was well known for her quick wit and eagerness to help others. She supported AHI for many years and in a multitude of ways. She is survived by her companion Nina Clovis, son Michael, brother Clifford and many close friends and colleagues. Gifts support AHI's mission.

Donald Lyons passed away at the age of 96 on March 29 in Lorain, OH. He graduated in 1945 from Arthurdale High School where he and his brothers excelled in sports. Don treasured several 50 cent pieces that Eleanor Roosevelt gave him. After serving in the Navy in WWII, he worked in OH, retiring from General Motors. He's survived by 2 sons, 3 grandchildren, a great grandson, and his brother Raymond. Gifts in his name will help transform the old AHS into a historic trades school.

Colleen Stuckey Unger passed away April 21, aged 92, at home surrounded by her family. Longtime friends fondly remember that her door was always open for coffee and gossip - as long as they closed the damn door and took off their shoes! Wife of the late Lenu Tobias Unger, she was Mother to their two sons and "Gram" to her most treasured grandchildren and great grandchildren. Memorial gifts are added to the Unger Legacy.

Delores Wolfe Hartsell Smith passed away April 26. The daughter of homesteaders Clinton and Edith Wolfe, she moved to Arthurdale when she was 3. Until dementia stole her away from her family, she had been active in her community, including volunteering at AHI. She leaves behind her daughters, brother Joe, nephew Randy Weaver, and many others. The Wolfe Legacy accepts her memorial gifts.

Tapha Lee Hartsell Liston passed away on May 3. Sadly, it was only a week after her mother Delores' death. She had a green thumb, enjoyed the beach, and going camping. Surviving her are her two sisters Kerry Grantham and Robbie Jo Martin, her daughter Theresa Cavender, granddaughter Shelby Lee Cavender, and Denise Kisner who was Tapha's partner for the last 24 years. Gifts in memoriam are added to the Hartsell Legacy.

In Memory of

(2/16/2023 – 5/15/2023)

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These donors gave between 2/16/2023 & 5/15/2023.

The group level reflects all of their donations since AHI began in 1985 .

We appreciate all donors including those who have not yet reached the Contributor Club level.

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Jerry & Jolene Caruso
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**With gratitude to
everyone at AHI**

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exciting update!



ARTHURDALE HIGH SCHOOL TO BECOME STATEWIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRAINING CENTER

After 30 years sitting vacant, the historic Arthurdale High School will be transformed into a statewide preservation training center. In partnership with the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia, Arthurdale Heritage received a POWER grant in 2022 from the Appalachian Regional Commission to begin planning for the school's restoration and creation of this new training center.

Preservation trades such as masonry, plaster, carpentry, and metalworking are in high demand across the nation. While some of these skills were taught in Arthurdale in the 1930s-40s, there are few opportunities to learn these skills in West Virginia today. This Center will address this deficit while breathing new life into our state's historic structures.

After restoring the High School, AHI has plans to revitalize the Cafeteria and Elementary School buildings. Donations to stabilize and restore these historic structures are welcome.

For more information, contact us at ahi@arthurdaleheritage.org

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