A Memorable Year

The Lynchburg Museum System accomplished a number of important goals in FY 2010 which ended on June 30. Among these were increases in visitation at the Museum and Point of Honor, the hosting of the Library of Virginia traveling exhibit Old Dominion Songsters, the addition of new educational programs and events, completion of a planning study for Point of Honor, and a Federal IMLS grant award.

The Lynchburg Museum System had 13,608 visitors versus 12,898 in FY 2009, an increase of 7.1%. The Museum had visitors from 44 states and 17 countries. Approximately 35% were from the local region/Virginia and 65% were out of state.

Point of Honor had visitors from 48 states and 10 countries, with approximately 50% from local/Virginia and the rest out of state. These figures are based on visitor surveys and guest books. The Museum and Point of Honor websites had a total of 12,764 hits versus 8,175 hits last year. Our new Facebook site had 13,609 hits in the first year.

The Volunteers of the Lynchburg Museum System, with 46 active members, provided 2,764 hours of service with a value of $55,518 based on the Federal volunteer rate. Liz Paull and Ed Tinsley each provided over 200 hours of service this past year. Doris Chapin, Patsy Meyer, Laura Crumbley, Gene Tomlin, and Vince Desmond each gave over 100 hours. In FY 2009, volunteers gave 2,073 hours valued at $45,787.

The Lynchburg Museum Foundation, a 501(c) (3) educational and charitable corporation, supports all properties and programs of the Museum System. The Foundation received $21,150 in cash gifts in FY 2010. The Foundation Board voted to provide $21,200 (5% of the total Museum System budget) to the City in the current year to keep both properties open seven days per week.

Tourists spent over $139,000,000 in Lynchburg in 2008, according to the Virginia Tourism Corporation, and keeping City attractions open helps enhance this valuable part of the local economy. We are especially pleased with the increases this year as they came in spite of ongoing economic uncertainty, a severe winter, and the lack of D Street Bridge access to Point of Honor.
t. General George G. Loving, Jr. (Ret.) spoke about his military aviation career on August 13th at the Lynchburg Museum and donated his uniforms, photographs, medals, and flags to the museum collection. Graduating from E.C. Glass High School in 1941, Loving had just entered Lynchburg College when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. Enlisting in the Army Air Forces, he followed his dream of becoming a pilot and flew 151 combat missions in the European Theater in the famous Spitfire and Mustang fighters. Loving became Lynchburg’s first ace in 1944 after shooting down five enemy warplanes. His medals include the Silver Star, Distinguished Service Medal, and Distinguished Flying Cross.

Following World War II, Loving flew 113 combat missions in Korea. Rising in rank, Loving served as Commandant of the Air Command and Staff College, Commander of NATO’s 6th Allied Tactical Air Force, Commander of U.S. Forces in Japan, and on a number of high level diplomatic and military assignments including negotiations with the Warsaw Pact. General Loving is the author of *Woodbine Red Leader; A P-51 Mustang Ace in the Mediterranean Theater*. The Museum is honored to accept General Loving’s donations into our military collection, which focuses on the service of men and women from Central Virginia.

Your City Through the Years

Don’t forget to visit the photographs on www.lynchburgmuseum.org and explore over 6,000 images of Lynchburg and vicinity dating from the 1850s through today!

*This view from the 1870s was taken from what is now the top of Monument Terrace looking down 9th Street. The building in the center of 9th Street is the old City Market. The church on right was Second Presbyterian, demolished in 1931.*

Foreign Language Guides at the Lynchburg Museum and Point of Honor

Each month, there seem to be more visitors to our sites from foreign countries. Last year, travelers from 27 countries signed our guest books. Lynchburg also has an ongoing relationship with two sister cities, Rueil-Malmaison, France and Glauchau, Germany and groups from these cities have toured several times in recent years.

To offer foreign visitors a special welcome, the staff sought out people to translate a basic history of Lynchburg and introduction to the Museum and Point of Honor in French, Spanish, German, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, and Italian. We hope to have all of these available by the end of the year.
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(January 16 – November 8, 2010)

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More than 2,900 people attended Day at the Point on October 2nd and enjoyed a gorgeous fall day at historic Point of Honor.

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$15,160
Calendar of Events

Lynchburg Museum System Events

December 5
Christmas at Point of Honor
See Point of Honor decorated for Christmas as it would have been in 1815—period music, refreshments, tours of the house, and a special sale in the Gift Shop! Free. 12 noon to 4 pm

January 17
Martin Luther King Day
Museum and Point of Honor free to visitors 10 am–4 pm

January 21 and February 18
KIDS NIGHT AT MUSEUM
RESERVE EARLY! Kids ages 7–12 participate in scavenger hunts and living history, interact with nocturnal animals from the Nature Zone, create night vision art, and end with pizza and a movie 6 pm to 11 pm, $20 per child

February 21
President’s Day
Museum and Point of Honor free to visitors 10 am–4 pm

February 26 and March 19
Hearth Cooking Class
Help prepare and eat a meal cooked in the hearth kitchen at Point of Honor 2 pm to 5 pm $20 per person Limited to 12 people so RESERVE EARLY!

Contact Rachel Deddens, Museum Educator to reserve your space for programs: (434) 455–4424 or rachel.deddens@lynchburgva.gov.

Lectures at Jones Memorial Library

March 16, 2011: by James Thompson
“Thomas Jefferson and his Relationship with his Wife, Martha”
Martha Wayles was born in 1748, the daughter of John and Martha Eppes Wayles. She first married Bathurst Skelton. He died in 1768. She married Thomas Jefferson on January 1, 1772. Following a honeymoon of two weeks they moved into a one-room home at Monticello which was to be their home until the completion of the famous main house. She died at Monticello in 1782 during the birth of their sixth child. During their ten years of marriage they were, by all accounts, very devoted to each other. After Martha’s death, Thomas suffered bouts of depression. What exactly was their relationship?

April 20, 2011: by Holcombe Hughes for John P. Hughes Motor Company, Billy Walker, for John Stewart Walker, and James Elson, for Barker-Jennings
“Locally-Owned Businesses Of Lynchburg”
This presentation continues a series on the history of Lynchburg's locally owned businesses. Many local businesses are swallowed up by large companies which are managed by people in offices scattered all over the country. Gone are the days where a customer knows the owner personally or as a trusted member of the community.

May 18, 2011: by Ted Delaney
“Lynchburg Composers”
The program will offer a brief survey of 19th century Lynchburg composers, musicians, and bands, with special focus on three local composers, Gennaro Bozzaotra, Charles de Nordendorf, and Louis Schehlmann, whose work was published and distributed nationally.
Contact Jones Memorial Library at 846-6050.