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Passionately preserving our Appalachian legacy

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Two More Cabins Adopted

We are excited to announce that we have two new sponsors to adopt cabins. First, Mutschelknaus Oil and Gas has adopted the "Weaving Room." We have a storage POD on site as we empty out the structure and adjacent buildings. The Weaving Room's rehabilitation will include having its chimney and mantle replaced. Work is underway. A new fence will be placed around the adjacent garden. A floral garden will be planted this spring courtesy of the Harrison County Master Gardeners. This structure will serve as our temporary gift shop and welcome center. Please watch our progress as it is chronicled on our web site.

**MUTSCHELKNAUS
OIL & GAS**

Our second cabin adopted for 2010 is McIntyre's House by Hall Drilling, LLC. Work is expected to begin upon conclusion of the Weaving Room. This will be our sixth adopted cabin.

5 year Master Plan Adopted

With all the progress made in the past 3 years, it was evident we needed to revisit our master plan. Instead of simply retooling the plan, we commissioned a group and totally reviewed, rewrote and expanded to reflect our vision.

A summary of our plan as well as a pdf of our site plan is available on our web site. We address the ongoing projects and firmed up completion dates, prioritize projects to be started and announced long range ones including our proposal for our new Visitors / Welcome Center, nature trail and amphitheater.



Using our new forge
Blacksmith Shop

Quick Facts

- *Our Blacksmith Shop was expanded to twice its original size!*
- *Dedicated on December 11, 2010.*
- *Funding was multisource including the private sector and government.*



The Blacksmith Shop

Thank You

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State Grant Awarded

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded a grant from the State of West Virginia's Community Partnership Fund. This grant will be used to upgrade the electric service at our facility! Due to this generous grant, which will be administered by the Harrison County Commission, we continue working on our infrastructure.

We thank the West Virginia Legislature and County Commission for their continued support of Fort New Salem!



Inside the restored Delilah's Cabin at Spirit of Christmas in the Mountains 2009



Der Belsnickle made his annual appearance at Spirit of Christmas in the Mountains 2009

Fort Selected as Tour Site for Master Gardeners Conference

The 2010 West Virginia Master Gardener Association Spring Conference will be held at the Bridgeport Conference Center on April 16-18. Fort New Salem has been selected as a pre-conference tour site for Friday, April 16. We will be hosting a half-day tour of the fort demonstrating blacksmithing and other historic trades and arts.

Visit http://mastergardeners.ext.wvu.edu/annual_conference for conference details.

Volunteer Dates Announced

These are the initial work days for 2010.

March 28 1 PM

April 10 9 AM April 11 & 25 1 PM

May 1, 8 & 15 9 AM May 16 1 PM

These dates are subject to change and weather dependent. You can visit our web site or follow us on twitter for updates about the Fort in general and our volunteer opportunities.



The Clarksburg Madrigals at Spirit of Christmas in the Mountains 2009

From the Chair....

Building off of last years momentum, 2010 has begun with a roar!

Since assuming ownership, we have made extensive infrastructure improvements as well as building renovations over the past three years. We just reopened our renovated Blacksmith Shop and are excited to announce that we have secured corpo-

rate sponsorship to rehabilitate two more structures in the upcoming weeks.

Our Spirit of Christmas in the Mountains was such a huge success that we are exploring repeating it on two weekends next December.

We have more sponsors coming on board and facility upgrades planned for this year that will be detailed in

future newsletters.

We are at an important point in our facilities development. We plan on hosting more special events than we ever have. We enter a critical fund raising phase as our projects increase in scope.

We are targeting 2011 as the year that we open the facility even more. As such we need a financial boost

2010 looks to be an exciting year!

Recently the Ellenboro Elementary pre-K class did a photo shoot at the Fort. They have a 2010 calendar for sale that features a different picture each month.

Information on it is available on our web or by calling 304-869-3305

Dr. Joseph Audia
Chairperson
Fort New Salem Foundation

Fort New Salem Endowment Fund

The Community Foundation of North Central West Virginia (CFNCWV) has established a endowment fund to support the ongoing development of Fort New Salem.

The fund was created with \$5,000 contributed by the Clarksburg-

Harrison Cultural Foundation, according to its president, Ian Rudick. "The donation was originally given to us by Edith Wilson, a Doddridge County native and former student at Salem College," Rudick said. "Mrs. Wilson requested that the money be used in some way to support Fort New Salem, so we started this permanent endowment that will benefit our area for many years to come."

"The Community Foundation is proud to manage this endowment fund, which will help to preserve the history and culture of western Harrison County and improve the quality of life in North Central West Virginia," said D. Max Francis, executive director of



the CFNCWV. "This is one more way that our organization is benefiting the citizens of the region."

Any individual, family, business or organization can make a tax-deductible contribution to the Fort New Salem Endowment Fund. The original gift and all future donations is invested by CFNCWV to maximize their growth. Once the fund reaches a minimum of \$10,000, the CFNCWV will provide the annual net income from this fund to Fort New Salem.

CFNCWV manages a growing number of donor funds with assets and pledged assets of more than \$2 million. Tax-deductible donations can be made to the fund through the Community Foundation of NCWV, 1000 Technology Drive, Suite 2230, Fairmont, WV 26554. Additional information about the Community Foundation and its established funds is available on its web site, www.ncwvfoundation.org. You can call the Foundation at (304) 694-2666.

How You Can Help

In the current economy, experts point toward the personal rewards of volunteerism. We hope you keep us at the top of your list when planning your time and donations for 2010 and invite you to:

- Join our volunteer network
- Partner your business to do a special work day
- Have your family, church, group or business adopt a cabin
- Make a one-time annual donation (all amounts are welcomed)
- Join the NEW 200 Club - I recognize the need to preserve Fort New Salem and its programs, I agree to join the "200 Club" by donating to Fort New Salem Foundation, Inc. a minimum of \$500 per year for each of the next three years - pledge form available on our web site.



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