

FORT NEW SALEM FOUNDATION, INC.

Passionately Preserving Our Appalachian Legacy

July 2016

3rd Quarter



**Fort
New
Salem
Foundation**

ONE DOWN, TWO UP (SOON)

On June 27th we took the next step in our RE-SHAPE THE FUTURE capital campaign as we broke ground to kick off the construction of the BLOCK HOUSE and REYNOLDS HOUSE.

The BLOCK HOUSE is a replica of the first establishment constructed in Salem when the community was settled in 1792. It functioned as a safe house for the settlers living on the western frontier of the United States. This establishment has been closed from public use due to its condition. It has dismantled, moved approximately 30 feet and reconstructed on a new foundation. It is receiving a new shake single roof.

The REYNOLDS HOUSE, donated by Dr. and Mrs. Bradley Franz, is a wonderful log house from the early 1800s. It was relocated to our campus in early 2015. It will be reconstructed on the front of our grounds in the general area where the BLOCK HOUSE had been. That foundation is complete. The Reynolds House is a two-story structure with a full attic. Each floor is approximately 500 square ft. In its day, this was a massive structure. When completed it will be the entry point to Fort New Salem as our visitor's center and gift shop. Currently it has a completed foundation and the structure is going up!

Fund raising is ongoing to finish each structure including HVAC for the REYNOLDS HOUSE and the overall finishing touches for each (electrical work, chinking and daubing, flooring, windows, doors, steps, etc.). We are down to \$52,000 needed to finish these two cabins and have them opened and ready to be used for public interpretation. We also have a grant pending for a chimney. Please make your donation today!



June 27 Celebration details the project



Ground breaking for new site



Taking down the BLOCK HOUSE



New foundation for BLOCK HOUSE



Restacking the BLOCK HOUSE first floor

Photos by Lemeul B Muniz

Dulcimer Festival

Friday August 12
Coffee House Concert
7:30

Saturday August 13
General Tours
Vendors
Music Workshops
9—5

Special Presentation
Wall of Honor
7:15 PM

Feature Concert
7:30 PM

Sunday August 14
General Tours
Music Workshops
9:30—3:00

GIVING THANKS & WALL OF HONOR

Join us on Saturday, August 13 at 7:15 for a special presentation honoring the late David Johnson for his long term volunteerism and posthumous support to Fort New Salem.

Our foundation has established a WALL OF HONOR for individuals who have impacted Fort New Salem. The honoree will have a picture placed along with the memorial picture of John Randolph, our founder.

IT IS DULCIMER TIME!

26th EDITION

Fort New Salem is alive with the sound of music **August 12—14** during our 26th



Annual Dulcimer Festival. The weekend features hands-on music workshops during the day for all levels of players; tours of Fort New Salem; various non-music artisans demonstrating their craft. The workshops focus primarily on the mountain and hammered dulcimer with additional ones on other folk instruments. Musicians from Ohio, West Virginia and beyond lead the teaching. Daily general admission for visitors is \$7

with children 10 & under admitted free. There will be concerts on Friday and Saturday. The Friday concert is a “coffee house” style concert introducing several of

the workshop leaders. The Saturday evening concert is our



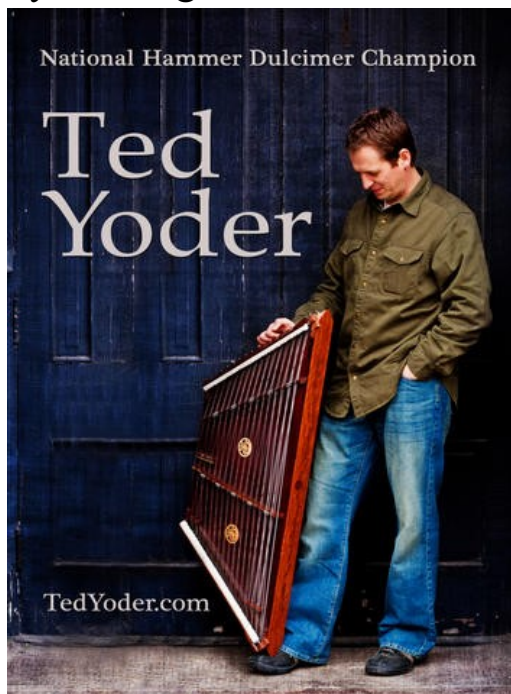
Linda Sigismondi, Dulcimer Festival Director, has served in this capacity for 27 years! THANKS LINDA!

feature concert of the weekend with Ted Yoder dulcimer. Attendees are in for a treat. You may have heard Ted on NPR’s *ALL THINGS CONSIDERED*.

He is regarded as the Bela Fleck of hammered dulcimer and is a national champion. Join us for a concert under the stars you will

never forget. You could hear HOTEL CALIFORNIA, ELEANOR RIGBY and DUST IN THE WIND.

Vendors will be available throughout the weekend to sell dulcimers and supplies. There will also be books and CDs available from many of the workshop leaders.



“personalizes classics across genres and eras as only he can—including Irish traditionals, worship music favorites, pop and rock songs from Eagles and The Beatles—with his symphonic solo musician touch. “

THEY ONLY COME OUT AT NIGHT

Come see Fort New Salem in a different light.... Darkness! We wrap up season 6 of “Myths of the Mountains” on July 30. Join us



as our story tellers come out at night. Gates open at 8 PM welcoming visitors for an evening of Appalachia Tales. Guests will be accompanied by guides on a special night tour of Fort New Salem at dusk by lamplight with planned stops at multiple cabins for unique folklore tales by our costumed story tellers. Admission is \$7 per person and includes a complimentary cup of cider. The tour is approximately 1 hour 15 minutes in duration with the last group started at 9:30 PM. Watch for season 7 in 2017 held every Saturday in July.

OUR REMAINING 2016 SCHEDULE

JULY	30	Myths of the Mountains
AUGUST	12—14	Dulcimer Festival
OCTOBER	7 – 8	SPECIAL EVENT AT FORT
NOVEMBER	26 – 27	Spirit of Christmas in the Mountains
DECEMBER	3 - 4	Spirit of Christmas in the Mountains

GO FUND ME NOW OPEN

Fort New Salem now has a “go fund me” account that can be found at www.gofundme.com. The funds raised from this will be applied to the RESHAPE

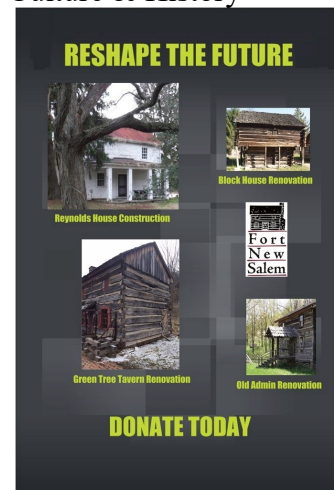


THE FUTURE campaign. We seek **\$52,000** via the gofundme campaign. This will allow the Reynolds & Block Houses to be finished and open (excluding a chimney in Reynolds).

THANKS SPONSORS

We thank the following who have sponsored our events over the past 12 months. Without your support, we would not be able to maintain the quality programming we deliver annually.

- Clarksburg Printing, LLC
- Clarksburg—Harrison Cultural Foundation
- Francis Wayne Kellar
- Harrison County Commission
- Martin Ventures, LLC / EastGate Used Cars, LLC
- Rob Johnson, State Farm Agent
- Salem International University
- Travis Physical Therapy & Body Worx
- West Union Bank
- West Virginia Culture & History



JOIN US - BE A PART OF OUR BEST YEAR EVER

This year, we are pleased to again offer a major event each month from April through December. We exist to preserve our regions heritage and to maintain a wholesome family experience for our guests. We do this with a dedicated volunteer board of directors, a growing volunteer network and the support of many. We hope you like the direction we are going! We deeply appreciate our supporters and would not exist without their generosity. We invite you to:

- Join our volunteer network—Become a member of Friends of the Fort
- Make a one-time annual donation towards our general operation fund
- Donate to our “RESHAPE THE FUTURE” capital campaign

Check all that apply or contact us for more information.

Name

Address

Phone

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Signature

(The Foundation is a 501 (C)(3) recognized corporation and contributions to it are tax deductible for qualifying taxpayers)

We hope you keep us at the top of your list when planning your time and donations for 2015

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