



Fort New Salem Foundation

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Energy Express, Upward Bound and Miracle Meadows are new partners with the Fort New Salem Foundation

A Sabbath School Class of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church has offered to help with renovations to the Meeting House cabin

New Executive Director Hired

The Fort New Salem Foundation has taken a major step forward in 2007. As renovations at The Fort continue, a new Executive Director has taken office.

Tim Brady is the new face leading the efforts to restore Fort New Salem to its past glory. Brady was hired in mid-June, with his first day on the job being June 20th. Not coincidentally, that coincides with West Virginia's birthday as a state.

Brady comes to The Fort New Salem Foundation following seven years as a radio personality in North Central West Virginia. He spent six of those years hosting his own call-in talk radio show. Tim has also served as a News Director for several radio stations and served as a play-by-play voice for local high school and college sports.

Brady is a graduate of the Perley-Isaac Reed School of Journalism at West Virginia University. He is a lifelong resident of Harrison County and a 1992 graduate of Washington-Irving High School.

According to Brady, this new career move is both exciting and humbling. "I've spent my whole life in Harrison County. This community is very important to me. This is an opportunity to restore a part of our history, and to insure that new generations have the chance to learn where it is that we come from."

Brady and his wife, Kathleen, currently reside in Clarksburg with their dog, Lucy.

Quick Facts on the new Director

- 1992 graduate of Washington Irving High School in Clarksburg
- Graduated from Journalism school at WVU in 1998
- Former play-by-play voice for Salem International University basketball
- Son of Thomas and Peggy Snyder of Clarksburg
- Married to the former Kathleen Kerr.

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Fundraising: Full Steam Ahead

They say that money makes the world go 'round. While that may not necessarily be true, money certainly is of great importance at a facility like Fort New Salem.

After sitting dormant for several years, The Fort is alive with activity. Inside this issue you'll learn about

several volunteer groups that have worked extremely hard to help with renovations. However, there is still much to be done—and that work requires funding.

The Fort New Salem Foundation is actively pursuing funds through a variety of sources. And we need

your help!

Inside this issue you'll find information on a number of ways you can contribute to our fundraising efforts. Also, if you know of a business or an individual who you think might be interested in helping, please contact us with that information.



Volunteers from Energy Express work to rehab Delilla's Cabin, July 2007

Energy Express: Volunteering Their Time

The weekend of July 6th and 7th was one of great activity at Fort New Salem. Volunteers from the Energy Express program, through Americorps, spent Friday and Saturday working tirelessly at the facility.

Each summer Energy Express, a summer reading program for young students, takes on a volunteer project in the community. This year the group, made up mostly of college students, decided to adopt Delilla's Cabin.

The group spent two days roofing,

re-chinking and staining the structure. With nearly 20 volunteers in the group, they were also able to re-stain several other buildings at The Fort. Some of the volunteers also helped with debris removal.

Aside from donating their time, the volunteers of Energy Express also raised \$700 that they donated to the Fort New Salem Foundation.

The weather was hot and the work was hard, but through it all the folks from Energy Express kept going. Their weekend certainly

made an enormous difference on the grounds.

We want to thank the following volunteers for their time: Mike and Sheila Book, Emily Barberio, Michelle Propst, Ashley Trippett, Maria and Mark Alvaro, Laura Gage, Leigh Harding, Eric Langer, Beth Ann Beerbower, Tyler Tiano, Amy Van Camp, Savana Johnson, Alice Foley, Koa and Ashley Murphy and Sara Fowler.

Fort Memories

This issue's memory comes from Delores C. Jones:

I transferred my credits from Chesapeake College to Salem College in September of 1986 and moved to Salem with my 10-year-old daughter, a white poodle named Baron, my cousin Catherine and her 7-year-old son. We moved into one of the Randolphs' houses, next to a small store. They later made a small park there.

When I went to class, I met Beck and Jeff. We became friends and classmates.

In one class, we were to make a broom. We went into the woods, picked out a sapling and came back to The Fort. The object was to remove the leaves and branches first, then peel the bark back from approximately 10 to 12 inches down to the end. All was going well until Becky's knife slipped and cut her hand. I took her up to the doctor's office,

hand all bandaged up. The nurse kept wanting her to fill out forms. We wondered how!

We did get the forms filled out, the doc fixed her up and we went back to class. Our brooms ended up on the basket shop floor, until one day the chimney caught fire. Guess whose brooms were used to fix the chimney? You got it. They may still be there.

Email us your Fort memories!

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From The Director

This has been a very exciting time in my life. I'm learning a great deal and meeting some fantastic people. As I get started in this new position as Executive Director, I would invite you to contact me.

Restoring Fort New Salem to its past glory, as well as growing the facility in the future, is going to be a community effort. If you have ideas, suggestions or would like to help out, please let me know.

If you'd like to volunteer your time, or contribute financially to our efforts, there are a variety of ways to do so. You'll learn more about donating to Fort New Salem throughout this newsletter.

If you want to volunteer individually or in a group, we've got plenty to do. There are small jobs, big jobs and odd jobs. If you are a part of service organization, or if your workplace is looking for a volunteer project, let me know.

As you can see above, I'm also interested in hearing your Fort New Salem memories. Each quarter, someone's memories will be published.

You'll find my email address and phone number on the back page of this newsletter. I'm looking forward to hearing from and meeting as many of you as possible.

Tim Brady
Executive Director

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Board Spotlight: Dr. Joseph Audia

Dr. Joseph Audia joined the Fort New Salem Task Force in 2000, shortly after its creation. This group was the precursor to the Fort New Salem Foundation. Currently serving his sixth year on the Board of Directors, with two years as the Foundation Chair, Audia is in his third term as Vice-Chair.

“During my time on the Board, we kept the flicker of hope burning for a rebirth of the Fort—no matter how dim it appeared. I have been privileged to work with an excellent group of people and have seen us attain 501-c-3 status, negotiate the

ownership of the facility, rally the community to rebuild the fort and hire our first Executive Director. This is one of the more personally fulfilling experiences I’ve had. I challenge everyone to get as involved as they can. I assure you, you’ll walk away with a smile and personal satisfaction knowing that you helped the cause. Our volunteer base has been unbelievable. How fast we attain our goals will be limited only by the financial support we receive.”

Dr. Audia is a native of Clarksburg, WV. He received his Doctorate in

Optometry from The Pennsylvania College of Optometry in Philadelphia, PA. Following his education, Dr. Audia returned to West Virginia, establishing a private practice in Salem in 1993. He then added a branch in Harrisville in 1998.

Dr. Audia is a co-author of the Salem City Charter. He also currently serves on the Blueprint Community Development Committee for Salem.

Dr. Joseph Audia currently resides in Salem with Lena, his wife, and daughters Jennifer and Brittany.



Dr. Joseph Audia (l) at the ceremony marking the transfer of Fort New Salem from Salem International University to The Fort New Salem Foundation, Inc.

Dulcimer Festival Set

The Fort New Salem Foundation is sponsoring a dulcimer weekend, August 10-12. The dulcimer weekend will be held at the Salem Depot along the North Bend Rail Trail.

The weekend will feature hands-on music workshops during the day and concerts in the evening. The workshops will be geared toward various skill levels, including novices and those who have never played. The workshops will

feature mountain dulcimer and hammered dulcimer, along with penny whistle, bowed psaltry and more.

There will be a “coffee house”-style concert Friday evening. Saturday night’s concert will showcase Guy George on hammered dulcimer and Ken Bloom on bowed mountain dulcimer.

Workshop leaders include AbNormal Sines, Ken Bloom, Marge

Diamond, Jeff Fedan, Doug Felt, Darlene Fox, Guy George, Sally Hawley, Patty Looman, Northern Cross, Mike and Marlene Oliver, Jerry Rockwell, John Sackenheim, Gary Sager, Bill Schilling, Linda Sigismondi, Steve K. Smith, Randy Snepp and Greg and Tish Westman.

For information and reservations contact Linda Sigismondi at (740) 446-9244. Locally in Salem, call Darlene Fox at (304)782-1657.

Fort New Salem Dulcimer Weekend

August 10-12 at The Salem Depot Park

New Look Logo

You may have noticed our new logo throughout this newsletter. The new logo is representative of a new enthusiasm behind restoring Fort New Salem.

As previously stated, this has been a summer of great activity at The Fort. A new Executive Director is on staff, there is a renewed

fundraising effort and the new logo goes along with all of this new energy.

The logo was designed by Jamie Simmons. Simmons is a local graphic artist who lives in Clarksburg, WV.

When asked about the new logo,

Executive Director Tim Brady says there was only one person he needed to contact to have it done.

“I’ve known Jamie for over 20 years. I’ve seen a lot of his work, and it’s extremely impressive. I wanted something simple, yet visually striking. I think you’ll agree, he succeeded.”



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The 200 Club and The Fort New Salem Society



If you would like to contribute financially to our efforts at Fort New Salem, there are a variety of ways to do so. Every household budget is different, so it's important that you have options for your charitable contributions.

The bedrock of our future fundraising efforts is The 200 Club. We're projecting an annual working budget of \$200,000. With that in mind, The 200 Club was established to insure that The Fort has the working capital necessary to move forward. The concept is simple, 200 people pledging at least \$1000 per year for three years.

Members of The 200 Club will be recognized in our newsletter, as well as in some permanent way on the grounds of Fort New Salem. Solidifying The 200 Club is vital because once we have our working budget taken care of we can use other monies raised for major projects and facilities renovations.

If you would like to give, but are not interested in being a part of The 200 Club, then we invite you to join the Fort New Salem Society. Individ-

ual membership is \$35 annually, family memberships are available at a rate of \$80 per year. Individual lifetime membership is also available for a one-time donation of \$300.

Society members will receive free admission to The Fort when we reopen, information on special, "members only" events and an invitation to our annual banquet. Society members will also receive additional perks throughout the year.

We are also currently developing a program for businesses interested in becoming corporate donors to the Fort New Salem Foundation. If you are a business owner who would like to be involved, or know of a business that may want to help, let us know.

If you would like more information on The 200 Club or The Fort New Salem Society, please contact our director. You can also visit our website: www.fortnewsalemfoundation.org.

Please help us build for the future!

Email our Executive Director: director@fortnewsalemfoundation.org