

Salem Area Chamber of Commerce Update



Dates to Remember

October 20th, 2008
Meet Your Candidates Night

SALEM CHAMBER TO HOST MEET YOUR CANDIDATES NIGHT

The Salem Area Chamber of Commerce will host a "MEET YOUR CANDIDATES NIGHT" and invites all friends of Fort New Salem to attend. It will be on Monday, October 20 at 6:30 PM.

The forum will be held at the Brewster All Faith Chapel on the campus of Salem International University with the doors opening at 6:00 PM. SIU, a chamber member, is co-sponsoring the night along with the Chamber. This is the eighth biennial event. All candidates on the ballot and registered write ins for Harrison County have been invited. Each candidate attending will be addressing

the audience. A moderated question and answer session will follow. The night will conclude with a social where those attending can speak personally with the candidates. For questions about this event, call Dr. Joseph Audia at 304-782-1005 or contact the chamber by e-mail at chamber@salemwv.com.

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Thank You

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The Clarksburg-Harrison Cultural Foundation has once again funded Fort New Salem

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FORT NEW SALEM FOUNDATION, INC.

Passionately preserving our Appalachian legacy...

Foundation Receives Grant From USDA

USDA Rural Development has granted the Fort New Salem Foundation, Inc. \$56,650 to install a drainage system at Fort New Salem.

The drainage system will consist of French drains around each of the buildings that will be tied into a central line to funnel the water off-site. Drains will also be installed around the perimeter of the parking lot to prevent water that comes off the surrounding hills from flowing across the lot, through the grounds and under the buildings. This drainage system will help to insure the preservation of one of the Fort's primary assets, its historic log structures.

The grant funds became available nationwide to counties that had been declared national disaster areas due to the recent flooding. The funds are to be used to encourage business

development in these areas. The Fort became aware of the availability of the funds due to a call that came to Terry Schulte at the Harrison County Planning / Landmark Commission, where board member Becky Nesbitt works. Several projects at the Fort were considered. Cheryl Wolfe, Program Director - Rural Business and Cooperative Programs of the West Virginia office of the USDA, visited the Fort and suggested that the drainage plan stood the best chance of being funded. The grant application was then completed and submitted. Thanks to former director Tim Brady and board members Mark Kiger and Stephen Kelly for their great assistance in getting the right information to Becky for the grant application.



200 Club

Quick Facts

- Envisioned as the bedrock of the Foundation
- Covers operational budget
- Donation is tax deductible
- Three payment plans
- Members will be recognized on-site

18th Annual Dulcimer Festival Held At Fort

What a spectacular weekend for the 18th Annual Dulcimer Festival at Fort New Salem!! Dulcimer players from all over the eastern seaboard gathered on Friday, August 8 to participate in this three day event that was planned by Dr. Linda Sigismondi. Linda has organized this event since its inception—in fact, it was her idea to hold this festival at the Fort starting in 1991.

Friday evening began with tents being pitched, campers being parked, old friends greeting each other, new friends being made. The sounds of dulcimers, both hammered and mountain—as well as many other instruments—rang against the surrounding hills as folks gathered on the porch of the Basket shop for the first concert

of the weekend. The music continued into the late hours of the evening throughout the jam session that continued in the Basket Shop. The unusually cool evening (for August) brought out sweaters for most.

As Saturday dawned, people streamed into the Fort to take part in the many wonderful workshops organized by Linda and taught by some of the finest leaders anywhere. There were classes in all levels and types of dulcimer playing. There were also classes in tin whistle, bowed psaltery, reading music, etc. For the first time in 18 years, this writer was able to take some of these classes and one day hopes to be able to actually play some of these instruments.

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Dulcimer
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Saturday evening brought one of the finest concerts to the Fort that the Dulcimer Festival has ever had. The mountain dulcimer player, Shelly Stevens, delighted the audience with her performance, showing the various styles of music this instrument is capable of producing. She also sang some very entertaining songs. Stephen Humphries, the featured hammered dulcimer performer, is the 2007 National Hammered Dulcimer champion (who would have thought there was such a thing!). He proved why he's champion, with a most fantastic performance on this somewhat daunting-looking instrument. The cd's he had flew off the sales table and into the hands of very

satisfied paying customers—this writer included! One audience member said there was only one thing wrong with the concert—it wasn't near long enough!!


Sunday opened with the Traditional Song Circle. Bleary-eyed dulcimer players (the late night jam session ended somewhere around 2 in the morning—or later for some) gathered in the central green of the Fort and played a mix of traditional songs and old-time hymns. The late morning and early afternoon saw a continuation of fine workshops, mostly for more advanced players than this writer (which would be about anyone). The afternoon closed with a

festival favorite—the ending jam session, concluding with the annual singing of John' Denver's "Country Roads". Tents were then packed, campers hooked to trucks, hugs all around to old and new friends alike and plans started for next year's Dulcimer Festival at Fort New Salem.

200 Club Registration

Name _____
 Address _____
 Email _____

Preferred Payment (check one) Annual Six Month Quarterly
Please clip and mail with your first payment


200 Club

From The Director

First, I would like to introduce myself to you. I was born and raised in a small Texas town with the population of about 1,200 in the county. I graduated from high school in 1983, received my Eagle Scout Award in 1981, joined the US Army/Texas National Guard in 1987, attended and received my Bachelor of Arts from Texas Tech University, and began working for the Boy Scouts of America in 1995. I live in Bridgeport with my wife

Kristie (who was born and raised in Clarksburg, WV) and our son Mario. Secondly, as everyone knows funding and raising money is very important to the Foundation, and over the next few months I will be putting a plan together that will let us be financially sound and taking the grounds of the museum to the next level. In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank

You to the Foundation and all members. I look forward to working hard and look forward to talking to each and every one of you. If you need to reach me email and I will return your email.

Thanks In Advance
Rey Galindo
Executive Director

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From the Foundation Chairman

It has been a productive and exciting summer at Fort New Salem! We had two great groups of volunteers, Upward Bound and Energy Express. They painted, cleaned, roofed and did anything asked of them. We also were fortunate to have Willy Mutschelknaus' donation of equipment and labor. Mr. Mutschelknaus helped widen the driveway and install a much needed culvert. The storehouse was demolished earlier this summer to make way for a future visitors' center. The planned center will have a directors' office, modern bathrooms, a place to view a film about the history of the fort and a place for concessions. The Front Porch Concerts were well

attended and blessed with good weather. We thank all the groups that played this summer and all those affiliated with the Dulcimer Concert that ended the season. The fort foundation has been awarded two grants this summer. The first is a \$20,000 grant to be used to renovate the blacksmith shop. Brian Moore and Ronnie Davisson have been working hard on the forge and bellows all summer. We also received a grant for \$57,000 toward our drainage project to upgrade the facilities. The foundation also has an endowment through the Clarksburg-Harrison Cultural Foundation. The board spent many hours going over the many applications received for

the directors' position. After reviewing all the applicants the board hired Mr. Ray Galindo as director. Ray will start September first. He is already planning events and programs and we look forward to working with such an energetic individual. We look forward to seeing you at the Salem Applebutter Festival and the Spirit of Christmas Celebration at the fort. Stop at our table and meet our new director and take a chance on the beautiful quilt we are raffling!

-Kevin Fluharty



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Volunteer Today Volunteering Today is Still Rewarding—and Fun

The Fort New Salem Foundation relies on dedicated volunteers to promote its mission to prepare our grounds at the museum. Today, volunteers, from all walks of life make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling the values they grew up with. Today, we need more volunteers than ever to keep our mission on target.

Volunteers serve in many capacities, from board members who lead in strategic long-range planning for the Foundation, to local volunteers who provide leadership in training and

mentoring, to volunteers who break down and build up cabins, volunteers who raise money, and volunteer who provide education to guest and students that visit. Together, these volunteers within the county and surrounding areas give thousands of hours in service annually to ensure that the city of Salem its youth, and visitors get an opportunity to see a little Appalachian History.

Through the work of these many volunteers, the Foundation remains focused on and continue to make the museum ground their first priority.

Therefore, to these volunteers we would like to say thank you for your dedication to the Foundation and the advancing, educational, historical, cultural and social aspects that the Fort New Salem Foundation is trying to bring to the community.

AND, to adults who are not currently volunteers, we invite you to become a volunteer and share in the positive experiences the museum provides.

Please contact us to find out further details and discuss how you can make a difference.



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