

FORT NEW SALEM FOUNDATION, INC.

Passionately preserving our Appalachian legacy



**Fort
New
Salem**
Foundation

February 2011

1st Quarter

NEW ENTRANCE & EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Plans are underway for a total re-make of our entrance. It includes

- new event sign,
- new gate,
- rail posts along our driveway, and
- paving the area around our new gate.

We wish to thank the West Virginia Department of Highways (donation of the posts), Hartland Planning Mill (transporting the posts), Bobby Samples (installation of the posts) for help on this project.

We also thank Eagle Scout candidate Alex Pitcock for selecting Fort New Salem as his project. Alex 's generosity will bring us our new entrance gate, some outdoor trash receptacles and the return of "the stocks" to our grounds. Additionally, we thank the West Virginia Legislature for their funding which assists with the paving.

GLASS
Design
Exhibition

Saturday
April 30
2 PM

Free admission

FORT RECEIVES NEW GRANTS & LARGEST INDIVIDUAL DONATION

We recently received two additional grants from the West Virginia Legislature in the amounts of \$10,000 and \$4,000. This will be allocated towards our utility upgrade and paving. We also received our largest individual donation to date! Additionally we were awarded a grant from the Clarksburg-Harrison Cultural Foundation to assist with our Glass Design Exhibition.

We wish to thank the families of Setsuko "Rosie" Shields and Clebert Dodd who in their time of mourning, requested donations to Fort New Salem in lieu of funeral flowers.

MORE ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

This year, our all volunteer group will open the Fort on many weekends with numerous events planned; several being devoted to historical events as our living history museum comes to life. Keep abreast of the events by checking the our website. The first weekend of importance will be May 13. That weekend in 1792, the settlers of New Salem gathered for their first organizational meeting as the Seventh Day Baptist Church of New Salem. They organized the first government and enacted measures to deal with conflict. Additionally, that is the same time 69 years latter that McClellan marched his soldiers through New Salem on his way to the first land battle of the Civil War. The Convention on Statehood started on that day and we will be coordinating our Civil War Program with the Harrison County Program at the Veteran's Park. The Front Porch concert will be coming back along with other programs. Stay in touch and join us this year.

YOU ARE INVITATION TO JOIN US FOR THE BIRTH OF..... OUR FRIENDS

As we plan more events and activities for 2011 and beyond, we are pleased to be at the point to create a formal volunteer auxiliary. In years past, the Fort was supported by the "Friends of the Fort" which disbanded before we took ownership of the facility in 2006.

We invite you to the organizational meeting on Sunday, April 10 at 3 PM. This will be held in our Weaving Room. This group will work with our board chair and director to assist with our volunteer activities and events.

How You Can Help

Exciting things are happening at Fort New Salem. We invite you to be a part. We hope you keep us at the top of your list when planning your time and donations for 2011 and invite you to:

- Join our volunteer network—Become a member of Friends of the Fort
- 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 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.



Check all that apply or contact us for more information.

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Signature _____

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