



# Fort New Salem Foundation

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June

FORT NEW SALEM FOUNDATION, INC.

## Passionately preserving our Appalachian legacy...

### Front Porch Concerts

The Summer of 2008 is officially underway at Fort New Salem. This year we've scheduled a series of Front Porch Concerts for Friday evenings. The laid-back, acoustic shows will feature some of North Central West Virginia's most talented groups and singer-songwriters.

Our first Front Porch Concert was held Friday, May 30th, and featured the group 23 Special. Other acts slated to perform include Eric Lewis and The East Run Band.

The Front Porch Concerts will be held every other Friday night through June and July. The series concludes with the annual Dulcimer Festival, which will be held at Fort New Salem August 8th, 9th and 10th.

Along with great acoustic music, the

Front Porch Concert series will showcase talented local artisans and crafters. Also, several of the renovated cabins on the grounds will be open for brief tours.

A limited number of dates are available to interested musical acts. Also, vendor space is still available to artisans on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call (304)695-2220.

Make plans to join us every other Friday for our Front Porch Concerts. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Fort New Salem is a family-friendly, alcohol-free environment.

The next concert is Friday, June 13th, featuring renowned singer-songwriter Eric Lewis.

### Quick Facts about the Front Porch Concert Series

- Every other Friday night through the summer
- Admission is \$5 for adults, children under 12 get in free
- Arts and crafts on display and for sale
- Alcohol-free, family-friendly environment
- Next show is June 13th featuring Eric Lewis

### Thank You

This quarter's newsletter was printed and mailed by Comvest, Inc.

Brian Moore and Ronnie Davisson cleaned up and re-opened the Blacksmith Shop

Pam Wilson of Comvest has printed and helped to prepare the quarterly newsletter for the last year.

The Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church provides meeting space for our Foundation throughout the year.

Dawn Conner volunteered to make the recent school tour a huge success.

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### Students Return!

Throughout the last several months, as renovations at Fort New Salem have proceeded, there has been one clear message from the Fort New Salem Foundation: this is an important project. On May 7th, we got a first-hand look at why that is.

A group of 4th and 5th grade stu-

dents from Mill Creek Intermediate School in Berkeley County stopped at Fort New Salem to tour the facility and learn about life in mid-19th Century West Virginia.

The students learned about paper marbling from Board of Directors member Becky Nesbitt. Volunteer

Dawn Conner demonstrated spinning and candle-dipping. Also, the children were treated to a blacksmithing demonstration by volunteers Brian Moore and Ronnie Davisson.

This was the next step in getting back to our mission of education.

## Board Spotlight: Rev. Dale Thorngate

Re. Dale Thorngate has been the Senior Pastor of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church since August of 1992.

His wife, Janet, is a graduate of Salem College. Both are vitally interested in Seventh Day Baptist history, as well as the church's involvement in the founding of Salem.

Rev. Thorngate holds a Bachelor's degree in business management from St. Benedict's College in Atchison, Kansas; a Master's Degree in Counseling from American Univer-

sity in Washington, D.C.; a Master of Divinity Degree from Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lombard, Illinois.

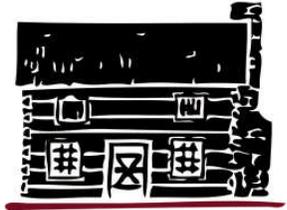
Rev. Thorngate is retired from the US Army as a Chief Warrant Officer Three. He served for twenty-one years.

Prior to coming to Salem, Rev. Thorngate served for five years as founding pastor of the Columbus, OH Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Dale served nine years as Executive Secretary for the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference and General Secretary for the SBD World Federation for twenty-two years.

In his military service and work for the Conference, Rev. Thorngate has traveled to all fifty states and visited eighteen countries.

Dale and Janet have a daughter, two sons and a foster son. They have nine grandchildren and one foster grandchild.



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### Fort New Salem Society Acceptance Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Yes! I want to join with the Fort New Salem Foundation in preserving and advancing our Appalachian heritage through facilities and programs at Fort New Salem.

Street \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to join the Fort New Salem Society at the level of: City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Explorer (\$35—\$49 annually)

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Trader (\$50—\$74 annually)

Hunter (\$75—\$99 annually)

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Settler (\$100—\$199 annually)

Villager (\$200 + annually)

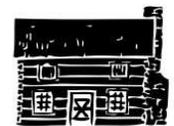
I have enclosed a check payable to:

*All contributors of \$35 or more will receive our quarterly newsletter and a vehicle window sticker. Please send your gift today!*

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To decline benefits, check here.

Visit us on the web at [www.fortnewsalemfoundation.org](http://www.fortnewsalemfoundation.org)

### The Fort New Salem Society

The *Fort New Salem Society* is the general membership arm of the Fort New Salem Foundation, Inc. The *Society* was created as a way for interested individuals to join our efforts to restore and preserve Fort New Salem. Membership is available at five basic levels, with each level offering different benefits to members.

All members of the *Fort New Salem Society* will receive a copy of our quarterly newsletter, either by email or USPS. All members will also receive a vehicle window sticker to display proudly, as well as a membership card. For other benefits, please refer to the chart below.



#### Membership Levels

<i>Level</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Admission Discount*</i>	<i>Store Discount</i>	<i>Workshop Discount</i>	<i>Recognition Gift</i>
Explorer	\$35–\$49 annually	1 Free	5%	5%	-
Trader	\$50–\$74 annually	2 Free	5%	10%	cap
Hunter	\$75–\$99 annually	3 Free	10%	10%	cap
Settler	\$100–\$199 annually	5 Free	10%	15%	travel mug
Villager	\$200 + annually	5 Free	15%	15%	travel mug & cap

*\*Discount applies to general admissions only. Discount does not apply to special events.*

## The Fort New Salem Society



Many dedicated individuals are working extremely hard to renovate Fort New Salem. We would like for you to join us in this endeavor. By becoming a member of the *Fort New Salem Society* you not only contribute monetarily, but you become yet another voice who joins the chorus of those already proclaiming the importance of this piece of our heritage.

As you can imagine, the cost of renovating and maintaining this Appalachian treasure is sizeable. Admissions and local fundraisers cover a portion, but for the rest we are relying on interested people like you. You understand the importance of this landmark, appreciate its role in educating further generations about our rich heritage and believe in the role it can play in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

We hope you will become a part of our family by taking a leadership role in the restoration of this vital link to our Appalachian roots. We who live in this region of the United States are here because of the perseverance of many courageous individuals. Please join us in preserving their history.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Fort New Salem Foundation at 1-304-695-2220. Or, for your convenience, visit us on the web at [www.fortnewsalemfoundation.org](http://www.fortnewsalemfoundation.org).

You'll find a clip-and-mail *Fort New Salem Society* registration form on page two of this quarter's newsletter. You'll also find a more detailed explanation of membership benefits on page three.

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