

2008 Memories at the Fort



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Thank You

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

Spirit of Christmas in the Mountains set to take place on:

Dates: December 13th & 14th
Times: 2:00 until 30 to 40 minutes past tree lighting.

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Special Holiday Newsletter

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FORT NEW SALEM FOUNDATION, INC.

Passionately preserving our Appalachian legacy...

FUND ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT FORT NEW SALEM

The Community Foundation of North Central West Virginia (CFNCWV) has established a new endowment fund to support the ongoing development of Fort New Salem in Harrison County.

The fund was created with a \$5,000 donation from the Clarksburg-Harrison Cultural Foundation, according to its president, Ian Rudick. "We made this donation as part of our effort to enhance cultural activities in the western part of Harrison County," Rudick said. "We see this gift as the seed to help grow a permanent endowment that will benefit the area for many years to come."

Rey Galindo, executive director of the Fort New Salem Foundation, said his group is "extremely grateful to the Cultural Foundation for this generous gift. This endowment will help to support the various activities at the Fort, including a number of improvement projects that we have planned or under way. It will help to ensure that

we can continue to provide historical education and cultural enrichment to thousands of patrons every year, and to keep alive the heritage of Salem and the Appalachian Mountain region for future generations."

Fort New Salem is a frontier log house settlement representative of nineteenth century life in the north central region of what was then Western Virginia. The village of more than 18 relocated log houses is a living outdoor museum interpreting the history, crafts and lifestyles of the area.

The settlement is surrounded by tree-covered hills and takes its visitors into another lifetime when work and leisure activities reflected the values and traditions of the community and the Appalachian culture of her people. Among the numerous seasonal activities held at the fort are a fall dulcimer festival and the "Spirit of Christmas in the Mountains" celebration. This nationally recognized event is a joyous



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

54 Gifted Students Visit Fort New Salem

On November, 10th Fort New Salem had its first official school tour. That's Right, 54 gifted students from Adamston Elementary and surrounding schools made an official visit to the Fort. The students were treated to a tour of the Block House, Meeting Room, and the Tin Shop to name a few. They all were given a short summary of each building we have later. After they all settled down and were broken into groups, they learned to make candles with the help of Dawn which thought them how to dip candles the old fashion way. Two other events that the students

learned and participated in was making baskets with the help of Audrey (my next door neighbor who volunteered) who ran the station and helped Brian with some blacksmithing. The morning was capped off with OOOHHHS!! and AHHHHHS! when John took out his Black Powder Rifle and finished off the morning with a demonstration. Over all the students loved the tour and did not want to leave according to Ms. West the students teacher.

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recreation of a traditional Christmas observance in early West Virginia.

The Fort also houses a museum store that traditionally features West Virginia arts, fine and folk art and museum reproductions.

“The Community Foundation is proud to manage this endowment fund, which will help to preserve the history and culture of the area and improve the quality of life in North Central West Virginia,” said D. Max region.”

Any individual, family, business or organization can make a contribution to the Fort New Salem Endowment Fund.

The original gift and all future donations will be invested by the Community Foundation to maximize their growth. Once the fund reaches a minimum of \$10,000, the CFNCWV will use the net income from its investments to make annual grants to the fort.

The Community Foundation manages a growing number of donor funds with assets and pledged assets of more than \$2 million. Income from these funds is used to award several annual scholarships, support the arts in a variety of ways, assist the Harrison County United Way and support such deserving organizations as the Union Mission of Fairmont, Main Street Fairmont, the Marion County

Historical Society and the Bi-County Nutrition Fund of Harrison and Doddridge counties.

Tax-deductible donations can be made to any existing fund through the Community Foundation of NCWV, 1000 Technology Drive, Suite 2230, Fairmont, WV 26554.

Additional information about the Community Foundation and its established funds is available on its web site, www.ncwvfoundation.org. You can call the Foundation at (304) 694-2666.

200 Club Registration

Name _____
Address _____
Email _____

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



From The Director

Investing In Our Future

Supporting the Fort New Salem is not just a donation; it is investing in our future.

For many people, investing in securities, gives you a sense of well security. Stocks and other investments are often an important part of a long-term plan. As you read in the first article, we now have an endowment, and we are hopeful that it will con-

tinue to grow. There are many different ways you can provide an investment in the future of the Fort. For example, did you know that your investments can also be an excellent source of charitable gifts? Stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other securities that you have owned or owned for more than one year can not only make convenient gifts, but can provide you and your family with a well deserved tax break or benefit.

Please call us if you are interested in knowing more about giving to the Fort New Salem Foundation.

Until, next time, I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas, and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Thanks In Advance
Rey Galindo
Executive Director

From the Foundation Chairman

It has been a great year to be chairman. We accomplished a lot of work on the grounds and cabins this spring with the help of great volunteers. Many thanks go to the energy express and upward bound students along with the inmates from Prunytown. The work done this spring helped get ready for our Front Porch Concerts. The concerts grew in popularity over the summer months leading into the Dulcimer Festival in August. The crowds and the weather were great and we looked forward to next summer.

This fall we hire Reynaldo Galindo as the next executive director for the fort. Rey has hit the ground running, applying for grants, making plans for next year's activities and even hosting our first school group to visit the fort in some time. We have secured a grant to work on the drainage and grounds and another to renovate the blacksmith shop. We all look forward to working with Rey and have great faith in his ability to make this a successful venture.

With the end of the year closing fast, we are planning the annual

“Sprint Of Christmas in the Mountains”. This is a favorite event of mine and is looked forward to by young and old alike. We will have live music, Der Belsnickle passing out candy to good boys and girls, tradesmen exhibiting their crafts and of course the lighting of the tree at dusk. We hope you all will join us and come back next season to enjoy this special place.

Kevin Fluharty



Fort Sets Dates for Spirit of Christmas

With Christmas approaching fast and winter finally here and snowing while writing this article for the news letter. I can finally say it that time of year.

The traditional Spirit of Christmas in the Mountains date has been set for December 13th and 14th.

Plans are well under way with the help of Becky Nesbitt.



This year the Fort is planning on having cookies, drinks, and crafts for sell. You will also be enjoying live music throughout

the afternoon. But don't forget the lighting of the tree with the Der Belsnickle.

So bring your family and invite your friends and come join us at the Fort for a wonder afternoon of fun and entertainment.



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.

