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Upcoming Events

February 15
President's Day
Point of Honor
FREE
10:00am – 4:00pm
112 Cabell Street

February 19
African American Genealogy Workshop & Program with Library of Virginia Staff
FREE
Lynchburg Public Library, 2:00pm-5:30pm, co-sponsored by The Legacy Museum and Martin Luther King Center

March 12
A Great Change in the Situation of Man: Lynchburg's Railroads
Exhibit Opens FREE
2:00pm
Lynchburg Museum
901 Court Street
Exhibit tour and refreshments

March 26
Easter Egg Hunt on the Lawn at Point of Honor
10:00am – 1:00pm

The Museum (901 Court Street) and Point of Honor (112 Cabell Street) are closed only on New Years' Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. Open hours are 10 am to 4 pm Monday-Saturday and Noon to 4 pm Sunday.

Visit our websites: www.lynchburgmuseum.org and www.pointofhonor.org, see us on Lynchburg Museum Facebook, Twitter/LburgMuse, or call (434) 455-6226 for more information.

FREE
112 Cabell Street
3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt With Lynchburg Parks & Recreation

April 15
Preschoolers' Night at the Museum
6:00pm – 8:00pm
\$25 per child Lynchburg Museum
901 Court Street
Reservations Required!
Ages 4-7

April 26
Garden Day at Point of Honor
FREE
10:00am – 4:00pm
112 Cabell Street

May 1
Mother-Daughter Tea at Point of Honor
\$10 Adult + 1 child (additional child \$5 each)
2pm
112 Cabell Street
Reservations Required!



THE MUSE NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER of the LYNCHBURG MUSEUM SYSTEM

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Betsy & Carl Mason

Betsy and Carl are a great husband and wife volunteer team! Much of their volunteer time is spent in Point of Honor's hearth kitchen teaching school children what life was like in the early 1800s. You will often find them there for special events such as Christmas Open House, Garden Day, and Day at the Point. Carl and Betsy moved to Lynchburg from New Jersey 9 years ago to live closer to their grandchildren. Carl is a retired engineer and Betsy worked at a living history farm. They enjoy volunteering in the kitchen at beautiful Point of Honor because they like to share their love of American history and cooking, especially with school groups. As Betsy stated, "It's so much fun to dress up and live in the 1800s for a few hours and then go home and appreciate the modern conveniences of today. We are still learning about our adopted home town of Lynchburg; what better place to do that than the Lynchburg Museum System."

There are many opportunities for you to get involved as a volunteer! Spend time at Point of Honor and at the Lynchburg Museum at the Old Court House giving tours, greeting visitors, working on special projects, assisting during school field trips, and much more! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Whitney Roberts, Volunteer Coordinator at, 434-455-6226 or whitney.roberts@lynchburgva.gov.



Betsy & Carl Mason teaching hearth cooking to school children

EXHIBITIONS IN 2016

The *Experience The James* exhibit closed at the end of 2015 after being viewed by over 13,000 people. From January 12-March 6, the Library of Virginia traveling exhibit: *To Be Sold: Virginia and the American Slave Trade* is on display. The exhibit explores the sale of large numbers of slaves from Virginia to the Deep South in the years prior to the Civil War. Included are artifacts excavated from slave quarters at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest and information on Jefferson's sale of a number of slaves over the years. On loan from Sweet Briar College is a letter from a slave to Elijah Fletcher, former mayor of Lynchburg and father of the founder of Sweet Briar. The slave, Martha Penn Taylor, asks Fletcher to buy her so that she is not "sold South," which he does. Martha lived at Sweet Briar plantation as a slave and then as an employee after the Civil War.



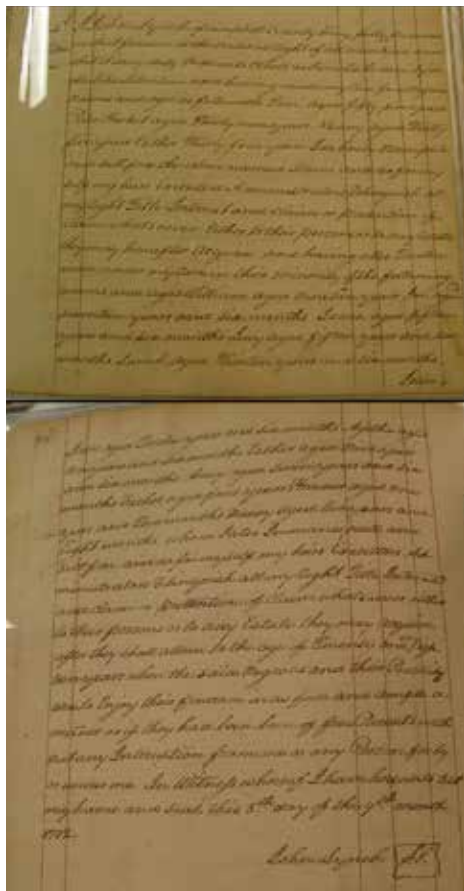
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Also included is the story of Lynchburg's Quakers as their faith abolished slavery in the 18th century. Quaker leaders determined that slavery "was an abomination in the eyes of God" and members of the faith freed their slaves or had to leave the church. Lynchburg founder John Lynch freed his slaves in 1782 and a copy of his "deed of manumission" is on display courtesy of the Campbell County Clerk's Office. In addition to Poplar Forest and Sweet Briar College, other partners include The Legacy Museum and the Martin Luther King Center for Human Rights. They and the Lynchburg Museum are sponsoring an African American genealogy workshop at the Lynchburg Public Library on February 19th from 2-4 pm followed by a program on the Library of Virginia's new searchable database "Virginia Untold: The African American Narrative." The *To Be Sold* exhibit will be followed by *A Great Change in the Situation of Man: Lynchburg's Railroads* from March 12th through the end of 2016.

Also on display is *A Feast for the Eyes: Quilts and Textiles from Central Virginia*, which runs through the end of 2016. Over 20 quilts, samplers, needlework, and related pieces are featured—all with a local connection. These items are from the Lynchburg Museum Collection, loaned by other museums including the Virginia Quilt Museum, Bedford Museum, Campbell County Historical Society, and Amherst Museum, or loaned by local families.



John Lynch's "Deed of Manumission," 1782, courtesy Campbell County Clerk's Office



L to R: Lynchburg Police Chief Raul Diaz, former Lynchburg Libraries and Museums Director Lynn Dodge, and Parks & Recreation Director Jenny Jones at *To Be Sold* opening

Lynchburg City Students Visit the Museum and Point of Honor

This fall, all 2nd and 4th grade students in Lynchburg City Schools toured the Museum and in the spring, all 3rd and 7th grade students will tour either the Museum or Point of Honor. Last year, 1,894 students from 36 schools visited on field trips; more students are expected in 2016.

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"New treasures seen with every visit."
—Revely Carwile, Jr., Bedford, Virginia

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- Unlimited Free Admission to the Lynchburg Museum at the Old Court House & Point of Honor
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Individuals interested in receiving membership benefits should please contact Lorie Jamerson, Membership Coordinator at, 434-455-6226 or lorie.jamerson@lynchburgva.gov.

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