



**WEST VIRGINIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL
ANNOUNCES GRANT AWARDS**

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Charleston – The West Virginia Humanities Council recently awarded 17 new grants to nonprofit organizations in West Virginia that support educational programming. The Humanities Council is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and serves West Virginia through grants and direct programs in the humanities, budgeting nearly \$700,000 for grants and programs each year.

Major grants are for projects requesting over \$1,500 and up to \$20,000, and are awarded twice annually. Minigrants, \$1,500 or less, are offered four times per year. The next Humanities Council minigrant deadline is June 1 and the next major grant deadline is September 1.

The West Virginia Humanities Council recently awarded 10 new major grants:

Marshall University Research Corporation (Cabell County), “The Amicus Curiae Lecture Series on Constitutional Democracy”

Mountain of Hope (Fayette County), “Oh Deep in My Heart: Reaching Toward Togetherness in Education and Beyond,” oral history project

Capon Bridge Ruritan Club (Hampshire County), “Focus on History, Capon Bridge Founders Day Festival”

Contemporary American Theater Festival, Inc. (Jefferson County), “2017 Humanities at the Festival,” humanities programming

Harpers Ferry Park Association (Jefferson County), “Education and the Struggle for Equality,” Storer College commemorative program

Shepherd University Foundation (Jefferson County), “Humanities and the Environment,” symposium

Mary Ingles Trail Blazers (Kanawha County), “Mason-Dixon 250 in 2017,” living history program

Step by Step, Inc. (Kanawha County), “All Kinds of Families: Exploring Diversity through Children’s Literature,” summer literature program

West Virginia Mine Wars Museum (Mingo County), “Mine Wars Education and Outreach,” lesson plans and outreach program

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Friends of Blackwater (Tucker County), “Henry Gassaway Davis’s Coal and Coke Industry,” interpretive signs

The West Virginia Humanities Council recently awarded seven new minigrants:

Marshall University (Cabell County), “Sermon: Text and Performance,” lecture

Marshall University (Cabell County), “Digitizing and Teaching Appalachia’s Past,” lesson plans and public education program

West Virginia Music Hall of Fame (Greenbrier County), “The Art & History of West Virginia Music at Carnegie Hall,” exhibit

FestivALL Charleston (Kanawha County), “West Virginia Author’s Roundtable”

Grand Vue Park (Marshall County Park & Recreation), “A Grand Vue of History,” storytelling at the 2017 History and Folklore Festival

Craft Memorial Library (Mercer County), “Mahood Architectural Legacy: Building Awareness,” lecture and site visits

Elkins Main Street (Randolph County), “Elkins Rail Yard Interpretive Signs”

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council grants program contact Humanities Council grants administrator Erin Riebe at (304) 346-8500 or via email at riebe@wvhumanities.org. Grant guidelines and applications are available on the Humanities Council website, www.wvhumanities.org.

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The West Virginia Humanities Council is a nonprofit corporation governed by a board of directors whose members are drawn from all parts of West Virginia. It is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, supported by the NEH, the State of West Virginia, and by contributions from the private sector. The purposes of the West Virginia Humanities Council are educational, and its mission is to support a vigorous program in the humanities statewide in West Virginia.