



**WEST VIRGINIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL
ANNOUNCES GRANT AWARDS**

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Charleston – The West Virginia Humanities Council recently awarded 12 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 over \$800,000 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 12 new grants:

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

Contemporary American Theater Festival (Jefferson County), “2018 Humanities at the Festival,” humanities programming.

Davis & Elkins College (Randolph County), “Humanities at Augusta: Traditional Arts & Folklore in Cultural Context,” humanities programming.

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

Glenville State College (Gilmer County), “We, too, are Appalachia: An Exploration of Identity and Place,” exhibit, kiosks, and readings/discussions.

Marshall University Research Corp. (Cabell County), “African Americans in West Virginia Oral History Project.”

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

Shepherd University Foundation (Jefferson County), “Who Are My People? The Search for Kinship: The Stories of Karen Zacharias,” writer-in-residence program.

Step by Step, Inc. (Kanawha County), “200 Years of Frankenstein,” public lecture and workshops.

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West Virginia University Research Corp. (Monongalia County), “WATER: a Cross-Disciplinary Exhibit & Humanities Program Exploring Life’s Critical Resource.”

West Virginia Wesleyan College (Upshur County), “2nd Pearl S. Buck Living Gateway Conference.”

Wheeling Academy of Law and Science Foundation (Ohio County), “Reuther-Pollack Labor History Symposium.”

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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