



**WEST VIRGINIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL
ANNOUNCES GRANT AWARDS**

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Charleston – The West Virginia Humanities Council recently awarded 15 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 such projects each year.

Major grants are designed for projects requesting over \$1,500 and up to \$20,000, and are awarded twice annually. Minigrants, designed for projects requesting \$1,500 or less, are awarded 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 15 new grants:

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

Contemporary American Theater Festival (Jefferson County), “2019 Humanities at the Festival,” humanities programming

Davis & Elkins College (Randolph County), “Humanities at Augusta: Celebrating Traditional Artists and Makers,” humanities programming

Festiv-ALL Charleston, West Virginia, Inc. (Kanawha County), “LGBTQ Appalachian Authors’ Roundtable”

Friends of Blackwater (Tucker County), “Tucker County Industrial History Project,” interpretive signs

Friends of Ashby’s Fort, Inc. (Mineral County), “Archaeological Exploration and Interpretation of Ashby’s Fort, 2019 Season,” archaeological investigations

Friends of Wheeling, Inc. (Ohio County), “Wheeling Civil War Symposium”

Harrison County West Virginia Historical Society, “Revealed: A Glimpse Behind the Curtain of Harrison County’s Women,” exhibit

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

National Coal Heritage Area Authority (Mercer County), “Coal Mining Heritage Festival”

Shepherd University Foundation (Jefferson County), “2019 Appalachian Heritage Writer’s Award and Writer-in-Residence – Everybody’s Street and Being Black in Appalachia: The Prose and Poetry of Crystal Wilkinson,” writer-in-residence program.

The West Virginia Mine Wars Museum (Mingo County), “Bridging the Generation Gap in Mine Wars History,” exhibits and museum journal

West Virginia Public Theater (Monongalia County), “Post-show discussion for Storming Heaven: The Musical”

West Virginia University Research Corporation (Roane, Braxton, and Kanawha Counties), “Presenting Eastern Woodland Indian Traditions to 4H Summer Campers,” history presentations

West Virginia University Research Corporation (Monongalia County), “Seedy Talks: Morgantown Seed Preservation Library Speaker Series”

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.