

WEST VIRGINIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL ANNOUNCES GRANT AWARDS

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Charleston – The West Virginia Humanities Council recently awarded 19 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 19 new grants:

Alchemy Theatre Troupe (Cabell County), 2021 WV Shakespeare Festival

Appalachia Book Company, Murder Ballad Podcast Series

Arthurdale Heritage (Preston County), New Interpretive Technologies at Arthurdale Heritage

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College (Berkeley County), "Ain't I a Woman": Combatting Systemic Racism and Sexism

Davis & Elkins College (Randolph County), Humanities at Augusta: Celebrating American Folklife and Folk Arts

Festiv-ALL Charleston (Kanawha County), Appalachian Authors' Roundtable

Friends of Blackwater (Tucker County), Davis Commercial District – Historic Signs

Greenbrier Historical Society (Greenbrier County), The Wagon House Exhibit

Hardy County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Robert Higgins Museum, Phase 3: Implementation of the Master Plan

Huntington Museum of Art (Cabell County), Huntington Sesquicentennial Exhibit

National Coal Heritage Area Authority (Fayette County), Battle of Blair Mountain Centennial

Pocahontas County Libraries & Visitor Information Centers, Pocahontas County Outdoor Waysides and Traveling Exhibits

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Pricketts Fort Memorial Foundation (Marion County), Pricketts Fort's Artist in Residence Program

Richwood Area Chamber of Commerce (Nicholas County), *History Comes Alive in Richwood* (living history programming)

Scotts Run Museum and Trail, Inc. (Monongalia County), Preserving the Stories of Scotts Run, West Virginia (booklet)

Shepherd University Foundation, *Other People's Shoes: Fiction, Empathy, and the Writing of Marie Manilla* (Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence Project)

West Virginia Music Hall of Fame (Kanawha County), The WV Museum of Music

West Virginia University Research Corporation (Monongalia County), *The West Virginia Feminist Activist Collection* (archives collection)

Writers Association of Northern Appalachia, *Keynote and Award Banquet Speakers for Writers Association of Northern Appalachia Writers Conference 2021*

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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