

## WEST VIRGINIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL ANNOUNCES GRANT AWARDS

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Charleston — The West Virginia Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, serves West Virginia through grants and direct programs in the humanities. The Humanities Council budgets more than \$600,000 for grants and programs each year. A variety of grants are offered to nonprofit organizations that support educational programming. Humanities Council major grants are awarded twice annually for projects requesting over \$1,500 and up to \$20,000. Minigrants support projects that request \$1,500 or less, and are offered four times per year. **The next Humanities Council minigrant deadline is June 1, 2015, and the next major grant deadline is September 1, 2015.** 

## The West Virginia Humanities Council recently awarded 24 new grants:

Capon Bridge Ruritan Club (Hampshire County): Founders Day Festival

Marshall University Research Corporation (Cabell County): 2015-2016 Amicus Curiae Lecture Series and the Visiting Writers Lecture Series

Solomon's Secret (Clay County): Native American reenactment

Clay County Business Development Authority: Buffalo Creek Recreational Trail signage and the Elk River festival

Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation (Greenbrier County): film festival

Ripley Convention & Visitors Bureau (Jackson County): West Virginia Music Hall of Fame at the Ripley 4th of July Celebration

Contemporary American Theater Festival (Jefferson County): lectures, discussions, and readings at the Contemporary American Theater Festival

Shepherd University (Jefferson County): lectures, discussions and programs with 2015 writer-in-residence Nikki Giovanni

Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences of West Virginia (Kanawha County): "Self-Reflection" exhibit lecture series

Friends of Blackwater/J.R. Clifford Project (Kanawha County): lectures and discussions about the impact of early African-American West Virginia educators

West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy (Kanawha County): interactive website about race relations

West Virginia Department of Education (Kanawha County): Japanese language and cultural camp for elementary students

West Virginia Symphony Orchestra (Kanawha County): lectures and discussions with 2015-2016 symphony concert guest artists

GFWC Woman's Club of Fairmont (Marion County): lectures, discussions, and displays about the history of West Virginia normal schools

Monongalia County Commission: documentary film about World War II casualty, Private First Class James Wickline

West Virginia University Research Corporation (Monongalia County): tree-ring dating for historic structures project, traveling exhibits for the Royce J. & Caroline B. Watts Museum, *History Hitting the Road* at 4-H summer camps, and Little Free Libraries in Wayne County

Pocahontas County Free Libraries: programs about Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal

Taylor County Historical and Genealogical Society: historic walking tour brochure and signs in downtown Grafton

Northern Webster County Improvement Council: documentary film about the Balli sisters

Wyoming County Historical Museum: Wyoming County Civil War Days

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council grants program contact Humanities Council grants administrator Amy Saunders Postalwait at (304) 346-8500 or via email at postalwait@wvhumanities.org. Grant guidelines and applications are also available on the Humanities Council website, <u>www.wvhumanities.org</u>.

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