



WEST VIRGINIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL

**** Charleston historic properties host events for West Virginia Day ****

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Charleston – Some of the capital’s most storied homes will be open to the public for tours and other fun on West Virginia Day, Thursday, June 20. The Craik-Patton House (2809 Kanawha Blvd E), Historic Glenwood Estate (800 Orchard St), and MacFarland-Hubbard House (1310 Kanawha Blvd E) all predate the Civil War and have witnessed important moments of local and national history.

The **Craik-Patton House** will host tours and provide refreshments **from 10am-4pm**. The building was home to both George Washington’s personal physician and Colonel George S. Patton, a Confederate officer and grandfather to the famed World War II general. Visit www.craikpattonhouse.org for more information.

Historic Glenwood Estate will also feature **tours from 10am-2pm** and live music from Marjie Foster on the estate’s antique square grand piano. Glenwood was the longtime residence of lawyer George Summers, one of Virginia’s Congressmen before the Civil War and the separation of West Virginia. The widely-respected Summers spoke out against secession at the Virginia Convention in 1861. Find out more at www.historicglenwoodfoundation.org.

At the **MacFarland-Hubbard House** from **2pm-4pm**, the West Virginia Humanities Council is celebrating 50 years of serving the state with an open house sponsored in part by United Bank. For nearly half of those five decades, the Council has operated from the 1836-built home, which served briefly as a field hospital for Union troops during the Civil War. Tours and refreshments will be offered, along with music from banjo player Kim Johnson and fiddler Bobby Taylor. At 2:30pm, a living history presentation of Thomas Ingles will take place to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Dunmore’s War. Thomas Ingles was the son of Mary Draper Ingles, whose capture by and escape from the Shawnee was famously recounted in James Alexander Thom’s historical novel *Follow the River*. Thomas was raised as a son by a Shawnee family through adolescence, but was returned to Virginia society as an adult and later fought against the Shawnee during Dunmore’s War.

West Virginia Day is only one piece of Council programming that week, which also features a conversation with folklorist Jasper Waugh-Quasebarth, author of *Finding the Singing Spruce*, at Taylor Books on June 21 at 5:30pm. At 2:00pm on Sunday, June 23, the Council will finish its 2024 Little Lectures season with a talk by legal scholar and tribal judge Robert Miller. A citizen of the Eastern Shawnee nation, Miller is the author of several books on the “doctrine of discovery,” an English legal

principle that justified the colonization of North America and other continents despite the presence of native civilizations.

The Council's new flagship traveling exhibition, *Born of Rebellion: West Virginia Statehood and the Civil War*, is also on display on the lower rotunda of the State Capitol through July 14. Visit www.wvhumanities.org for information on the West Virginia Humanities Council's many summer events.

The West Virginia Humanities Council, an independent nonpartisan nonprofit, is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Council is supported by the NEH, the State of West Virginia, and 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.

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