

Fall 2011 Programs & Special Events



Preserving Summer's Bounty: Safely Canning Your Own Food

September 10 12pm-2pm

The Fall season brings an end to summer gardening and, often, an overabundance of fresh food. What do you do when that once-fresh food is beginning to overwhelm the pantry and refrigerator and risk spoilage? Preserve your favorite foods from the garden, the farmer's market, or the grocery store by learning how to can food safely in your own home and enjoy the "fruits" of your labor all winter long! Preserving Summer's Bounty will explore the basics of home canning, including equipment and techniques as well as issues of food safety. *This program is free to the public.*

First Saturday Community Coffeehouse

Sept & Oct 7:00-9:00 p.m.



Each month, a different host performer takes center stage and welcomes all family-friendly performers to

step up to the open microphone. Come hear music, poetry, and stories from some of the community's best performers. Admission is free. Refreshments will be available for purchase. All performers are asked to arrive by 6:30pm for sign-in and scheduling.

"Grateful Service": Honoring Our Service Men & Women

September 11 2-4:30pm

To honor the victims of 9/11 and in the spirit of the National Day of Service and Remembrance, "Grateful Service" will be held at the Southwest Virginia Museum on the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Current police, fire, and rescue service members of Wise County, VA and the City of Norton are invited to attend this event. A concert will be

presented as well as written and photo documentation of each member's service and an essay contest open to students in grades 5-8. Call 276-523-1322 by September 1st to register.

Grayson Highlands Fall Festival Bus Tour

Sept 24 8am - 6:00pm

Hop on the Museum's bus for a fall trip to the Grayson Highlands Fall Festival. The bus will depart at 8am and arrive at Grayson Highlands State Park just after the festival day begins. Tour members will have the opportunity to experience the Fall Festival at their own pace until 3:00pm, when the bus will depart for the Museum. Seating is limited to 15.

Cost: \$20 per person.

Registration & Payment: Sept 9

True Art Showcase & Children's Contest

Oct 2-16

True Art, named in honor of James True, the first curator of the Museum, features the works of today's local artists in a show that celebrates the creativity and talents of our friends and neighbors. Works in a variety of mediums will be on display throughout the Museum from October 2 through 16. Regular admission rates apply. The deadline for submitting art for the showcase is September 16; due to limited presentation space, please limit submission to two pieces per artist.

The showcase also includes an art competition reflecting this year's theme: "Fall in Southwest Virginia" open to students in grades K-12. Entries should portray some aspect of Southwest Virginia's rich culture, history, and/or natural surroundings. Drawings and paintings are welcome. We request a maximum size of 11"x17" and welcome smaller submissions.

All entries should be accompanied by the student's name, school name, and grade. Judges consider entries in the following groupings: K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, and 9th-12th. All submissions should be received at the museum by Friday, September 16. Winning entries will be on display in the museum from October 2-16. Winners in each group will receive prizes at a reception held at the museum on Sunday, October 9.

Adventures in History: Coal Camp Tour

October 8

8am - 5:30pm

Join regional historian Dr. Lawrence Fleenor on a guided tour of area coal camps. The bus tour will depart the museum and travel on a comfortable bus to area coal camps of Stonega, Derby, Keokee, Imboden, Exeter, and Dunbar.

Cost: \$20 per person. Seating is limited to 12; reserve your spot today! Participants may bring their own lunch or pre-purchase a boxed lunch from the museum for an additional \$5.

Pre-registration & payment: Sept 23

Hoots 'n' Haints "Trick or Treat" Evening

Oct 31 5pm-8:00pm

Calling all trick-or-treaters! Take a break from your candy gathering around Big Stone Gap and join us on the lawn of the Museum for some ghoulish fun and games. Learn about the origins of Halloween and how many of today's spooky traditions came to be. Play Halloween-themed games, stop by the craft table to make your very own Halloween treat. Refreshments will be available for purchase with all proceeds to benefit the Friends of the Museum.

This free event is open to all trick-or-treaters. For more information, please call the Southwest Virginia Museum at 276-523-1322.



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