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**First Saturday Community Coffeehouse  
September 1st & October 6th from 7-9pm**

The First Saturday Community Coffee House is an open-mic event and is open to all family-friendly performers. All interested musicians, storytellers, and poets should arrive by 6:30pm for sign-up and scheduling. *Admission is free to this program. Refreshments will be available for purchase.*

**Adventures in History:  
Wandering the Wilderness Bus Tour  
Fall Date TBA from 8am-6:30pm**

Join us for this day-long excursion throughout Southwest Virginia. We'll travel from the Anderson Blockhouse to Cumberland Gap, stopping at important locations along the Wilderness Road. Dr. Lawrence Fleenor, Jr. will be our guide. Dr. Fleenor is the author of several books on Southwest Virginia history. Dr. Fleenor also serves as the Historian for the Daniel Boone Wilderness Trail Association. *The price per person is \$20. Participants may bring their own lunch or purchase a boxed lunch from the Museum for \$5. Seating is limited to 14.*

**National Day of Service  
September 11th**

Programming specific to the National Day of Service will be announced in the summer of 2012.

**Bus Tour to New River Trail State Park  
Monday, September 17th from 8am to 5pm**

Claim your seat on the Museum's tour bus for a day at New River Trail State Park, one of Virginia's linear state parks! Tour participants will board the bus at 8am and experience Southwest Virginia during its gorgeous fall season. Trip includes viewing a Civil War-era Shot Tower, the beautiful Foster Falls, and other sites at New River Trail. *Cost: \$20 per person. Seating is limited to 15. Participants may bring their own lunch or pre-purchase a boxed lunch from the Museum for an additional \$5. Registration and payment deadline is Friday, August 31st.*

**National Public Lands Day & Stewardship Virginia  
Saturday, September 22nd from 1pm to 3pm**

Lend your valuable time, energy, and creativity to the ongoing work on the grounds of the Southwest Virginia Museum Historical State Park. The Museum will sponsor a volunteer cleanup and landscape beautification day

on the park's grounds from 1pm to 3pm. *Specific activities will depend upon the park's needs in September.*

**"True Art" Exhibition & Student Competition  
September 30th through October 21st**

Adult art submissions and winning entries from the Museum's annual "True Art" contest for young artists from Kindergarten through 12th Grade will be on display in the Museum. An awards reception for the winning student artists will be held on Sunday, October 7th, at 1pm.

**Grayson Highlands Fall Harvest Festival Bus Tour  
Sept 29th from 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 and payment deadline is September 14th.*

**Adventures in History: Coal Camp Bus Tour  
Fall Date TBA from 8am-4pm**

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 14; reserve your spot today! Participants may bring their own lunch or pre-purchase a boxed lunch from the Museum for an additional \$5.*

**Hoots 'n' Haints  
Wednesday, October 31st from 5pm-8pm**

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. Tour our Haunted Moat, play Halloween-themed games, and stop by the craft table to make your very own Halloween treat. *Refreshments will be available for purchase. This free event is open to all trick-or-treaters.*