



A Whirl-Wind Year!!

As 2006 draws to a close, I would like to take this moment to recap the busy year we here at Rich Mountain and Historic Beverly Preservation have had over the past 11 months. In March, RMBF partnered with the Tygart Valley LIONS Club to pull-off their first Rifle Rally event. Due to changes in the charitable raffle laws in West Virginia, RMBF's former partner in the event the Randolph County Chamber of Commerce was unable to continue the event. RMBF picked up the opportunity to continue the successful fundraiser and had the pleasure of teaming up with long-time RMBF/HBP supporters the LIONS Club. This event helped support project for both organizations throughout the year—kudos to the LIONS for taking the challenge on with us. We look forward to the growth of the event which is slated for March 3, 2007.

RMBF followed up on the heels of this event by hosting the JMU/Shenandoah Civil War Associates conference held here in Elkins in June. In July, RMBF's long-awaited Semi-Immersion Reenactment Event was held commemorating the 145th anniversary of the Battle of Rich Mountain. Over 400 "hard-core" reenactors joined us for a weekend of true living history in which the flank march and battle were replayed in real-time for the first time in over 145 years. The event left our staff speechless with the coordination and attention to detail that this group displayed along with the fundraising effort that netted approx. \$15,000 for battlefield preservation!! Hats off to our hardworking guys from Ohio that plotted and planned for this event for the past 2 years!

Just one week later, RMBF teamed up with Historic Beverly Preservation for their summer event—Beverly Heritage Day. This event was a huge success bringing in over 250 visitors to the town to see what we are up to with the restoration of the historic district and to step back in time with us in the county's first seat of government. To those of us involved in this year's event, what a success! We joked that there was something to do or see on every corner so if you could find something for your interest you must not have gotten out of the car!

In August, RMBF held its first ever descendant's reunion for families of the soldiers of the 25th and 30 VA Infantries CSA. Though small in numbers, we were able to gather histories for our archives, tour the sites that these brave men fought upon and socialize with those of common ancestry. Special Thanks to Roger Ware and his Sons of the Confederate Veterans Units for the planning and hard work that went into the preparation of Mt. Iser

Confederate Cemetery for the memorial service--a fitting tribute at a fitting location.

Although summer came to a close, we kept on working! In October, former Randolph County resident and renowned Civil War author John "Jack" Waugh made a return visit to West Virginia and presented "Two Classmates: Why the wrong one failed and the wrong one succeeded—McClellan and Jackson." Thanks Jack for the shake-up with the title but the perfect presentation!

And we aren't done yet!!!! Old Fashion Beverly Christmas is Saturday, December 2! Join us for a celebration of the season—specialty shops, holiday cheer and a taste of the season! (See enclosed flyer for details.)

ON top of all of this—WE ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AGAIN!!!! In September, Phase 2 of the Beverly Heritage Center kicked off with a full construction crew (about 15 men at any given time!) dropping by for about 6 months. At the end of this phase, the interiors of the Beverly Bank and Randolph County Courthouse and the full interior and exterior of the Crawford Building will be complete. At that time, we will move (again!!) so that the 4th and final building on the block, the Hill Building, can join its neighbors in a facelift.

So as you can see—we have been busy! And 2007 isn't any slower! Luckily for us we have received some grant funding to bring on help! Starting November 1st, RMBF/HBP became a paid staff of 2 with the addition of David Vago to help run the operations and primarily design the final exhibits that will be in the Beverly Heritage Center. This year will be a busy year with research and design for our planned grand opening in the summer of 2008! Please check our website for coming events and updates as well as see our calendar in this newsletter. Things are really happening and wouldn't be possible without the support of our members and friends who donate annually and support our efforts—so thanks to all of you! Have a happy holiday season and a wonderful new year!

—Cheney Depp,
Executive Director RMBF/HBP

Welcome Aboard!

Dave Vago has joined the Historic Beverly staff as its new museum development coordinator. Over the next three years, he will be working on designing and implementing the exhibits for our

Interpretive center. Dave has previously consulted during our planning stages, and has begun working on designing logos and other branding material for Historic Beverly and our partner organizations. He expects to have some initial exhibits in place by next spring.

Dave comes to us from the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia, where he served as executive director. He has previous interpretive experience with the Cass Scenic Railroad, the U.S. Forest Service, the Georgia State Railroad Museum, and several historic sites in upper Michigan. He holds a BS in architecture from the University of Maryland, and a MS in industrial archaeology from Michigan Technological University. In addition to his interpretive and administrative background, Dave has also worked in preservation and mechanical trades, illustration, and retail sales.

Dave hails originally from Philadelphia, but has adopted Beverly as his home for at least the next three years. He is very happy to be here, and looks forward to working on the project. Feel free to stop in and meet him in Beverly.

Business Partners

Beverly has been experiencing a growth spurt of sorts lately with the addition of several new businesses. In light of that, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new partners—Abbie's Antiques on Main St., The Red Rooster/Rise & Shine Coffee Stop, a specialty coffee shop and eatery, and Blue Hole Country Treasures, handmade country style

furnishings and gift items—both on the fringe of town as you enter the historic district, and Yarn & Company—located on nearby Country Club Road, specializing in knitting supplies and specialty yarns. All are great additions to the Beverly experience and we invite you to take a country drive to Beverly, and see our new friends.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our long-time friends in town—Lemuel Chenoweth House Antiques (also a great living history stop!), Cornucopia—specialty decor and gift items—a literal cornucopia for every interior taste and style; The Goff House Textile and Antique Studio—artist in residence Laurie Gunderesen showcases her trade with weaving, spin, knitting, fabric dyeing and more in this great historic setting. And for the hungry traveller in you, two other long-time dining options to go with the Red Rooster—the Beverly Restaurant and Mama's Kitchen—down home taste for the hungry visitor.

As you can see, our quaint valley town is growing and we invite you to take the drive to Beverly and see for yourself the charm and uniqueness of our historic village.

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Out of our reunion this summer came some interest in starting up a local Sons of Confederate Veterans chapter to become more involved in the preservation of Mt. Iser, other confederate sites, and to preserve the history of the local men of these units. Commander Roger Ware is willing to set-up a meeting to determine the interest level of local descendents in becoming members and activating a chapter. Additionally, Mr. Ware can provide information on the reconstitution of the United Daughters of the Confederacy if there is interest there as well. If you are a descendent of a confederate veteran and are interested in participating in a local chapter, please contact Chelley Depp at the RMBF office at 304-637-7424 or email at richmt@richmountain.org. We will determine a date and location and hopefully get a meeting put together if you are interested in forming this group.

CALLING ALL WILLING AND ABLE VOLUNTEERS! RECRUITMENT IS AT HAND

Do you have some free time that you are looking to fill? RMBF/HBP can help you fill that void! We are always looking for volunteers interested in giving of their time to help further the cause. Just contact Chelley or Dave at the office to let us know your interests and abilities. We can always use help at the visitor center for tours, events, and just general operations. So, if you are ready to "make your mark" give us a call or stop by!

GRANTS and FUNDING

Does your company offer a community grant or an employee matching contribution program? If so, let us know—we are always looking for ways to make the dollars stretch just a bit further! We can leverage your donations against those matching programs to help make our budgets for the year! Let us know!!!!!!!¹!

HOW TO REACH US

IN all of the hussle and bustle of the move during construction, we want to reassure you all that we are up and running and meeting and greeting visitors. We are operating currently out of the Hill Building, which is next door to the old Visitor Center that was located in the historic McClellan's Headquarters/Crawford House building in Beverly.

The Phone number and mailing address are the same:

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EXHIBIT DESIGN

Now that the construction is well underway on the Heritage Center, Dave has begun the daunting task of sorting out the themes, ideas and artifacts for the exhibit. Do you have something that you think would be appropriate for the exhibits? Family history from Beverly, artifacts from the town's past, Civil War items that are just sitting, stored away in an attic or basement? HBP/RMBF are eagerly accepting donation of these types of items for the future displays of the Heritage Center and now is the time. We can better plan for the displays and the storylines if we have the items now—waiting for the grand opening will only put these things on the back burner, so to speak, of being incorporated in to the center. Not all items will be on permanent display and may become part of rotating exhibits showcasing different themes and topics but all items donated to the project will be appropriately acknowledged while on display. Short-term loans or permanent donations are being sought for the center. If you have items, please contact Dave Vago at 304-637-7424 or email him at davago@historicbeverly.org. We are eager to see what treasures are out there!

2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation Board meetings—First Tuesday of each month at 7pm
- Beverly Historic Landmarks Commission meetings-2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30
- Historic Beverly Preservation, Inc Board meetings-2nd Tuesday of each month at approx 7pm
- ****Call ahead to verify location, time and day *as* we do occasionally have to reschedule
- Board meetings are open to the public

January

- 2 RMBF Board meeting
- 9 HBP Board meeting

February

- 6 RMBF Board meeting
- 13 HBP Board meeting

March

- 3 RMBF/TVLC Spring Rifle Rally—(Tickets on sale in December 2006)
- 6 RMBF Board meeting
- 13 HBP Board meeting

April

- Phase 2 completion Open House Event—Date To Be Announced
- 3 RMBF Board meeting
- 10 HBP Board meeting

May

- Mapmaking in the Civil War—Conference—Date to Be Announced
- 1 RMBF Board Meeting
- 8 HBP Board meeting

June

- 5 RMBF Board meeting
- 12 HBP Board meeting

July

- No RMBF Board meeting due to 4th of July Holiday and Reenactment
- 12 HIP Board meeting
- 14-15 RMBF 146th Commemorative Reenactment Event

August

- 7 RMBF Board meeting
- 14 HBP Board meeting

September

- 4 RMBF Board meeting
- 11 HBP Board meeting

October

- Oktoberfest Train-Date to be announced
- Candlelight house Tour—Date to be announced
- 2 RMBF Board meeting
- 9 HBP Board meeting

November

- 6 RMBF Board meeting
- 13 HBP Board meeting

December

- 1 Old Fashion Christmas
- 4 RMBF Board meeting—Christmas Dinner
- 11 HBP Board meeting—Christmas Dinner



Old Fashioned Beverly Christmas

Saturday, December 2, 2006

10am-5pm

*Enjoy Holiday Cheer & Charm In Our Quaint Valley
Town This Season*

- **Specialty Shops brimming with unique gifts and holiday decor! Cornucopia, Lemuel Chenoweth House Antiques, The Goff House Textile and Antique Studio, Abbies Antiques, Yarn & Company, The Red Rooster, and Blue Hole Country Treasures**
- **Taste of Tradition (Rich Mountain/Beverly Visitor Center)—holiday favorites free for the sampling!**
- **Victorian Holiday ornament demonstration and sale-1900 Beverly Bank Building**
- **Beverly Presbyterian Church Holiday Bazaar and Luncheon- 10am-2pm \$5 lunch—soup, salad, sandwich, desert and drink**
- **Beverly's own Victorian Santa arrives to hear Christmas wishes**
- 11am—Beverly Presbyterian Church Noon Chenoweth House 1pm: Abbies Antiques
2pm Goff House 3 Pm Cornucopia
• 4pm Beverly Visitor Center
- **Music, & refreshments**
- **"Christmas 1863" living history in the home of one of Beverly's most famous residents—An evening of fireside readings and music from the 1863 war time letters of the Chenoweth's**
- **by reservation call 636-2650**

For more info call 304-637-7424

