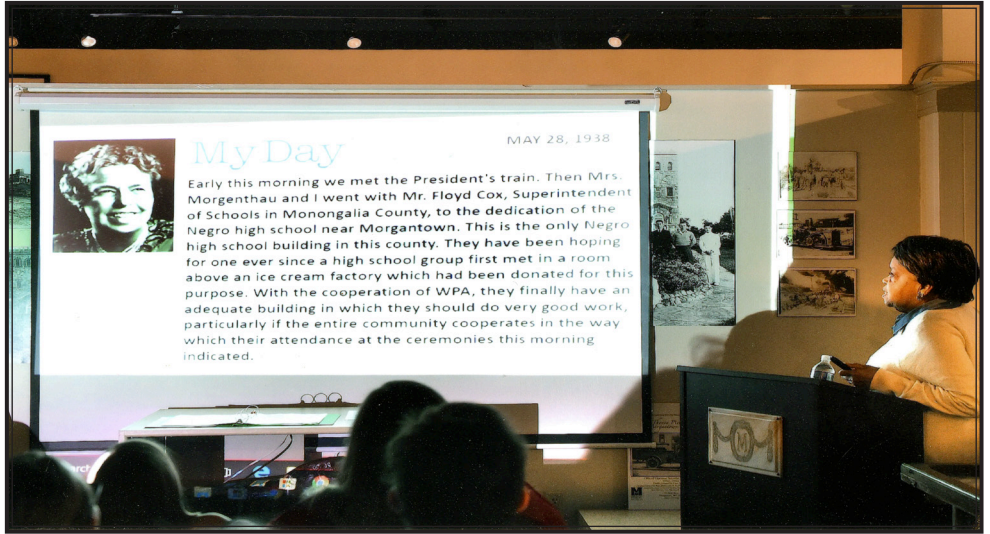


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Charlene Marshall Speaks at the Morgantown History Museum

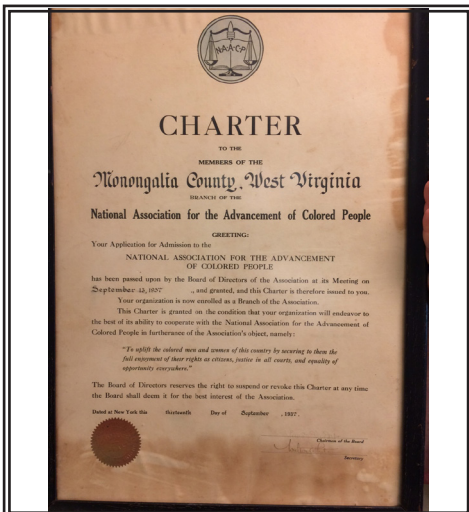
Former Morgantown Mayor Charlene Marshall spoke at the Morgantown History Museum on Saturday February 24. Titled "The African-American Experience in Morgantown During the Years of Segregation and After." She shared her outstanding research and her memories of growing up as a person of color to a large, diverse crowd. Marshall also served as a Morgantown City Council member and a West Virginia State Delegate.

In her PowerPoint presentation, Marshall named and located the segregated schools in Monongalia County, including many elementary schools in mining towns in the 1920's when the African-American population was at its peak, Morgantown's elementary schools, Beechurst and Monongalia County High Schools. She showed many historic photographs and traced the careers of leading educators, administrators and entrepreneurs in the African-American community.

"It was great because so many people stayed behind to talk to Charlene and fellow audience members afterward," according to Pamela Ball, founder and coordinator of the Morgantown History Museum.



Charlene Marshall (right) shows Karen Lestelle a display of Monongalia High School.

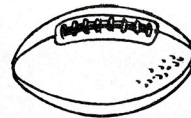


Founding Charter of the Morgantown Branch of the NAACP in 1937, recently donated to the Morgantown History Museum.



WV Black Conference Championship trophy won by Monongalia County High School in 1940, recently donated to the Morgantown History Museum.

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In 1940 these Monongalia High School Bulldogs won the WV Black Conference Championship. They also won the WV Black Conference Basketball Championship in 1946.



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The Morgantown History Museum is the first city-sponsored museum in the Greater Morgantown area. Its mission is to preserve the history of the region for the public by collecting and displaying local cultural artifacts.

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Hours:

Monday-Saturday
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Greetings from the Chair

Dear Friends,

Spring has finally arrived in Morgantown, West Virginia - thankfully! We, like many in other places, have had strange weather patterns this year. It is good to see the beautiful rhododendrons, azaleas and other spring blooming plants in full glory.

The Morgantown History Museum has participated in a great deal of events in the past six months. We participated in the WV History Expo '18 at the Marion County Courthouse displaying our Mason-Dixon materials. Additionally, we participated in Morgantown Main Street events, including Chocolate Lovers' Day; Kids' Day; Spring Arts Walk, and others. During the holiday season we had a large display of artifacts from the primary religious traditions of the world. We had a very popular event in February for Black History Month. Charlene Marshall, who is one of Morgantown's former mayors and was also a member of the WV House of Delegates for many years, presented a well-received talk on her life before and after the end of segregation. We had a full house.

Currently, we are starting the work on an exhibit about Morgantown's Waterways: Monongahela River; Decker's Creek and Cheat Lake. Our new employee Neil Burton and I will be collaborating on this upcoming exhibit.

We have been forming many alliances with the WVU community in the last several years. Collaboration with WVU's History; Geography; Honors; Media; Architecture & Design and B&E Brick Street Entrepreneurial departments have been forged. We have helped their programs - and they have certainly helped our Morgantown History Museum effort.

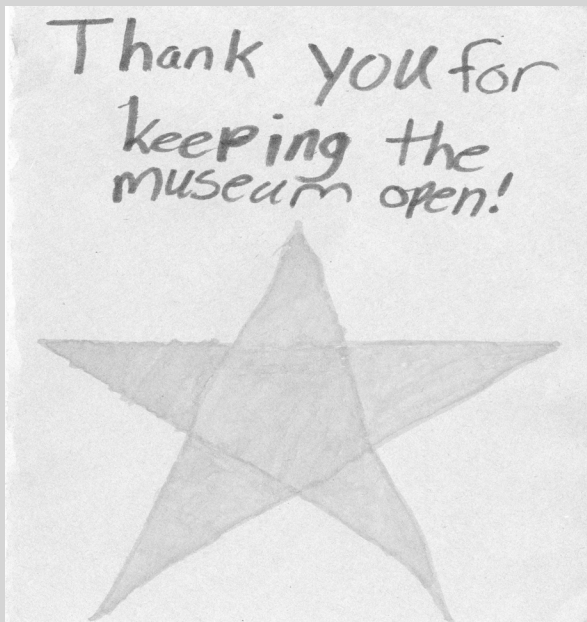
We have just started our planning for our annual fundraiser Best Chef Cook-Off. This will be our 6th year for this very popular event. Try to attend - it is great fun!

Our hearts were saddened recently by the passing on April 24, 2018, of our former Morgantown Museum Commission member Pamela McClung Casto. She was a wonderful commissioner - and a good friend.

Thanks for all you do- we greatly appreciate your support.
Pamela Ball,
Chair,
MMC/MHM



We were pleased to welcome this delightful group of Chinese traditional musicians, who were in town to give a concert at West Virginia University. They were especially taken with our new heritage style steel pan drums from the Ellie Mannette Steel Drum Company of Osage, WV.



We make special arrangements to accommodate groups who are only available in the evening. Call us at 304-319-1800



Our new assistant museum coordinator, Neil Burton, BA in Classical Literature UNM, is completing a Masters degree in History at WCSU, specializing in Environmental History. His academic interests include Early Frontier Ecology, Animal Studies, and European Animal Folklore.



Pamela loved to share her passion for archaeology with children.

Pamela McClung Casto

All of us who work with the MHM project were saddened at the recent passing, on April 24th, of MMC member Pamela McClung Casto. Until more recently (as Pam's work load/travel increased), Pam worked very hard on the museum project. She represented us on the archaeological front, as that was her greatest love. The MMC has had a wealth of history represented in its members - but not archaeology. Pam also started and kept going a project to inject history into the area primary schools - it was known as the 'History Trunk' Project. Pam and her family loved our annual fundraiser known as Best Chef. As Pam's work schedule grew heavier, Pam still participated in our Best Chef contest which is always held on the first Thursday of August. (This year's date is August 2nd and will be held at the Lakeview Resort.) We will greatly miss Pamela McClung Casto.

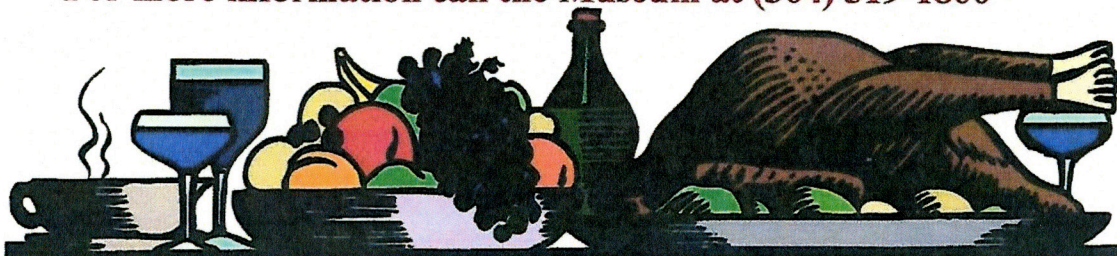
Save the Date! August 2, 2018

6th Annual

Best Chef Cook-Off

At Lakeview Resort & Spa

For more information call the Museum at (304) 319-1800



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To make a monetary donation, go to <https://npo.justgive.org/nonprofits/donate.jsp?ein=26-0859732>. or send donation directly to MHM, 175 Kirk St, Morgantown, WV 26505.

Our New Acquisitions

- File of papers concerning Ellis Hall, an outstanding old-time fiddle player and glass blower (Quality Glass Company).
- Two pieces of glass collet containing samples of the quartz glass made by Quality Glass Company of Morgantown.
- Five milk glass footed mugs decorated with the words Monongalia County Bicentennial Celebration 1976.
- Research Paper, "Cinder Heads in the Hills: Belgian Window Glass Workers in West Virginia" by Fredrick Barkey PhD., copy. Mentions Star City.
- Paperback book, "Hidden Figures" by Margot Lee Shetterly, 2016, New York: William Morrow. Three key black women "calculators" for the National Air and Space Agency, one of whom was Katherine Jackson Vaughn of Morgantown and West Virginia University.
- Paperback book, "Soil Survey of Marion and Monongalia Counties, WV," July, 1982.
- Paper calendar from the Monongalia Bicentennial County Bicentennial Celebration, 1976.
- Paperback book, "Beauty is Glass," Morgantown Dominion Post, November 16, 1969.
- Paper, Charter of the Morgantown branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, September 13, 1937, framed.
- Trophy, Monongalia High School, Morgantown, WV, Undefeated WV State High School Football Champions 1940.
- Bank, plastic, from the First National Bank of Morgantown, WV.
- Steel drums, set of three in the Heritage Style, manufactured by the Ellie Mannede Steel Drum Company of Osage, WV.
- Photo, B&W panorama employees of the Coleshire Manufacturing Company, one of the business identities of Morgan Shirt Company, undated.
- Photo, labeled "Mississippi Glass Factory Gang", B&W enlarged reproduction, undated.

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