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## MORGANTOWN HISTORY MUSEUM

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### New Exhibit Opens:

### Morgantown Waterways: Monongahela River, Decker's Creek, and Cheat River

We just had our latest exhibit opening/ reception recently. The Morgantown Waterways: Monongahela River, Decker's Creek and Cheat Lake' opened to great success. Neil Burton did an awesome job developing this historical exhibit. We had a wonderful turn-out to hear our first speaker in the 'Morgantown Waterways' Speaker Series: Andrea 'Andy' Ice Horton. She gave a lively presentation about her well-known Ice ancestors.



Our Exhibit Room



Neil Burton



City of Morgantown in 1918



Andrea Ice Horton



Neil Burton, curator of our new exhibit and Ms. Pamela Ball, exhibit co-curator, at the entrance to the exhibit.

Photos by James Courtney



Neil Burton speaks to the crowd of interested people at the opening of the Morgantown Waterways exhibit.



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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.

Morgantown History Museum  
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Hours:  
Monday-Saturday  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Greetings from the Chair:**

Dear Friends,

Hard to believe that it is December - once again! That old adage of 'The Older You Are - the Faster Time Flies' certainly seems to be true.

Even though we are almost at the end of the year, we have had very little snow. But when I just looked out a bit ago - the white stuff is falling here in Morgantown, West Virginia. I love the beauty of a new blanket of snow covering our beautiful hills.

I will recap some of our activities since our Spring-Summer MHM Newsletter. We continued to exhibit part of our Spring Wales exhibit, as we had folks continuing to come in to view Wales related materials. MHM participated in the various downtown Arts Walks. One of our most popular Arts Walk presentations included paintings by the late Jeannie Kuhn (and husband Randy). Jeannie was a well-known and popular person, both with her paintings - and persona. Many folks attended this event. We also participated in the 2019 'Kids' Day' - as well as the 'WV Birthday Party Festival' - both fun!

Our 7th annual culinary fundraising event, 'Best Chef' always held at the Lakeview Resort, Cheat Lake, was once again very successful. We had a full house, great chefs, awesome Jazz by the Jenny Wilson Trio and very entertaining M.C. Aristotle Jones. It was a great night in August!

Finally, I would like to mention MHM's participation in the City Of Morgantown's annual Christmas Parade, which was held this past week. We had good weather and many parade watchers lining the streets. It is always a wonderful PR opportunity for MHM - especially since we are throwing candy to the children. Our MHM Mascot VW is popular with the masses. It is owned & maintained by a MMC Commissioner Harold "Swiftly" Shaver and son Ron Shaver. It could not operate without their mechanical abilities.

Pamela Ball, Chair, MMC/ Director, MHM







Andrea Ice Horton talks about her Ice ancestors at the opening of The Morgantown Waterways exhibit that is now open to the public from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday thru Saturdays.



The Waterways exhibit also had a reception that was well attended by the public and included some really nice food and beverages and a showing of the bicycle that Milt Cohen, a Morgantown businessman, used to ride around Morgantown.



# OUR NEWEST AQUISITIONS

- Book, *History of the Sesquicentennial Of Monongalia County, WV*, 1926, 275pp.**
- Cabinet Photograph Card, Senator Waitman T. Willy, Mathew Brady Studio**
- Book, Rittenhouse, Ron, *Monongah Coal Mine Disaster, 100 years, 1907-2007, a Pictorial History*, 2007, Morgantown, WV: Rittenhouse 94 pp.**
- Photograph, WWII US Air Force bomber crew, incl. James Spencer of Morgantown, WV, B&W.**
- Uniform, WWII US A.F. flight suit, khaki cotton, worn by James Spencer.**
- Cut Glassware Rubbings, for Monongahela Glass Co., Morgantown, WV.**
- Web Article, Grubb, Dora, *Sam 'Toothpick' Jones*, 2019.**
- Book, Nesius, Ernest, *Public-supported Transportation for Rural Areas: A Study of Monongalia County WV*, Bulletin 647, 1976, WVU Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.**
- Book, handwritten, various local government records of Battelle Township, Monongalia County, WV beginning in 1864.**
- Invoice & Materials List, Sears Roebuck House Kit, L.L.Thomas 436 Stewart St., Nov. 27, 1928.**
- Photograph, B&W, family with Railroad Engine #13, "Greathouse Uncle Harry worked on the rail road."**
- Punch Card, McVickers Drug Store premiums, "Beautiful Service Plates", orange card stock.**
- Program, Fourth Annual Soapbox Derby, Akron, Ohio, 1937. Mark Higgenbottom of Morgantown raced.**



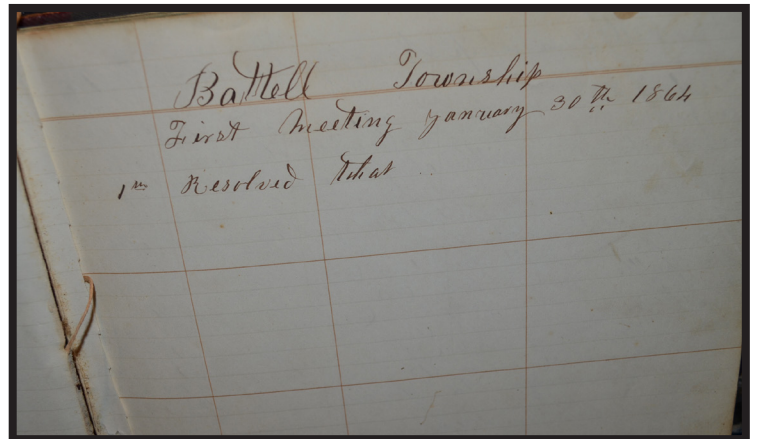
***Monongah Coal Mine Disaster, 100 Years, 1907-2007, a Pictorial History***



***WWII US Air Force Bomber Crew including James Spencer of Morgantown***



***Frank & Guy Dent, of McVickers Drugs, an award for 2 Million Prescriptions Filled***



***Battelle Township Record Book 1864***

We would like to thank the following individuals, families, and organizations for their volunteer work and/or their generous contributions to the Morgantown History Museum:

Debbie Robinson	Chucks Furniture	Terri Cutright
Russell Haines	John DeAngelis,	Arthur Otieno
Stephen L. Hunt	Janet Scarcelli	Don Spencer
WVU I-Serve Program	Coni & Franc	Otis Harris
Charlie Byrer	Sherry McEwuen	Tim Woodall
Morgantown Public Library	Soap Opera	Linda Moore
Catherine Witworth	Morgantown Miniature Golf	Dave Spencer
John Nutt	WVU Athletic football office	James Courtney
Mary Agnes Palmer	WVU Athletic basketball office	Ray Sanders
Chris Haddox	The Book Exchange	Heidi Michaels
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Silver Pennies	Friends of Morgantown History Museum	James Brown & Family
Chucks Furniture	WV & Regional History Center, WVU	Roby & Carol Young
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Zack Cruze	City of Morgantown	Darryl DeGrippe
Morgantown Running	Bourbon Prime Restaurants	Andrea Ice Horton
Retro-Tique	Table 9	Craig Falkenstein
Patricia Dudley	Lakehouse Restaurant	Michael Attfield
River Fair Trade	Sargasso	Forks of Cheat Winery
Harold Shaver	The Preston Inn	Cathedral State Park
AL Bonner	Lakeview Resort Restaurant	Old Hemlock Foundation
The Cupcakerie	WVU Division of Forestry	WVU Core Arboretum
Clarion Hotel Morgan	WVU Department of History	Friendship Hill Historic site
Wamsley Cycle	Coopers Rock State Forest	Nick Hein
Appalachian Gallery	Yale University Dept of History	Morgantown Art Party
Writings of the late Dr. Earl Core	The Rachael Carson Center	Lisa Elmaleh
The Ice Family		

### Membership Application

The Morgantown Museum Commission invites you to join the Friends of Morgantown History Museum to help promote and preserve the rich history of Morgantown and the surrounding area.

#### Annual Memberships

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To donate objects or to volunteer some time, please contact the Morgantown History Museum at (304) 319-1800 or at [morgantownwvhistory@icloud.com](mailto:morgantownwvhistory@icloud.com)

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 annual Christmas / Holiday display can be seen until January 30th. The Christmas reception is December 20th starting at 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. It is open to the public.***

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