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MORGANTOWN HISTORY MUSEUM

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FALL
2018

Arts Fund Grant Recipients



Museum Commission Chair Pamela Ball received the Arts Fund Grant on behalf of the MHM. The program awarded \$195,000 in grants to 11 local arts and cultural organizations. Funding for the program was provided by the City of Morgantown, the Monongalia County Commission and the YCF Douglas H. Tanner Memorial Fund For the Arts.



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Arts Walk Fall 2018

Arts Walk was held September 28. It was sponsored by GMCVB, Main Street Morgantown, MAC and Arts Monongahela. We have participated in this event going back to 2007. This year we displayed beautiful photographs by James William Courtney. Mr. Courtney recently returned to his native Morgantown. Bill, as he is known, served in the U.S. Marine Corps, and became a professional photographer in Syracuse, NY and Puerto Rico.



**James W. Courtney, Photographer
MHM's Featured Artist**



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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
175 Kirk Street
Morgantown, WV 26505
(304) 319-1800
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Hours:
Monday-Saturday
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Greetings from the Chair

Dear Friends,
I would like to report that the fall leaves are beautiful and full of color now - the color was slow in arriving this year. Currently, we have lots of color change - every fall is different!

We continue to have numerous events at the Morgantown History Museum. These have included: WV History Expo 2018 (Marion County); Charlene Marshall Day / Black History Month; Chocolate Lovers' Day; Kids' Day and Arts Walk.

Additionally, we had our 6th Annual Best Chef Cook-Off culinary fundraiser in August. As usual, it was very successful - and tasty.

Currently, we are working on several projects. *Morgantown Waterways: Monongahela River, Decker's Creek and Cheat Lake* exhibit, which will open Spring 2019. This exhibit will feature Monongalia County area industrial and environmental history.

We are also working on our upcoming annual Holiday Display and reception entitled *Al Anderson: Cobbler, Osage Mayor and Rock-N-Roll Star!* Our annual holiday event will be on November 24th, from 2:00-4:00pm. We will have the museum decorated with items from multiple holiday traditions. Al will present a program of memories and song. A premier of our Al Anderson film (1st in our *Morgantown Memories* series) will be shown. Holiday refreshments will be part of our Christmas/ Holiday event. Try to attend this fun holiday happening!

The Morgantown Museum Commission/ Morgantown History Museum continues our work with Your Community Foundation and the WVU, B&E Entrepreneurial Program, in efforts to provide long-term stability for our awesome Morgantown History Museum project. More later!

As Always - Thanks for all you do- we greatly appreciate your support.

Pamela Ball,
Chair,
MMC/ MHM

Great News! Our annual Holiday Reception, Saturday, November 24, 2-4pm- will feature the premier of *Morgantown Memories*. Our film series begins with an interview with Al Anderson, an Osage, WV community leader, shoe cobbler and renowned local musician.



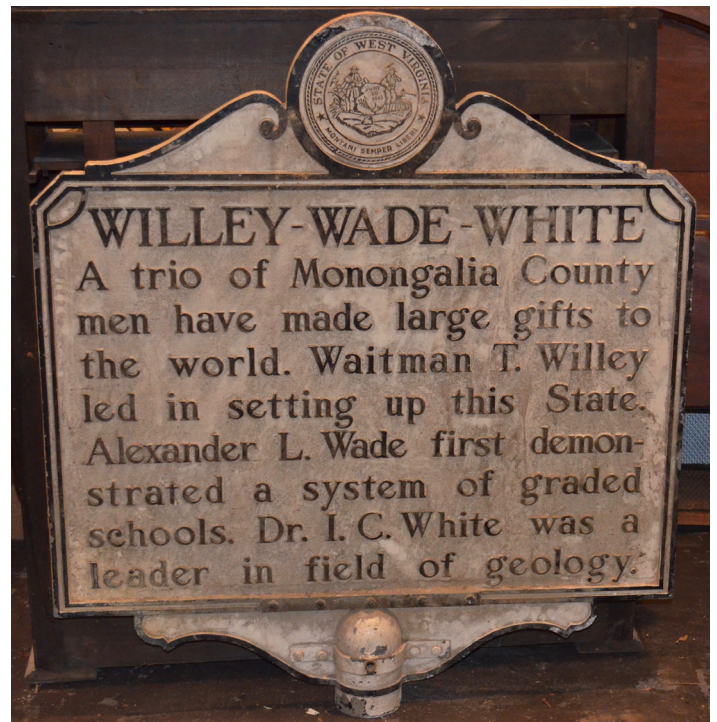
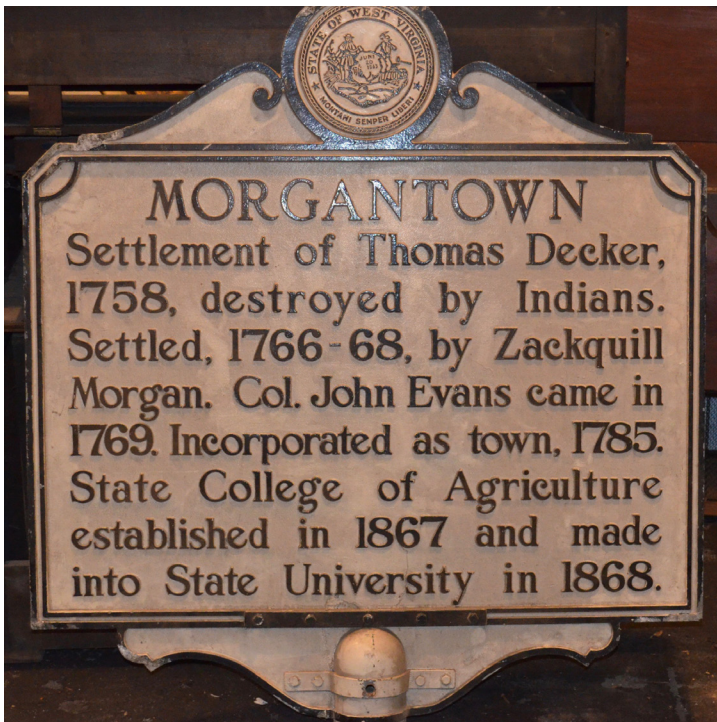
Our New Museum Commission Members



Janessa Pyles, Monongalia County area historian. Janessa works at the Monongalia County Courthouse. She joined MMC in October.



Harold "Swifty" Shaver, designer and donor of our print shop, IT Specialist and devoted volunteer - and friend.



We are delighted to have acquired the WV State Highway Historical Marker for Morgantown, on a 10 year loan, from the State of WV. Due to the deterioration of the marker's original base, it had been removed to storage in the Monongalia County Court House. We plan to build a base from which both sides of the marker can be read in the museum.



Dr. Elliot "Ellie" Mannette, born November 5, 1927, Trinidad and died on August 29, 2018, Morgantown. Ellie: "I always knew in my heart one day- that my work would find its way, I could not tell you how- there was no one there for me to show the way - but I figured it out. I figured it all through for all of you to see today." ~~~~ Ellie Mannette, Father of the Modern Steel Pan

Thank You for Your Support!

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:

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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.

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 \$30.00 Family _____
 \$50.00 Corporate _____

Additional Contributions:

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To donate objects or to volunteer some time, please contact the Morgantown History Museum at (304) 319-1800 or at info@morgantownhistorymuseum.org

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

- Book, Ken Beck & Jim Clark, *Act Like Somebody*, photos & quotes on parenting from *The Andy Griffith Show*, on television 1960- present, featuring Andy. Don Knotts was in the series.
- Photo, Mississippi Glass Factory, B&W, H16" W20", enlargement of original.
- Band uniform insignia, two Morgantown Junior High School, white on green harp shapes, wool felt, and one Morgantown High School, blue plush on red felt, wool. Ca 1940
- Photos, ten downtown Morgantown streetscapes, many with Ford Model T vehicles, B&W, 3.5"X 5". Shoemaker's stand plus five different lasts, cast iron.
- Photos & news articles about Charles Rice, founding director of the WVU Horticultural Farm & Azil Rice. Bullet, silver metal, souvenir given by Don Knotts at a 'meet and greet' after he rode in a parade in Morgantown, ca. 1960.
- Badges, metal, Morgantown Merchant Police and Monongalia County Sheriff & a cow bell, belonged to Elmer Rice.
- Photos, Walls' Grocery Store interior & exteriors, B&W, 3"X5", store ledger, Chas. Wall's pocket journal at Elkin's Coal & Coke 1908-9 & Chas. Walls family history, ca. 1900-20.
- Maps, Morgantown 1934, 1956 by General Woodworking, New Indexed St. Map by Loudin's Beauty Salon/Stengers, Monongalia County 1924 by *New Dominion* newspaper, Morgantown Pocket Directory 1921.
- Postcards, color, ten of Morgantown ca. late 1960's.
- DVDs, two, *Pig Roast 2010*, Panhandlers Steel Drum Band & *Those Magical Steel Drums, ABC World News May 25, 2011* including *How It's Made: Steel Drums, Science Channel*.
- DVD, Blu-ray, *Morgantown High School Band Spectacular*, Sept. 24, 2011.
- Plate, souvenir of Morgantown Bicentennial, clear glass, 9.5 diam. with etched logo.

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