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MORGANTOWN HISTORY MUSEUM



Wales and Appalachia



Ron Rittenhouse: Folk Art



**Gŵyl Calan Mai
Welsh May Day Festival**

A celebration of the shared cultures of Wales and Appalachia
at Monongalia Arts Center and Morgantown History Museum
May 3 - 4, 2019

Monongalia Arts Center, Morgantown, WV <https://www.monartscenter.com/>
Morgantown History Museum, WV <http://www.morgantownhistorymuseum.org/>
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Our Gwyl Calan Mai, Welsh Mayday Festival, held May 3 and 4 was a collaboration with the Mon Arts Center and Welsh folklorist Peter Stevenson, who drew our attention to the commonalities between our regions in terrain, folklore, resources and industries.



Swiftly Shaver: Printing demo



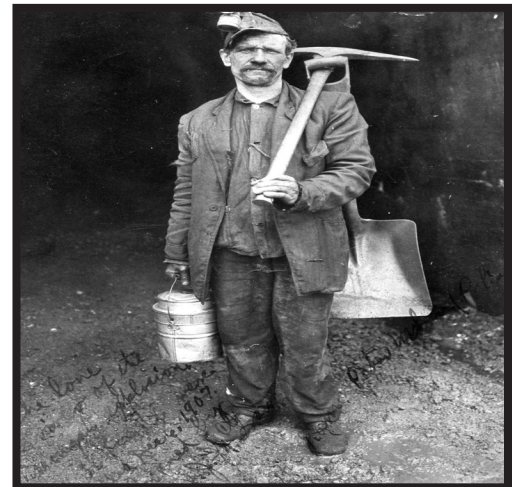
Three Generations of Coal Miners (Wales)



Welsh Folklorist: Peter Stevenson



Edward Graffious & his mine pony c.1955.(PA/ US)



Andrew Urban, sole survivor Monongah Disaster.(WV/ US)



Al Pritchard: Welsh Surnames



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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
info@morgantownhistorymuseum.org
Hours:
Monday-Saturday
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Greetings from the Chair:

Dear Friends,

We, in the Morgantown area, have had a very wet spring – but that has created a lovely and colorful spectacle in the lush floral landscapes!

The Morgantown History Museum staff worked very hard on our Wales Project. The opening for the 'Gwyl Calan Mai – Welsh May Day Festival' (exhibition/ reception and presentations) was held on May 3-4. The Wales Project is a celebration of the shared cultures of Wales and Appalachia/ West Virginia. The exhibit will remain on display until mid-July.

Currently, staff member Neil Burton and moi are working on an exhibit entitled 'Morgantown Waterways: Monongahela River, Decker's Creek and Cheat Lake.' We hope to have this produced and on display by the end of summer. It will be our primary exhibit of the 2019 season. The exhibit will concentrate on Monongalia County area industrial and environmental history. Much of the Greater Morgantown and surrounding areas have a great deal of history tied to these very important waterways.

Additionally, once the Wales Project was completed, the Morgantown Museum Commission started our planning process to produce our annual Best Chef Cook-Off culinary event, which will be held at Lakeview Resort & Spa, on Thursday, August 1, 2019. This will be our 7th year for Best Chef – it is our primary fundraiser for the year.

Pamela Ball,
Chair,
MMC/
Director, MHM

Remember: As always – THANKS for all you do – we greatly appreciate it!



Arthur Otieno, Owner of the downtown business www.MyRadionetwork.net shows museum IT director Harold Shaver some pointers on the computer. Arthur has been so gracious in helping the museum with computer issues. His business repairs all kinds of phones, monitors, computers and tablets. They also sell equipment. We are so grateful for his donation of time to the museum - it has been invaluable.

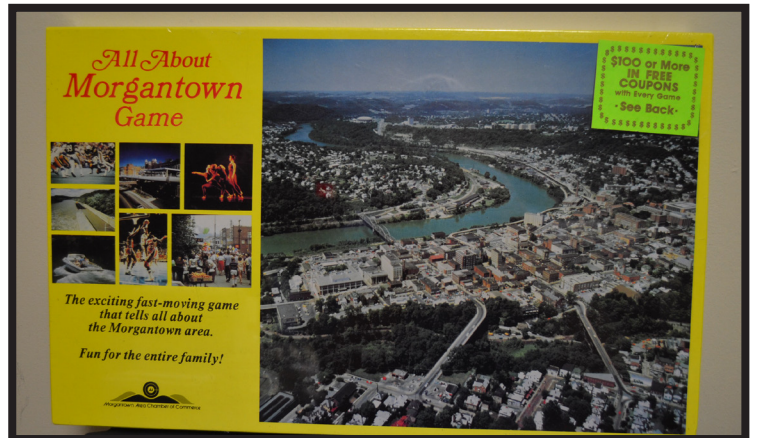
Our New Museum Commission Member



Zach Cruze, has begun his term as a museum Commission Member. Zach is a newly elected city councilor from Ward 3.

OUR NEWEST AQUISITIONS

- Book, paperback, Levy, Edith Rechter, *The Holocaust In Perspective*, 2001, West Virginia Holocaust Education Commission. Members lobbied the state for ten years to sponsor publication and use it in the public schools.
- Newspaper feature, Bisset, Jim, about Edith Rechter Levy, c, and her family preparing for Shabbat, Morgantown Dominion Post, 1/28/2019.
- Book, hardback, Byrd, Senator Robert C., *The Senate: 1789-1989: Addresses On the History of the United States Senate*, 800pp.
- Book, paperback, *Historic West Virginia*, The National Register of Historic Places, 2018, 287pp.
- Book, hardback, Burke, Dawn Rains, *An American Phoenix: A History of Storer College from Slavery to Integration 1855-1955*, Commemorative Edition, Morgantown: Storer Books of West Virginia University Press, 2015, 147pp.
- Glass, high-heeled slipper, dark green, words 'Souvenir of Morgantown' in gilt paint.
- CD, recording of Wanda Roth, country gospel singer and yodeller, includes biography.
- Tools, wooden, 19th century.
- Books, hardback, three MHS Yearbooks, high school texts on printing, hardware, drawing and typewriting.
- Newspaper insert, Panorama, 4/26/1980, Core, Dr. Earl, "Mining Boom Brings Growth to Scott's Run", from the book *The Monongalia Story*.
- Glass, Morgantown Glassware Guild, (eight banker's boxes).
- Books, paperback, *Northern Wales: A Photographic Adventure*, Straight, Earl, photographer.
- Game, 'All About Morgantown Game', C. 1985



Thank You for Your Support!

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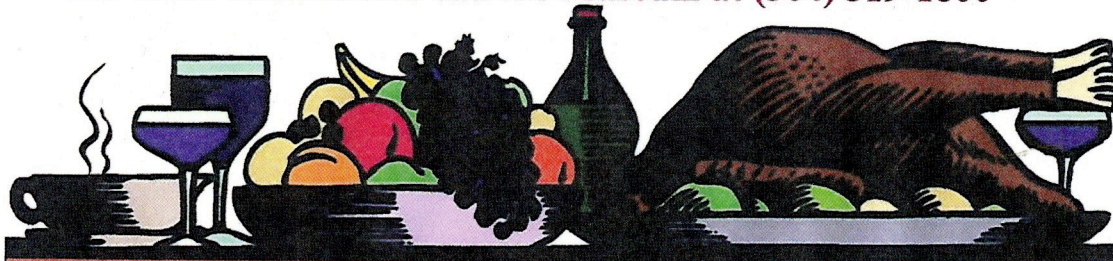
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7th Annual

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