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# THE PISGAH PATHFINDER

**FEATURING:**

**2024 SCHEDULE  
OF EVENTS**

**2023 ANNUAL  
REPORT**

**PICTURES, NEWS,  
AND MORE...**





## A Note from the Director, Cynthia Farmer

We have traveled another year together, working tirelessly to preserve and promote our heritage. I hope I never fail to acknowledge the efforts of so many dedicated to the success of Historic Crab Orchard Museum. We have a hard-working and devoted staff that depend on our faithful volunteers to help us with our many educational offerings. We are fortunate to have our membership foundation and the guidance of a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors supporting our mission. These efforts combined with the steadfast support of our many donors, sponsors, and other benefactors make our common goal a success each year.

In 2023, we were able to make capital improvements to our Red Barn that greatly enhanced the display of artifacts, while also creating usable space for events and activities. Additionally, we renovated the tractor shed to become a dedicated exhibit area for our farming equipment and tools. These expansions and improvements have added real value to our site and improved the experience of our visitors and patrons.

We are encouraged with the growth of our Admissions and Educational Programs offered to schools and groups throughout the year, ranging from Spring Planting, Pioneer Life, Native American Life, and Pioneer Christmas Tours. Our visitors also enjoyed many events within the museum and Pioneer Park, including Living History Encampment, Independence Day Celebration, Fiddlers' Convention, Pioneer Apprentice Camps, and Frontier Christmas.

Many of our events engage the young and the young at heart. Undeniably, our Summer and early Fall events continue to be favored by many. Expanding on the long-standing success of our Pioneer Apprentice Camp for ages 8-14, we developed a Little Pioneers Camp for ages 4-7 in 2022. Both camps embody our mission by allowing the children to have a real Pioneer Living experience. Visitors far and wide gather each July for our annual Fiddlers' Convention that just celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> year. This event highlights our Appalachian music heritage, while also showcasing our Pioneer Park and grounds. We continued our outdoor classroom at our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Crab Orchard Corn Maze, an event where we feature museum and local artifacts within checkpoints of the maze. In summary, another busy and successful year is behind us as we turn to new opportunities.

Now, as we continue this journey, whether your role is museum member, volunteer, demonstrator, board member, staff, donor, sponsor, or other supporter of Historic Crab Orchard Museum, never doubt that you do make a difference. ***So museum family, let's travel this road together, telling the story of our heritage, and preserving it for future generations to discover.***



**LATE, LATE, LATE!**

Publication of this issue of the Pathfinder has been delayed due to winter weather and staff illness.

We apologize for its belated arrival!

*Please note - winter weather conditions may also cause last minute changes and cancellations for workshops and events.*

*Please check our facebook page or call the museum for the most up-to-date information.*

# MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

## BE PART OF IT

### join today!

Did you know that Historic Crab Orchard Museum is 100% owned by its membership? Museum members are the most crucial element of our existence. Without the dedicated individuals who champion and sustain the museum and its programs, we would not be able to serve our region as a center for history and learning (and fun!) for all.

Becoming a member shows the community that you care about the museum and its mission to preserve the past for the future. As an added bonus, members receive exclusive discounts for museum programs and in the Gift Shop. If you're already a member, **THANK YOU!** If you've never joined, or your membership has lapsed, please consider joining now. We need you! Museum membership also makes a wonderful gift. Share your love of history with your friends and family!

***Joining online is easy. Just visit [www.craborchardmuseum.com](http://www.craborchardmuseum.com) to get started. You can even set up a recurring payment so you'll never have to worry about remembering to renew. Join today!***

We are grateful for your continued support of Historic Crab Orchard Museum.

## Welcome & Thank You!

WE'RE EXCITED TO WELCOME TWO NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DOUGLAS BRANTON AND MICHAEL WOOD, III. DOUG WILL BE FILLING A VACANT SEAT AND MIKE WILL BE STEPPING IN FOR DEPARTING BOARD MEMBER, BOND STRONG. WE THANK BOND FOR HER SERVICE TO THE MUSEUM AND HOPE SHE'LL COME BACK TO VISIT OFTEN!

SERVICE ON THE BOARD IS A VOLUNTEER POSITION AND WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS WHO DONATE THEIR TIME AND TALENTS TO CONTINUALLY MOVE THE MUSEUM IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION. THANK YOU!







*Friday, December 1, 2023*

# Frontier Christmas

It was a delightful time as we welcomed the holiday season with music and history throughout the museum and park! The spirit of giving was a strong presence, with over 800 lbs. of food donated to A Child Shall Lead Them Food Pantry. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers and visitors for making Frontier Christmas such a joyful event!



# 2024 schedule of EVENTS

**JANUARY**

23rd  
*Winter Buddies Craft Workshops*

25th  
*Board Meetings*

**FEBRUARY**

1st  
*Winter Honey Festival Kick-off*

6th & 8th  
*Valentine Ornament Workshops*

20th & 22nd  
*Honey Bee Ornament Workshops*

**MARCH**

19th & 21st  
*Easter Ornament Workshops*

TBD  
*Exhibition Opening*

**APRIL**

18th  
*Board Meetings*

28th  
*Annual Membership Meeting*

**MAY**

16th  
*Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon*

**JUNE**

7th - 9th  
*Living History Encampment*

18th - 20th  
*Little Pioneers Camp*

**JULY**

4th  
*Independence Day Celebration*

12th - 13th  
*Fiddlers' Convention*

22nd - 26th  
*Pioneer Apprentice Camp*

**AUGUST**

15th  
*Board Meetings*

**SEPTEMBER**

13th  
*Crab Orchard Corn Maze & Pisgah Pumpkin Patch Opens for the Season*

**OCTOBER**

27th  
*Crab Orchard Corn Maze & Pisgah Pumpkin Patch Closes for the Season*

**NOVEMBER**

*Visit the Museum!*

**DECEMBER**

2nd - 7th  
*Annual Gift Shop Sale*

6th  
*Frontier Christmas*

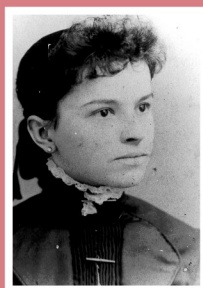
19th  
*Board Meetings*

*Additional events may be added at later dates. Please visit our website or facebook page for more information.*

# Don't miss your last chance to visit HANG ON TO YOUR HAT!

*Exhibition closing on  
Saturday, February 17th*

Featuring historic headwear from the early 20th century and special treasures from the millinery shop of Miss Emma Yates in Pocahontas, Virginia, this exhibition offers a captivating journey through the evolving styles, cultural influences, and historical significance of hats. It also honors Miss Emma's community and entrepreneurial spirit, shedding light on her remarkable contribution to the town of Pocahontas.



Miss Emma Yates



*Hang On To Your Hat!* is presented in partnership with Historic Pocahontas, Inc. and the Tazewell County Public Library.

## THE COTTAGE AT CRAB ORCHARD

On-site accommodations for four guests at Historic Crab Orchard Museum



15% discount for Museum members (\$60+ levels), government, & non-profit organizations

living room	washer & dryer
queen bedroom	full kitchen
twin bedroom	tv (no cable or satellite)
full bathroom	wifi included

### RATES

*Based on Double Occupancy*

**Single Night Rental: \$150 + tax**  
**Weekend Rental (Fri-Sun): \$275 + tax**  
**Full Week Rental: \$750 + tax**

rental includes admission to the museum & pioneer park during regular hours

MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

## ARTISAN SPOTLIGHT

# Ruth Miller

Ruth's handmade soap is made by Ruth with her four daughters, and her granddaughter, Victoria Ruth.



Ruth's soap is made with love in small batches, and is free of chemicals and dyes. Each bar is scented with essential oils.



Find these wonderful soaps and many more unique and handmade items in the Museum Gift Shop!





# Winter Honey Festival 2024

Event Kick Off

Thursday, February 1st at 7 pm



Celebrate the start of the Winter Honey Festival at the museum with friends and fellow honey bee fans! Enjoy light refreshments, tour the museum gallery exhibits, including the current exhibit, *Hang on to Your Hat!*, learn about honey bees, and have a good time! The event will also feature a presentation by Dr. John Willis, *Holy Land Honey*, and honey samples from three different areas of Israel will be offered.

Whether you're a beekeeper, interested in honey bees, someone who loves honey, or just looking for a fun evening out, we hope to see you there!

## New Year. New Workshops!

Join us for a new series of no-sew quilted ornament workshops and other craft projects throughout the year!

### Valentine Ornaments

February 6 at 5:30 pm

February 8 at 11:00 am



### Honey Festival Ornaments

February 20 at 5:30 pm

February 22 at 11:00 am



### Easter Ornaments

March 19 at 5:30 pm

March 21 at 11:00 am



**\$15.00 WORKSHOP FEE AND PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**  
**TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR CALL 276-988-6755.**



# COMING SOON

## Letting the Cat Out of the Bag

COMMON SAYINGS AND THEIR MEANINGS



Have you ever burned the midnight oil?  
Complained that something cost an arm  
and a leg? Bitten off more than you  
could chew? Pulled out all the stops?

Told someone to sleep tight?

Idioms like these are a common part  
of how we speak. We often use them,  
knowing our meaning is clear to those  
listening, but not necessarily knowing  
the story behind the expression.

Our newest exhibition in the  
Lucie Greever Gallery will explore  
things we say and why we say them.

Coming this Spring!

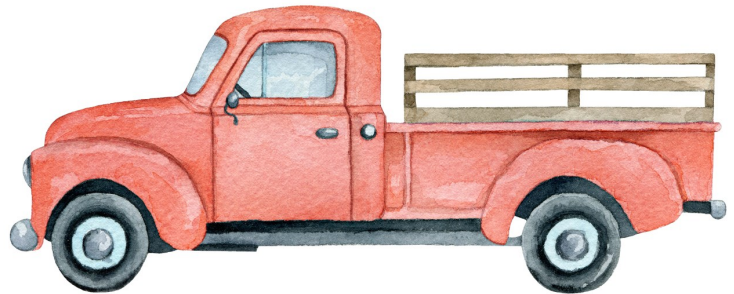


as easy as pie



## A Truck!

Do you have a truck, SUV, or other utility  
vehicle you'd like to donate to the museum?  
Do you know someone who might?



As we continue to increase our offerings for programs  
and events, the museum is sorely in need of a way  
to haul materials, supplies, chairs, tables, and more.

Your donation is **tax deductible** and  
will make a huge difference at the museum!

*If interested, please contact Cynthia Farmer  
at [cfarmer@craborchardmuseum.com](mailto:cfarmer@craborchardmuseum.com) or 276-988-6755.*

**Please remember that during the winter  
months the museum may be closed due to  
inclement conditions.**

**Be sure to check our facebook page for  
information about unexpected closures,  
or call the museum at 276-988-6755  
before venturing out.**

**Stay warm, everyone!  
Spring will be here  
before we know it!**





# *Schedule Your Spring Tour Today!*



**Despite the January cold, we know spring is on the way and now is the time to schedule your visit to Crab Orchard Museum!**

**Group tours are fun and educational for visitors of all ages. Our hands-on pioneer life and spring planting tours offer an authentic and captivating experience, bringing history to life. Step into the past with costumed demonstrators and interpreters to learn about the joys and hardships of life on the Appalachian frontier. Engage with our rich heritage and find out how well you would have fared as a pioneer!**

***To schedule your group, contact Laura Mallory, Education Director, at 276-988-6755 or [lmallory@craborchardmuseum.com](mailto:lmallory@craborchardmuseum.com).***

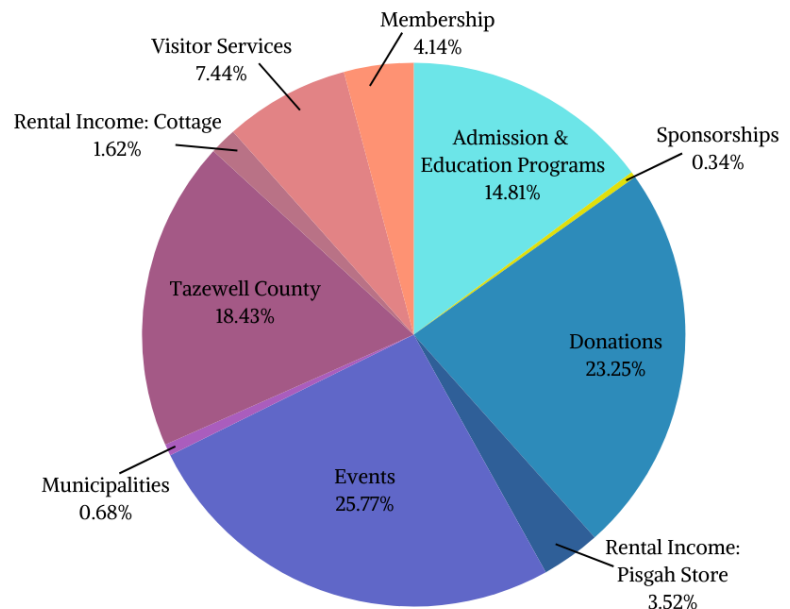


# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

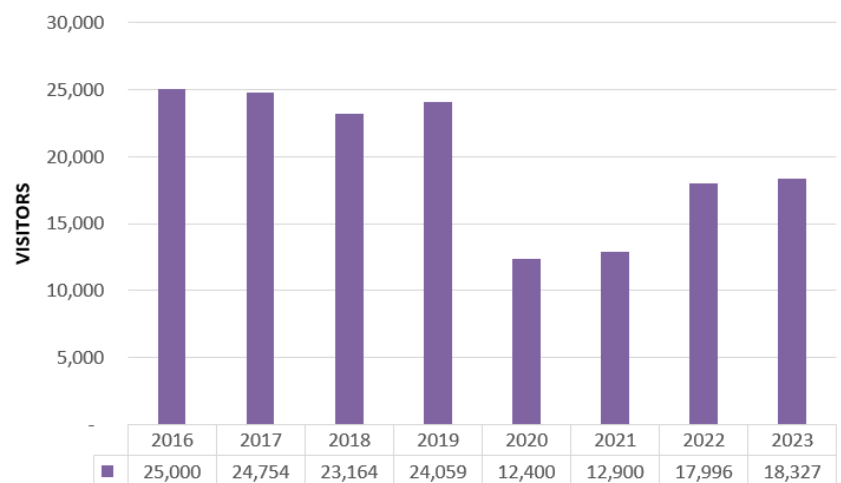
Historic Crab Orchard Museum's fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 with total revenues of \$366,260 and total expenses of \$385,044, which reflects total expenses of \$18,784 above total income. This shortfall is partially attributable to a \$24,834 decline in donation revenue from Annual Fund, Major Gifts, and Donations, down from \$67,164 (2022) to \$42,330 (2023). A \$43,819 increase in total expenses in 2023 was largely due to rising utilities costs, insurance costs, and the addition of a full-time staff member.

Conversely, total revenue increased slightly, up \$4,442 in 2023, in comparison to 2022. Admissions & Education Programs, and Visitor Services revenue remained strong with only a \$898 decline as reflected in a previous year comparison: \$55,139 (2022) to \$54,241 (2023). This, combined with increased revenues of \$21,728 from Events, Rental Income, and Sponsorships, held total income steady. It must be noted, however, that an annual grant provided by the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors, continues to be a foundation stone for operating funds at 18.4% of total revenue.

## 2023 REVENUE



## TOTAL MUSEUM VISITATION



Visitor Services continues on a gradual increase with a four-year review reflecting 4.9% (2020) to 6.1% (2021) to 7.2% (2022) to 7.4% (2023) of total revenue and can be accredited to increasing grounds rentals and on-site functions. Membership income rose slightly from 3.89% in 2022 to 4.14% of total income in 2023. The 2023 Events revenue remained steady at 25.8% of total revenue and continues to be largely comprised of Crab Orchard Corn Maze revenue. Additionally, Admissions & Education Programs increased to 14.8% of total revenue in 2023, up from 9.4% in 2022, which is consistent with increased school tours, workshops and other educational programs, during 2023.



## 2023 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

*New and Renewed Members from January 1 - December 31, 2023*

Mike Abel	Rod Cury	John & Rosemary Haun
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*We try our best to make sure our records are correct and up-to-date, but mistakes do sometimes happen. If we have omitted your name in error, as a member, donor, or sponsor, please let us know so that we may recognize you in our next issue of the Pathfinder.*



# *The Legacy Society*

Established in 2020 as a reflection of the need to support Historic Crab Orchard Museum & Pioneer Park as it was impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Legacy Society recognizes individuals who value the museum's mission to serve as a bridge across past and future generations, connecting us to our roots and reminding us who we are. Through a one-time gift of \$5,000, either in their own name or as a gift in honor of a loved one, Legacy Society members honor the pioneering spirit the museum seeks to remember and share with all who enter our site. Additionally, the creation of the society replaces the Lifetime option for museum membership, and all Lifetime Members are now members of the Legacy Society.

**The museum staff and Board of Directors thank you, our most devoted and determined supporters, for remembering the museum and its mission to preserve the past for the future, and for taking on the challenges we face with the boldness and bravery consistent with our Appalachian heritage.**

*Mary Gillespie Adams*

*A gift from her children, grandchildren, & great-grandchildren*

*Grace Barnes*

*Mike and Donna Bell*

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*A gift from her son, Charles W. Bishop*

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For information about becoming a Legacy Society member, please contact Cynthia Farmer by phone at 276-988-6755, or via email at [cfarmer@craborchardmuseum.com](mailto:cfarmer@craborchardmuseum.com).

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January 1 - December 31, 2023

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*Recognizing donors making annual cash gifts of \$1,000 or more.*

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*The 1774 Circle name commemorates the construction date of the original Fort Witten.*

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**Mission Statement**

The Historic Crab Orchard Museum is an educational institution whose mission is to identify, collect, preserve, interpret, and promote the diverse Appalachian cultural heritage of Southwest Virginia and the surrounding region.