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& Pisgah Pumpkin Patch

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Your Hat!
Exhibition*

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IN THE PIONEER PARK
WORKSHOPS,
TOURS, & so much more...

NEWSLETTER OF HISTORIC CRAB ORCHARD MUSEUM & PIONEER PARK
TAZEVELL, VIRGINIA



A Note from the Director, Cynthia Farmer

Dear museum family,

What an exciting, fun, educational, and fast spring and summer season we have experienced here at Historic Crab Orchard Museum! We have moved from our Living History Encampment, to our Little Pioneers Camp, to monthly ornament classes, to hat parties, to our Independence Day Celebration, to the 20th(!) Annual Fiddlers' Convention, and to our Pioneer Apprentice Camp seemingly overnight!

Our variety of events and programs has covered a wide range of interests across many generations. As exhausting as it became at times, I happily admit it was well worth the effort. It means our museum site continues to be a place where families, friends, musicians, artisans, demonstrators, historians, and especially children can come together to share, to learn, and to love our heritage.

We have a dedicated staff who bring their best each and every day. This staff, partnered with our knowledgeable and faithful volunteer base, continues to provide a unique and wonderful Pioneer experience to so many. Also, we are fortunate to have our members, along with many other donors, sponsors, and supporters helping us safeguard our mission. All of us working together is what makes the museum a success. It can never be said enough, so please allow me again to say "thank you", museum volunteers, members, sponsors, supporters, and staff, you really do make THE difference.

Now, as hard as it is for me to believe, it's time to turn the calendar and move into our fall season! With a sense of excitement (and maybe just a little dread), we are busy preparing for our 10th annual Crab Orchard Corn Maze and Pisgah Pumpkin Patch. This event is an awful lot of activity packed into 6 weeks. However, it provides us a perfect opportunity to share our museum story with a great many visitors. So onward and upward we go! Making memories with old and new friends alike.

MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

BE PART OF IT

join today!

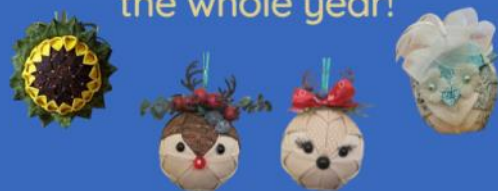
Did you know that Historic Crab Orchard Museum is 100% owned by its membership? Museum members are the most crucial element of our existence. Without the dedicated individuals who champion and sustain the museum and its programs, we would not be able to serve our region as a center for history and learning (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. 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 to get started. You can even set up a recurring payment so you'll never have to worry about remembering to renew. Join today!

Ornament Workshop Series

Join the fun and take home a new no-sew quilted ornament each month for the whole year!



SUNFLOWER ORNAMENT

Thursday, September 14 at 11:00 am
Tuesday, September 19 at 5:30 pm

OWL ORNAMENT

Tuesday, October 17 at 5:30 pm
Thursday, November 2 at 11:00 am

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

(Rudolph & Clarice)

Tuesday, November 28 at 5:30 pm
Thursday, November 30 at 11:00 am

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

Tuesday, December 12 at 5:30 pm
Wednesday, December 13 at 11:00 am

*Additional class dates may be added.
Please check our website and facebook page
for more information.*

Each workshop is **\$15.00 per participant** and **advanced registration is required**. To register, please visit our facebook page or website, or call 276-988-6755.

LIVING HISTORY IN THE PIONEER PARK

OCTOBER 6 - 8, 2023



Don't just observe history - become part of it!

Our Frontier Living History Encampment invites visitors to immerse themselves in pioneer life at the museum.

Costumed interpreters and demonstrators share the joys, hardships, skills, and thrills of life on the Appalachian frontier during the early 1800s.

Whether you're a history buff, a family looking for adventure, or simply curious minds seeking a unique experience, Living History in the Pioneer Park promises an authentic and enriching event for all!

The encampment will be open to visitors on Friday & Saturday, 9 am - 5pm, and Sunday, 1 pm - 5 pm.



Hang on to Your Hat!



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.



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



CRAB ORCHARD CORN MAZE & Pisgah Pumpkin Patch

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023



HOURS OF OPERATION

FRIDAYS: 5 PM - 10 PM

SATURDAYS: 10 AM - 10 PM

SUNDAYS: 1 PM - DUSK

MAZE ADMISSION

adults (12 & up): \$10

kids (5-11): \$5

ages 4 & under: FREE

with an accompanying adult
pre-scheduled weekend groups
of 15+ receive a 20% discount
on maze admission!

2023 THEME



All 12 checkpoints
feature animals
native to Southwest
Virginia and the
surrounding region



*The Maze is located at 1735 Pisgah Road, Tazewell, VA
*across highway 19/460 from Crab Orchard Museum**

CRAB ORCHARD CORN MAZE

& Pisgah Pumpkin Patch

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023



PUNKIN' CHUNKIN'

\$10 for 3 small pumpkins
Land a pumpkin in the barrel,
win a prize!



WAGON RIDES

\$2.00 per person
Ages 4 & under: Free
with an accompanying adult



GIFTS, DÉCOR, & MORE

Find fantastic gifts and fun
souvenirs in our general store



PUMPKINS FOR SALE

Pick your perfect pumpkin
from the patch, or choose
from our pre-picked selection



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& updated hours during inclement weather

Summer VIBES

Another summer has come and gone, but we packed in plenty of excitement!

Only in its 2nd year on the summer schedule, **Little Pioneers Camp** offered 4-7 year olds an exciting introduction to pioneer life and frontier fun. Despite rainy weather, these bold little pioneers had a fantastic time!

We celebrated **Independence Day** in true frontier fashion with games, living history, music, and more in the Pioneer Park.

The Tazewell County Old Time & Bluegrass Fiddlers' Convention celebrated 20 years of music in the mountains with performance, competition, jamming, dancing, and an all around good time. Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to Craig Smith and Roger Houchins in recognition of their contributions to mountain music.

Pioneer Apprentice Camp was a great time for all as children learned a wide variety of pioneer skills, made lasting friendships, shared unique experiences, and created unforgettable memories of carefree summertime.

Thank you to all of our intrepid and dedicated volunteers who made these events possible!



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

Anne Bishop

A gift from her son, Charles W. Bishop

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In memory of his wife, Mary L. King

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On behalf of the Stelio & Betty Tracy Corte Charitable Foundation

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Lynda Stuart

Herman Watts

Mary Sue Whitt

Sandra Whitt

In memory of Rev. Dr. Kathy Spitzer

Charlotte G. Whitted

Dr. Tommy Wright

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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.