



Shenandoah  
County  
Historical  
Society

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# Newsletter

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## Shenandoah County Heritage Day is April 9th

Among the many activities taking place during Shenandoah County's 250th celebration this year will be our annual Heritage Day, to be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 11:00AM – 3:00PM. At the Edinburg Fire Dept. on Stony Creek Blvd. in Edinburg (next to the railroad tracks).

The focus in 2022 will be Shenandoah County family histories. We hope to see family records, photographs, family trees and other information and artifacts about not only the early settlers who came to Shenandoah County, but those families who have arrived since 1772 up until the present. We want to celebrate the county's rich family histories while also celebrating our continued diversity and all the families who have made Shenandoah County a wonderful place to live and work.

Heritage Day is hosted jointly by SCHS and the Shenandoah County Library Truban Archives. If you would like to have a table at Heritage Day, contact us at 540-459-1795 (leave a message), email us at [schs.va@gmail.com](mailto:schs.va@gmail.com). There may still be something available. You can also contact county archivist, Zach Hottel, at [zhottel@countylib.org](mailto:zhottel@countylib.org). There is no fee for participation. [Continued on Page 3]

## SCHS Annual Dinner Meeting is scheduled for May 17th

The 2019 Shenandoah County Historical Society Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held Tuesday, May 17th in Edinburg at the historic Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2447 located on Stony Creek Blvd at the railroad crossing. A social hour will begin at 6:00 PM followed by dinner at 6:30 PM. The cost for the dinner meeting is \$24.00 per person.

Immediately after the dinner SCHS president Barbara Adamson will conduct a brief business meeting that will include a report on the Society's accomplishments during the past 2 years. She will also conduct the election of members to serve on the Board of Directors for the coming year. The proposed slate of current board members standing for re-election to a two-year term include Janet Wagniere, Anne Dellinger, Dennis Atwood, and Meg Trott.

Presentation of the annual Excellence in Preservation Awards will follow.

This year's program will be a presentation by local historian and Civil War history enthusiast, Peter Dalton. The program, "Civil War" [Continued on Page 4]

### New Life Members

Kenna Fansler  
Karen Whetzel  
Kathy Ware  
Charles & Robin Middleton

### New Members

Melissa Carter



The official celebration of Shenandoah County's 250th anniversary has begun! Our first event was the Birthday Bash on March 26, celebrating the Virginia General Assembly's designation of our county in March 1772. At the party we unveiled the first three of a dozen booklets to be published as part of the 250th History Series. Our initial booklets, short local histories, are titled: "This is Genuine Democracy" "Woman's Suffrage in Shenandoah County Virginia 1900-1920" by Zachary Hottel, "Shenandoah County's Newspapers and Impact on A" [Continued on Page 3]

## New Courthouse Exhibit

April 1st will bring a new exhibit to the Visitor Center at the Shenandoah County Historic Courthouse in Woodstock, VA

A selection of photos from the *Pictorial History of Shenandoah County* collection by Hugh Morrison will be on display. The entire collection is open for inspection in the Shenandoah Room/Truban Archives at the County Library in Edinburg. Work is presently underway for the collection to be accessible on line in the not to distant future. Stay tuned.

In conjunction with the ongoing 250th anniversary celebration throughout Shenandoah County, the photos on display will portray life in the Valley going back well over the past 100 years.

The Historic Courthouse Museum and Visitor Center is open every Friday and Saturday, March through December, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Other times are available by appointment by calling 540-459-1795.

### ATTENTION

#### ARE YOUR DUES DUE??

The date beside the name on your mailing label is the month and year your membership is due. Thank you for staying current. Rates on Page 6.

Please note new amounts.



## From the: Shenandoah County Archives

By Zach Hottel, Archivist

### Happy's Service Station

This photograph shows Happy's Service Station in Woodstock Virginia.

It is one of 31,362 images produced by Woodstock photographer Hugh Morrison, preserved by the Shenandoah County Historical Society, and soon(ish) available online for you to view.

A new partnership between the historical society and the Truban Archives will facilitate access to these images via the archives' digital platform [www.archives.countylib.org](http://www.archives.countylib.org).

On April 9, 2022 public access to the first 2000 images will be granted during Shenandoah County Heritage Day. After that, individuals will be able to browse these images, and others as they are added, from home. They can also contribute additional information and identifications utilizing the comment field on the digital platform.

Over the next several years a team of volunteers and staff members will work to provide digital access to the remaining images. This time consuming process involves inputting titles, subjects, descriptions, tags, and other identifying information. Based on current estimates, the last photograph entry will be completed in 2028.

Until then we invite you to contribute your knowledge to improve our understanding of the Morrison collection. Go online ([www.archives.countylib.org](http://www.archives.countylib.org)) to view the digital images and provide IDs, contextual information, etc. when possible. Or visit the Shenandoah County Library's Truban Archives to view the physical versions and complete necessary ID sheets. Volunteers will also be on hand at Heritage Day and other events to help you navigate the online or physical collection.



Happy's Service Station, Woodstock Virginia, Undated, Morrison Studio Collection - Shenandoah County Historical Society.

This Newsletter can be sent to you electronically. Many photos will appear in color, and it saves postage! Notify us at: [schs.va@gmail.com](mailto:schs.va@gmail.com)

## Message from the President

Spring is here and it's time for the SCHS annual dinner. We're pleased to be back at the Edinburg VFW facility and hope to see many of you there. This will be our first May dinner and program since 2019. 2020 brought many changes and compromises, of course. With spring brings the reopening of the Historic Courthouse for the season. And you can read elsewhere in the newsletter about Heritage Day 2022 at the Edinburg Fire Dept. We're delighted that we will be able to enjoy this popular event in-person this year on April 9.

I recently noted the passing of a most interesting and daring local WWII veteran, Captain John Billings. His exploits as a pilot, during the war and afterwards, fascinated many visitors who attended his lecture at Heritage Day 2018. If I remember correctly, Mr. Billings spoke twice that day, with several people attending both lectures and enjoying each immensely.

Our long-planned project to make the 30,000 pictures in SCHS's Hugh Morrison Photographic Collection available online has finally begun. Volunteer Tracy McMahon has processed approximately 1,800 images, starting at the beginning of the project over 20 years ago, with number 00001. At that time we tried to process the oldest images first and so you'll be able to enjoy early 20th C. clothing, hats and hairdos in this first group of pictures. Archivist Zach Hottel plans an unveiling of the ongoing project at Heritage Day. We are very pleased that our partnership with the Shenandoah County Library, and ability to take advantage of their digital storage capabilities, will enable people all over the world to access these wonderful images that reflect the

history of Shenandoah County.

I'm very happy to welcome two new board members who were enthusiastically accepted to the SCHS board at our last meeting. A warm welcome to both Suzanne McIlwee and Karen Whetzel.

### Vital Force at Museum of Shenandoah Valley

Now on view in the Founders Gallery, **Vital Force** features the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley's growing collection of twentieth and twenty-first century art. This MSV art collection is composed of works by artists who are from the Shenandoah Valley, working in the region, or depicting scenes and subjects of the Valley in their art. Other works in this exhibition are from the collection of MSV benefactor Julian Wood Glass Jr., a descendent of Winchester founder James Wood. Museum is open Tues. - Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is free every Wednesday.

### SCHS is Now on FACEBOOK

Want to access additional information about Shenandoah County history in an interactive environment? Then visit our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/SCHSVA](http://www.facebook.com/SCHSVA) or simply click on the Facebook icon at the bottom of our website main page:

[www.facebook.com/SCHSVA](http://www.facebook.com/SCHSVA)



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## Clarke County Historical Association Announces 2022 Programs

**Civil War Medicine & The Body** from 2-4 pm on Saturday, April 9th at the VFW Post 9760 at 425 S Buckmarsh St. in Berryville. Join National Museum of Civil War Medicine's John Lustrea to explore how the Civil War changed how Americans thought of the human body, both dead and alive.

**The Material Culture of African-American Life in the Shenandoah Valley** from 2-4 pm on Saturday, May 14th at Grace Episcopal Church in Berryville. For over two centuries, enslaved Africans and African Americans lived and labored in the lower Shenandoah Valley. Although the written record is sparse, insights into their lives are available by combining different forms of evidence.

**Miller School** on May 14th from 10 am - 3 pm at the Burwell-Morgan Mill in Millwood, VA. Learn the process of grinding grain in

## Virginia Memory Resource

[www.virginiamemory.com/](http://www.virginiamemory.com/)

Virginia Memory is part of the online presence of the Library of Virginia, the state archives and reference library at the seat of government for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Established in 1823, the Library maintains vast and varied collections of print materials, manuscripts, archival records, newspapers, photographs and ephemera, maps and atlases, rare books, and fine art that tell the history of the commonwealth and its people. Since the mid-1990s, the Library has digitized parts of the collections in an effort to make our materials more widely available to online users.

An 18th century historic mill. This training will be open to the general public. Lunch will be provided.

Each event has a \$20 admission fee. For info and/or reservations, call 540-955-2600

## 250th Celebration - [Continued from Page 1]

*Developing Community* by Keith Stickley, and *The Lost Shared Signing Community of Lantz Mill and Shenandoah County Virginia* by Kathleen Brockway.

The next group of the History Series booklets will be unveiled on June 25 at the Historic Courthouse in Woodstock in conjunction with the Shenandoah Valley Art-Fest. Titles will include: *Woodstock's Historic Massanutten Heights District* by Karen Brill, Peter Stover and the *Stickleys of Strasburg* by Laura Ellen Wade, and *The Early History of Upper Stony Creek Valley: Orkney Springs & Powder Springs* by Ron Moomaw. They will be available from 2pm-6pm in the Historic Courthouse Visitor Center and Museum.

There will be a limited number of each booklet printed; be sure to monitor the 250 website, [www.SC250.org](http://www.SC250.org), to check on availability and pick-up locations throughout the year. There is no charge for the History Series booklets. At the conclusion of the 250 Commemoration year, SCHS will compile all twelve of the booklets to be published as a single volume for sale.

Let Freedom Ring is the theme for celebrating this year's 4th of July in Shenandoah County. You'll find fireworks and more throughout the county. Many 250 community events are planned for 2022 and are already listed on the 250 website. More will be added as the year goes on.

## Life Members

Each year we list our Life Members and say Thank You for your continuing support:

Barbara Adamson  
Joan Anderson  
Suzanne Arthur  
Clyde & Judy Beachy  
Richard & Suzan Bell  
Greg Bott  
Laurie Burgess  
Sally A Burlingame  
Tom Carr  
Carrie Ruda Clark  
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Kenna Fansler  
Tom Faucett  
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F. Kevin Frazier  
Elissa Blake Free  
Robert Frye  
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Wilson & Cyndie Ryman  
Mike & Melissa Seward  
Pat Shelton  
Nancy Stewart  
Andrew Thayer  
Meg Trott  
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Charles & Beverly Veatch  
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William & Susan Walls  
Kathy Ware  
William & Diane Warren  
Michael Watkinson  
Linda Wheeler  
Karen Whetzel  
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## 2013 Revisited

The 2013 Summer edition of the SCHS newsletter announced the following:

★ SCHS Life Member and former Newsletter Editor, the late Patrick Murphy, just published *The French & Indian War in Shenandoah County -- Life on the Inner Frontier, 1752-1766*.

★ The last Morrison glass plate (#27,628) is scanned. The work now continued with images on film.

★ John Adamson took over the newsletter's Historic Building series and continued to produce interesting stories and photos about buildings throughout the County. This beginning article is reprinted on Page 4. Since John's death in November, 2021, we will reprint some of the early articles and hope we can find someone to take over this series.

## Heritage Day -- [Cont. from Page 1]

While family history is the primary focus of Heritage Day 2022, we also invite participants to bring exhibits on other topics of county history such as churches, houses, communities, etc.



✦ Continuing Series on Historic Buildings in Shenandoah County ✦

THE DANIEL MUNCH HOUSE IN FORT VALLEY

By: John Adamson

SCSH board member Meg Trott and her late husband Jim have been preservationists ever since they moved to Fort Valley in the 1970s. They were probably preservationists at heart before that, but surely the Daniel Munch house they purchased in the Fort inspired them to be active in learning about and preserving the material culture of the Shenandoah Valley.

Daniel Munch was a successful Fort Valley farmer with deep Germanic roots. In 1833, he completed a substantial brick house built in the very popular Federal style of that time. Situated on a prominent hill, Munch's house was the only brick house built in Fort Valley until after World War II. Munch's choice of the Federal style for the exterior of his house was probably inspired by a desire to demonstrate both his success and his acceptance of popular American style.

The interior decoration is much more in keeping with the Munch family's German heritage. It features spectacular multi-colored woodwork painted in styles popular in the Germanic areas of Europe and Pennsylvania. Found on doors, cupboards, the main stairway, and fireplace woodwork, the bright hues of reds, blues, greens, yellow and rose are probably the work of an unknown, but gifted itinerant artist. That this flamboyant paint survives in wonderfully original condition is a



Front View of House



Fireplace Mantel



Front door

tribute to both its artistic qualities and the sensitivity of the house's owners through time. Certainly, Meg and Jim have always appreciated the wonderful interior of their home. It inspired their project to research and photograph interior finishes in Shenandoah County, documented in a binder at the Historical Society's office.

Meg and Jim have been instrumental in preserving Fort Valley material culture and history. Meg was an active member of the Shenandoah Preservation League when it was active and is helping to revive that group's ethic of preservation awards by leading a new Preservation Award Committee at SCHS. She also is a founder and past president of the very active Fort Valley Museum. Meg and Jim, with co-author Jeanette Ritenour, recently published, "Welcome to Fort Valley a comprehensive history of Fort Valley (available from SCHS).

Daniel Munch did not know who would be the 21st Century stewards of his 1833 house, but he would have been comforted to know it would be Meg and Jim Trott. What a Shenandoah County treasure they call home!

**Museum Discounts May 1-7**

As the Historic Courthouse Museum is affiliated with the County Tourism Office, we are participating with the celebration of National Tourism Week.

During May 1st through 7th, Tourism Week will be celebrated by helping our locals to play tourist in their own backyard and discover the many attractions and amenities that the County has to offer. Special discounts and promotions will be available to local Shenandoah County residents who can provide proof of residency though an ID.

At the Historic Courthouse Museum and Visitor Center, which includes the SCHS bookstore, a 10% discount on all purchases will be offered during that week. The facility is open on Friday and Saturday, May 6th & 7th from 11 to 4 pm. Stop in and check out all of the books on local history, genealogy and Civil War.

**Thank You**

As the weeks go by, we continue to receive donations in memory of our Board Member, John Adamson, who passed away in November. We send a sincere thank you to the many friends and associates who have chosen this way to remember John's many contributions.

**Annual Meeting** - [Cont. from Page 1]

*Memory and the Women of the Shenandoah Valley*, discusses the roles assumed by women during and after the Civil War in the Shenandoah Valley.

We hope you will be able to attend the meeting this year. A multi-purpose response form is enclosed with this newsletter. The form will give you the opportunity to:

- \* Make a dinner reservation
- \* Renew your membership
- \* Sign a proxy if you will not be able to attend the meeting.
- \* Change your address or method of receiving you quarterly newsletter

We look forward to seeing you!



**SCHS COMPLETE BOOK LIST**

Is available on web site:  
[www.SCHS1795.com](http://www.SCHS1795.com)

## New SCHS Board Members



Karen Whetzel

Karen grew up on a farm in Hardy County, West Virginia. She graduated from Madison College in 1971 (master's 1974) with degrees in elementary education and library science.

She worked for Shenandoah County Public Schools for her entire 38 year career, first commuting from Harrisonburg but moving to Shenandoah County around 1980. She was an elementary librarian for 25 years, then a high school assistant principal/principal for 13 years.

After retirement, she served on the Shenandoah County School Board for 12 years from 2010-2021, serving as Chairman for many years (50 years in education in Shenandoah County!) Karen has served on many boards and currently is a member of the Valley Health Community Advisory Committee, the New Market Area Library Board, and the Shenandoah Education Foundation board.

She calls herself a "professional volunteer" as she volunteers with the library, New Market Chamber of Commerce and does Facebook pages for a number of non-profit groups.

We welcome Karen to our Historical Society Board. We know Karen's extensive knowledge of the county and love of history will greatly benefit the SCHS.



Suzanne McIlwee

Suzanne Artz McIlwee is a Woodstock native who graduated from Central High School, Bridgewater College and Medical College of VA. She has a BS in Physical Therapy with graduate work at Oakland U. in Rochester, MI. She retired in July of 2020 after 39 years of practicing PT, the last 23 were at Shenandoah Memorial Hospital/Valley Health at the Mt. Jackson satellite.

She has lived at Liberty Furnace since 1991. The property has been in her family since 1941. She and her husband, Bob, spend their leisure time maintaining the farm and enjoying learning about its rich history through the collections from her grandfather and memories from her parents. Much of the collection of letters, books, ledgers and maps are now at the Truban Archives listed under the Samuel G. Clark Collection of papers, photos, etc., Liberty Furnace, VA

They are also preserving family heirlooms/antiques as well as various artifacts and pertinent information about Liberty Furnace, and learning about local history particularly relevant to iron making in Shenandoah County.

She is a member of the Emanuel Lutheran Church in Woodstock, the Narrow Passage DAR, the Edinburg Heritage Foundation and is a life member of the SCHS.

Suzanne is the mother of three adult children. She will soon become a first time grandmother when her son Brian's identical twin boys arrive in Apr.

Welcome Suzanne. We look forward to your help as we work to preserve the rich history of Shenandoah County.

## Free Genealogy Websites

There are 65 sites listed in a collection provided by Barbara Curtindale, of the Gladwin County Michigan Genealogical Society, Inc. & Family Search Center Affiliate Library".

This is only the first 15 named on that list. Some of the websites should be known by most people but others are true gems.

1. FamilySearch.org: largest collection of free genealogical records in the world -- Website: <https://familysearch.org/>
2. WikiTree: enormous collaborative family tree Website: <https://www.wikitree.com/>
3. Fulton History: historical newspapers from the US & Canada Website: <https://fultonhistory.com/>
4. Find a Grave.com: locate your ancestors in cemeteries across the globe - Website: <https://www.findagrave.com/>
5. Google News Archive: millions of archived newspaper pages Website: <https://news.google.com/newspapers>
6. US National Archives: official US National Archives site, many free genealogy databases and resources Website: <https://www.archives.gov/>
7. Automated Genealogy: indexes of the Canadian census Website: <http://automatedgenealogy.com/>
8. FreeBMD: civil registration index of births, marriages and deaths for England and Wales Website: <https://www.freebmd.org.uk/>
9. USGenWeb Project: massive free genealogy resource directory by US state and county Website: <https://www.usgenweb.org/>
10. WorldGenWeb Project: genealogy resources by country and region, not to miss Website: <https://www.worldgenweb.org/>
11. Cyndi's List: highly respected directory of free genealogy resources and databases online Website: <https://www.cyndislist.com/>
12. Library and Archives Canada: official archives of Canada, census records and more Website: <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/pages/home.aspx>
13. Ellis Island: immigration records, free indexes and original records, fee to download copies Websites: <https://www.nps.gov/elis/index.htm>  
<https://www.statueofliberty.org/ellis-island/>
14. FreeReg: baptism, marriage, and burial records from parish registers of the UK - Website: <https://www.freereg.org.uk/>
15. POWVETS: WWII POW search for prisoners of war held in German camps. - Website: <http://powvets.com/>

This is not meant to be a comprehensive list by any means – if you have websites that you find useful please feel free to share and send them to us at [schs.va@gmail.com](mailto:schs.va@gmail.com) and to [newsletter@mimigc.org](mailto:newsletter@mimigc.org) and put "FAVWebsites" on the subject line.

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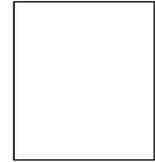
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Lifetime \$250

Send Fee to address above.

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## Museum Hours & Openings

**Belle Grove Plantation** at Middletown, VA reopened on Saturday, March 19th, 2022, and will continue to be open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. Call for info: 540-869-2028 Also ask about the annual "Of Ale and History" Beer Festival on Saturday, May 7 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Fort Valley Museum** in Fort Valley, VA will open on May 28th and will be open every Saturday (1-4 PM) and Sunday (2-5 PM) through October. Info: 540-933-6690

**Hupp's Hill Museum** and Strasburg Visitor's Center in Strasburg, VA is open 6 days a week (closed on Tuesdays) - 10-4 PM Daily Info: (540) 465-5884

**Frontier Culture Museum** in Staunton, VA is open daily from 9 - 5 ,March 17 to December 1, 2022 and from 10 to 4 daily, Nov. 29th to Mid March. For info, call (540) 332-7850.

**Mt. Jackson Museum** in Mt. Jackson, VA is now open every Thursday and Friday from 1 PM to 4 PM, through mid December.

**Strasburg Museum** in Strasburg VA opens on May 1st and will be open every Thursday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. through October. Info: 540-465-3175

**Shenandoah Valley Cultural Heritage Museum at The Edinburg Mill** in Edinburg, VA is open year-round. Hours are 9:30-05:30 weekdays and Noon to 5 on Sunday. Info: 540-984-8400

**Museum of the Shenandoah Valley** in Winchester is open April through December: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (galleries, formal gardens, Glen Burnie House)Trails: 7 a.m. to dusk. Masks required in indoor spaces. More info: 540-662-1473, ext. 235

**Woodstock Museum** in Woodstock, VA - will reopen in 2022. Info: 540-335-2162

**Virginia Museum of the Civil War** in New Market, VA is open seven days a week, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. year round. For questions, call: 866-515-1864 or website: [www.vmi.edu/museums-and-archives/virginia-museum-of-the-civil-war/events](http://www.vmi.edu/museums-and-archives/virginia-museum-of-the-civil-war/events)

**Rocktown History Museum** [Harrisonburg – Rockingham Historical Society] on High St. in Dayton VA is open Wednesday thru Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm For Info call: (540) 879-2681

**SCHS Web Site:**  
[www.SCHS1795.com](http://www.SCHS1795.com)

## Upcoming Events

**Shenandoah County Heritage Day** will be on Saturday, April 9th from 11 am - 3 pm at the Edinburg Fire Dept. on Stony Creek Blvd. in Edinburg. [See Page 1]

**The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District** in New Market has scheduled 8 events between April 2nd and June 25th at locations from New Market to Winchester. Most events are during the day and are free. All are on Civil War subjects. We don't have space for details, but the info is on their website or you can call: 540-740-4545 [www.shenandoahatwar.org/events](http://www.shenandoahatwar.org/events)

**Fort Valley Museum's Annual Appreciation Dinner** will be held on Tuesday, May 24th at the Fort Valley Fire Dept. in Fort Valley at 6:00/6:30 pm (social/meal/program). For info. and reservations, call: 540-933-6036, or [mtrott7472@gmail.com](mailto:mtrott7472@gmail.com) or [drinkwatereileen@gmail.com](mailto:drinkwatereileen@gmail.com)

**The Dry Experiment: Prohibition** on Sunday, June 5th from 6 to 8 PM at the Burwell-Morgan Mill in Milwood, VA. by Clarke County Historical Assoc. Come learn about how spirits became illegal in Clarke County, the state of Virginia, and across the United States. Call 540-955-2600 for info on speakeasy. \$75