



COCKAYNE NEWS AND NOTES

SPRING 2021

Hungry for History 2021



the history of Glen Dale, an in-depth look at the Mound Builders, and more.

We have also expanded our Hungry for History KIDS

Hungry for History returns for 2021 with a Walking Tour of Mount Rose Cemetery on June 3. This session will be led by Jim Stultz, and will feature eight historic Marshall County residents with fascinating stories to tell.

Subsequent presentations will focus on the Ohio Valley's Polish heritage,

offerings after great success last year. Kids sessions will include Zoo to You! with the Oglebay Good Zoo, Native American Life, and Paint a Sheep!

Each Hungry for History presentation will take place on Thursday at noon. The Walking Tour

will be held at Mt. Rose Cemetery, but all of the other lectures will take place on the lawn of the Cockayne Farmstead. In the event of inclement weather, lectures will be canceled or rescheduled.

Due to continuing health concerns, lunch will not be provided this year, but guests are encouraged to pack their own lunch to enjoy while listening to our excellent speakers! Attendance is free and open to the public. Lectures will also be live streamed from our Facebook page for those unable to attend in person.

HUNGRY FOR HISTORY 2021 SCHEDULE:

- ♦ **Jun. 3:** Walking Tour of Mt. Rose Cemetery, Jim Stultz
- ♦ **Jun. 10:** KIDS—Zoo to You!
- ♦ **Jun. 17:** Wheeling's Polonia, Dr. William Hal Gorby
- ♦ **Jun. 24:** Mound Builders, Evan Wenner
- ♦ **Jul. 1:** Capt. Sam Brady: Odysseus of the American Revolution, Joe Roxby
- ♦ **Jul. 8:** Music Past and Present with Faire May
- ♦ **Jul. 15:** KIDS—Native American Life, Faith Schanks
- ♦ **Jul. 22:** The Women of the Cockayne Farmstead, Debbie Barto
- ♦ **Jul. 29:** KIDS—Paint a Sheep! with Sally Gaughenbaugh
- ♦ **Aug. 5:** Glen Dale: The Early Years, Bill Wnek
- ♦ **Aug. 19:** One Bright Hope: Dangerfield Newby and John Brown's Raid, Jon-Erik Gilot

Join us for a Cockayne Wedding!

On Sunday, May 23, the Marshall County Historical Society presents "A Cockayne Wedding: 'A Day in the Life' Living History Event"!

On May 17, 1870, Lida Cockayne, daughter of Bennett Cockayne, married Henry C. Taylor of Wheeling in the Cockayne Farmhouse. Join us as we recreate that historic event! Tour the farmhouse, meet the family members, and find out all that went into planning a Victorian wedding!

As you move through the rooms of the house, you will meet many members of the Cockayne family, who will each discuss a different aspect of Victorian wedding customs, from wedding gifts, to breakfasts, to bridal gowns. Then participate in the ceremony itself outside on the lawn.

Tours will occur every fifteen minutes throughout the afternoon. Timed tickets must be purchased in advance and tours will be limited in size. The cere-

mony will be re-enacted at 2:30 and 4:00 pm. Wedding cake and punch will also be served to our visitors in the Cockayne Visitor Center.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit or call the Farmstead at (304) 845-1411. More details can also be found on our website or Facebook page.



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Summer Saturdays at Cockayne

This summer, stop by the Cockayne Farmstead on Saturdays to experience fun activities and demonstrations that can be enjoyed by the whole family!

Beginning in May, tours will be available on Saturdays from 10am to 3pm. In addition, each Saturday will offer different heritage skill demonstrations, old-time crafts, and screen-free games that children and adults can participate in. Some weeks will feature costumed living history interpreters, traditional artisans, or live music played on traditional instruments.

“We wanted to make Saturdays



extra fun this summer, to give families a fun, safe activity to do together on the weekend. History is so much more fun when you get to experience it first hand – play with jacks, write with a quill pen, dip your own candles,” notes Site Manager, Kara Gordon. “Each Saturday there will be something new going on to see or do or experi-

ence.”

Tours do not require a reservation, and are free of charge, though donations to help support the project are appreciated. Activities will take place outdoors, weather permitting. Each Saturday’s activities will be shared on the Cockayne Farmstead Facebook page or can be found out by calling the Farmstead at (304) 845-1411.

Summer Saturdays at Cockayne are sponsored by a Fairs and Festivals grant from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History.

EVER WANTED TO
DIP YOUR OWN
CANDLE, WEAVE
YOUR OWN BASKET,
OR WRITE WITH A
QUILL PEN?
STOP BY OUR
SUMMER
SATURDAYS!

Cockayne Yard Sale May 1

Mark your calendars for our next yard sale! We will be set up for business Saturday, May 1, from 8am to 1pm. There will be a wide selection of items from books to furniture to house wares to antiques.

If you have items you would like to donate for the sale, we will be accepting donations at the Visitor Center the Thursday and Friday before the event.



Gift Shop Updates!

We have continued adding to our gift shop offerings! This past winter, our Visitor Center received new interior paint and new shelves were purchased for the gift shop. Several new artisans have joined us: Richard Beckman selling hand-carved wooden spoons, Jill Dolen selling handmade greeting cards, Faire May selling their hand-crafted tea, and Greg Cartwright

selling wooden pens made from Cockayne house wood. We also now carry books by Gary Rider and C.J. Plogger, in addition to our own Cockayne merchandise. Stop by to see these unique items and keep us in mind when you need a special, locally made gift!





Goat Raffle—Who Wants to Win a Goat?

This spring, to support our preservation efforts at the Cockayne Farmstead, we're raffling a goat!

While you're welcome to buy a ticket for yourself, it's much more fun to buy a ticket for someone else! Whether it's your best friend who's always playing pranks on you, your great uncle who annoys you at holiday gatherings, or your co-worker who eats your lunch out of the refrigerator everyday, here is your chance to get them back and support a good cause at the same time! Put their name and address on the ticket and we'll send them a letter letting them

know they've been entered to win their very own goat! Not to worry, if they'd like to have their name withdrawn, they'll be able to purchase "Goat Insurance" with a \$5 donation!

The raffle will run from April 1 through July 10. The winner will be drawn at the Farmstead on Saturday, July 10, and broadcast on Facebook Live. The winner



will then receive instructions on where to pick up their new friend!

All proceeds benefit preservation efforts and educational events at the Cockayne Farmstead.

Tickets can be purchased by calling or stopping in at the Farmstead during any open hours and will be \$2 each or 5 for \$8. Tickets will also be available for sale at each of our events leading up to July 10, including the Yard Sale, Hungry for History presentations, and Summer Saturdays.

Volunteer Tour Training

The Farmstead's Site Manager, Kara Gordon, will host a Volunteer Tour Training on Saturday, April 17 from 10am-noon. This training is open to all current Cockayne volunteers as well as any new volunteers wishing to give tours a try. No commitment is required and no experience is necessary! This short

workshop will teach you the information needed to give a tour of the farmhouse and will also explore how to make a tour interesting and build your confidence when introducing the public to the Cockayne story. This workshop will be helpful to tour guides with previous experience as well, as our tour is con-

stantly evolving to reflect new discoveries made in the house and new advances in scholarship. The training is open to anyone 13 and older. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the farmhouse by April 15 by calling (304) 845-1411 or emailing cockaynehouse@gmail.com.

ENTER YOUR
FRIENDS TO WIN A
GOAT AND
SUPPORT
PRESERVATION OF
THE COCKAYNE
FARMHOUSE!

World War II Weekend Planned

Plans are still in the works to host our World War II Living History Weekend and 1940s Swing Dance rescheduled from last year.

This event will take place August 14-15 and will feature reenactment units and living historians representing both military and homefront experiences during the Second World War. Come learn what life was like during this historic era and talk to knowledgeable historians who make history come to life.

Things to see and do will be set up across the Cockayne lawn, and special talks on specific topics will take place at scheduled times throughout the day.

On Saturday evening, August 14, we will also host a 1940s era swing dance with a live swing band performing. More details on the event and tickets will be announced soon.



2021 Victory Garden

Planning is once again underway for the garden on Cockayne's south lawn. This year, volunteers have decided to stick with the World War II Victory Garden theme, to showcase how many families on the homefront would have provided their own food so that more supplies could be diverted to the soldiers fighting overseas.



The Cockayne garden contains sixteen beds, which

will be planted with vegetables, herbs, and flowers as a living outdoor exhibit.

Last year's garden was a great success, as the location and soil proved ideal for producing a large crop that was enjoyed by all who helped with the garden. Surplus crops were even sent to a local soup kitchen.



The garden is planted and maintained by Cockayne's team of volunteers. This year, to make sure that the whole garden receives the care it needs, each bed

will be assigned to a volunteer or team of volunteers who will be responsible for its care and upkeep. If you are interested in helping with the garden this year or adopting a bed, please call or email the Farmstead.



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 AND LOCKWOOD
 STS. IN
 MOUNDVILLE
 WILL RE-OPEN
 APRIL 8.

Restoration Completed on South Side

During the first week of March, the Durable Restoration Company of Columbus, OH completed extensive repairs to the south side of the farmhouse. The south side takes the brunt of weather in all seasons and much of the wood siding had rotted and was beginning to fall loose. Durable also replaced four rotted window sills and repaired the cracked corner pieces with wood

epoxy.

These repairs will help stabilize the house and ensure that the building envelope remains sound for many years to come. Durable Restoration specializes in repair of historic structures and so made certain that the work was completed in accord with state and national preservation guidelines. This work was completed through a grant from the

Karl and Mildred Niekamp Charitable Foundation.



MCHS Museum Set to Reopen

The Marshall County Historical Society Museum, located in Moundville at the corner of 13th and Lockwood Sts. will reopen for the summer on Thursday, April 8. The museum will be open every Thursday from 10am-3pm. All are welcome to stop by to see the many Marshall County artifacts displayed and housed there.

The museum also maintains

genealogical files for many Marshall County families, arranged



by family name. Researchers, historians, and the general public will all find interesting items to discover.

For more information on the resources available at the museum or to schedule a visit outside our normal open hours, you can send a message to the museum through its Facebook page, Marshall County WV Historical Society.



Updates from Our AmeriCorps Member—Evan Wenner

I have been working diligently on tracking down and photographing artifacts in the farmstead's collection. By recording the location of the artifacts inside the 165 boxes in the archives along with artifacts on display in the farmhouse, it will

be easier for researchers to find what they are looking for. Artwork done by Cockayne family members and large artifacts like the icebox were accidentally missed during the initial inventory of the farmhouse! These have been added and the Past

Perfect catalog is in better shape. I hope to put this catalog online to make our collection more accessible to those that want to see what is in our collection here at the Cockayne Farmstead.



AmeriCorps

Foreman Massacre Memorial Preservation Project

The Foreman Massacre took place on September 26, 1777 at the Narrows just north of Glen Dale. Captain William Foreman and twenty-one militiamen from Hampshire County, Virginia were killed in an ambush by indigenous warriors. In 1835, a light horse company in Elizabethtown (now Moundsville) raised money for and put up a sandstone memorial headstone along with Foreman and his men's remains where the attack happened. Then in 1875, the stone and remains were moved to Mt. Rose Cemetery in Moundsville by the County Court (now County Commission). The stone was placed in a concrete puddle in 1974 and is in very poor condition. The sandstone is cracking off on the front and back of the stone and there are many chips and cracks on the sides. The front has the historic inscription on it so will not be addressed in my civic service project because a skilled mason conservator would be needed to repair it. The back, however, is something I can help with. I have done a great deal of research on gravestone preservation over the last few months. I consulted skilled conservators Bekah Karelis and Sarel Venter of Adventures in Ele-

gance based in Wheeling for advice on my project.

Funding for my project is still pending but I plan to purchase two products from Edison Coatings, System 95W consolidant and LP-20M hydrated lime putty, that will be used in the preservation work. First, the damaged part of the stone that is falling off will be removed and the consolidant will be applied. The stone will be completely saturated with distilled water and the hydrated lime putty will be plastered on and covered with wet burlap to cure. Once dry, it will be lightly sanded down until flush with the original stone. Then the cleaning process will begin with distilled water and a soft bristle brush to remove the green organic growth and black carbon residue. In the heavily soiled spots, D/2 Biological cleaning solution will be used. Once these steps are completed, the stone will look better and be preserved for many years to come.

Pending additional funding, I would like to also take the project further and place a clear acrylic box around the stone to protect it from weather and pollutants. I also would like to place a granite plaque next to the Foreman





Stone that has the inscription written out so it is easier to read, a summary of the massacre, and the stone's journey from the Narrows in 1875. Bekah and Sarel also recommended the concrete puddle surrounding the stone be lifted out of the ground and a plastic sheet be placed under it to further help protect the stone from weathering. Once this project is completed, this portion of Marshall County's Revolutionary War history will be looking its best!


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-FIRST CENTURY LEGACY.



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New Volunteers Always Welcome at Cockayne!

Looking for a new volunteer opportunity? Cockayne Farmstead needs your help!

There is something for everyone to do at Cockayne. We have volunteers who help with cataloging and cleaning our collections, giving tours, planning and helping out during events, leading children’s programming, coordinating fundraisers, designing fliers, advertising, housekeeping, carpentry and preservation projects, research requests, gardening and so much more!

You can volunteer on your own time, as much or as little as you prefer. Volunteers at Cockayne help us preserve this historic resource for the whole community, and we truly could not support this project without them. Our volunteers are a great community to work with, and we always have fun! Whatever your unique talents are, we can find the perfect spot for you in our family of volunteers.

If you’d like to give volunteering a try, contact Kara or Evan at (304) 845-1411 or cockayne-house@gmail.com.



If you would like to purchase membership to the Marshall County Historical Society or make a donation to the Historical Society or specifically to the Cockayne Farmstead, please detach this slip and mail to:

**Cockayne Farmstead
1105 Wheeling Avenue
Glen Dale WV 26038**

Make checks payable to “Cockayne Farmstead” or “Marshall County Historical Society”

Donation amount: _____

I would like to purchase a membership to the Historical Society (\$15 annually):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Total enclosed: _____

I would like to sign up for email updates about Cockayne events: _____