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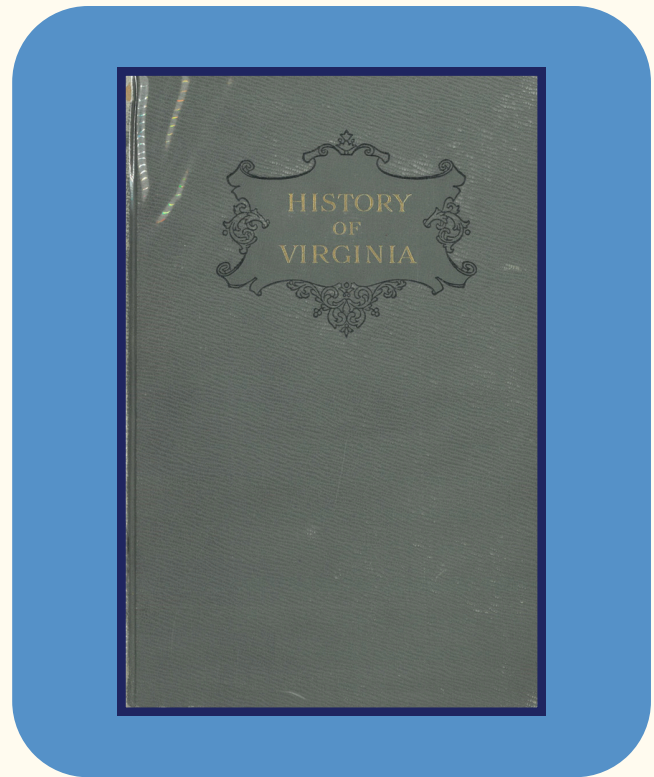


THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WEST VIRGINIA SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMISSION

September is here, and with it many wonderful things are on the horizon! The September 2024 edition of Mountaineers are Always Free highlights recent commission activities and events, books you should read, and more events coming up this Fall.

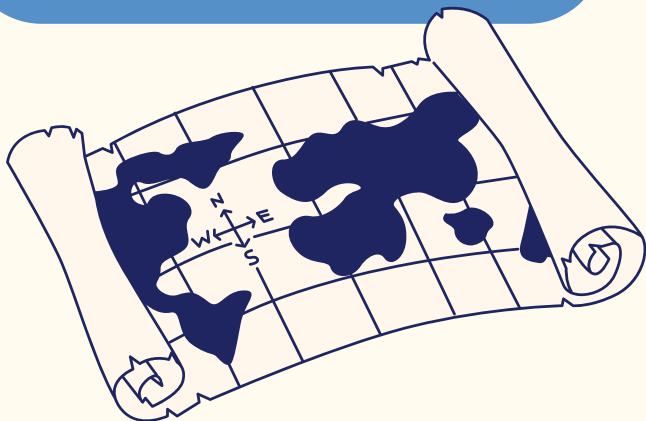
REVOLUTIONARY READINGS

Royall Bascom Smithey's History of Virginia: A Brief Text Book for Schools, was published in 1898, and gives much insight to the early days of Virginia, including the creation of the Virginia Colony and its role in the Revolutionary War. Smithey's work also contains descriptions of events that occurred during Lord Dunmore's War, including the Battle of Point Pleasant. In this description, Smithey also provides details regarding the appearance of Andrew Lewis and thoughts on his character, which make this a very interesting account of the battle. Be sure to stop by the Archives Library at the Culture Center to take a moment to look through History of Virginia: A Brief Text Book for Schools by Royall Bascom Smithey!



FOR THE STUDENTS

Calling all teachers! We encourage you and your students to engage in the upcoming student contests focused on the Battle of Point Pleasant. Student contests include a coloring sheet contest for K-2nd grade students that features a coloring sheet of the cabin at Tu-Endie-Wei State Park, a contest for 3rd-5th grade students where participants will draw settlements throughout the Point Pleasant area as related to the Battle of Point Pleasant, a poster contest themed around the Battle of Point Pleasant for 6th-8th grade students, and an essay contest for 9th-12th grade students that poses the questions: "Should the Battle of Point Pleasant be considered the first battle of the American Revolution. Why or why not?" The deadline for submissions has been extended to September 13, 2024, so if you haven't already, be sure to send in your submissions!



THE INSPIRED SERIES

"INSPIRED: A West Virginia Series of Juried Exhibitions" is a series of four West Virginia exhibitions focused on West Virginia Themes. The West Virginia State Museum will be accepting submissions for the third exhibit in the series, "West Virginia Wildlife" from September 20, 2024 – November 8, 2024, with accepted artwork going on display on January 12, 2025. For information regarding the INSPIRED series can be found here:



West Virginia Landscapes
 Nov 27 2023 - Jan 05 2024
 accepting submissions
Feb 16 2024
 accepted artwork delivery (in-person or postmark) deadline
Mar 3 2024, 2pm
 opening reception, the Culture Center

IMPORTANT DATES!

MOUNTAIN FALLS
 KELSEY MURPHY AND ROBERT P BOMKAMP





West Virginia Historic Buildings and Structures
 Apr 08 2024 - May 24 2024
 accepting submissions
Jul 02 2024
 accepted artwork delivery (in-person or postmark) deadline
Jul 28 2024, 2pm
 opening reception, the Culture Center

BAPTIST STEEPLE II
 GEORGE HARPER



West Virginia Wildlife
 Sep 20 2024 - Nov 08 2024
 accepting submissions
Dec 20 2024
 accepted artwork delivery (in-person or postmark) deadline
Jan 12 2025, 2pm
 opening reception, the Culture Center

A THIN BLADE
 BARRIE KAUFMAN

West Virginia Historic Figures
 Feb 10 2025 - Mar 25 2025
 accepting submissions
May 09 2025
 accepted artwork delivery (in-person or postmark) deadline
June 01 2025, 2pm
 opening reception, the Culture Center

DEVIL ANSE
 STEVE BRIGHTWELL

THE GREAT OUTDOORS



Photo credit: Renderings of the new outdoor exhibit to be installed at the State Capitol.

Construction is now underway for “West Virginia: Nature Designs a State...That Fuels a Nation,” a new outdoor exhibit located outside the Culture Center on the Capitol Complex. The exhibit will focus on the 11 industries and natural resources that West Virginia has provided to build the nation we know today, including coal, iron, steel, chemical, oil and gas, salt, clay, glass, agriculture, timber, and water and railroad transportation. These renderings of the new exhibit show what it will look like once completed.

OLD TIME COUNTRY COOKIN’

Dough Nuts

Ingredients:

1/2 pound brown sugar
2 pounds all-purpose flour
2 tsp of yeast
Milk
1/2 pound butter, melted

Preparation:

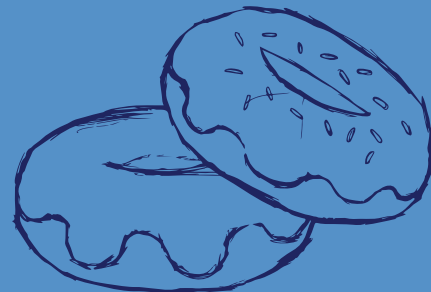
Dry half a pound of good brown sugar, pound it, and mix it with two pounds of flour, and sift; add two spoonfuls of yeast and as much new milk as will make it bread; when well risen, knead in half a pound of butter, make in cakes the size of a half dollar, and fry them a light brown in boiling lard.

Modified Preparation:

Sift together brown sugar, flour, and yeast. Slowly add butter and as much milk as needed to make dough into a bread dough consistency. Mix until combined. Cover bowl with cling wrap and allow to rise until doubled in size. Roll dough out until 1/2" thick and cut into 3" rounds. Cover and allow to rise. After the final rise, heat oil until 350F. Fry in oil until cooked through. Adjust oil if the dough nuts are getting too dark.

Original recipe can be found in: *The Virginia Housewife* (or *Methodical Cooking*) by Mrs. Mary Randolph, Published by John Plaskitt, Baltimore, Maryland, 1836

Modified recipe edited by Meredith Barbery. Recipe with modification has not been tested.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 13, 2024

EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR
SUBMISSIONS
Point Pleasant Student Contests
Mail all submissions to:

West Virginia Department of Arts,
Culture & History
Attn: American Revolution Project
Poster Contest
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, WV 25305

September 20, 2024

Submissions open for “West Virginia
Wildlife” INSPIRED Jury Exhibit
The Culture Center, WV Capitol
Complex
Charleston, WV

September 28-29, 2024

250th Anniversary of Camp Union
Lewisburg, WV
For more info, visit:
<https://www.greenbrierhistorical.org>

October 9, 2024

Lecture Series at Marshall University
Concerning the Battle of Point Pleasant
7PM, Marshall University
Huntington, WV

October 10, 2024

*“Was the Battle of Point Pleasant the First
Battle of the American Revolution?”*
2:00 PM, Marshall University
Huntington, WV

250th Commemoration of the
Battle of Point Pleasant (Battle Days 250)
10:00 AM, Tu-Endie-Wei State Park
Point Pleasant, WV

October 11, 2024

Battle of Point Pleasant
History Panel Discussion
Marshall University
Huntington, WV

October 13, 2024

249th Birthday of the United States Navy
2PM, WV Capitol Complex
Charleston, WV



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