



# MUSEUM HERITAGE EDUCATION PROGRAMS



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# GREETINGS!



# FIELD TRIPS



Dear Educator,

Welcome to a new year with the Town of Wytheville Department of Museums. I hope you enjoyed some of our new activities and you'll see a lot more this year. We've listened to your responses over the past year, and hope you'll like them.

The new programs are based on the time of year, as well as your grade and SOL's. Programs that service a variety of grades, (like Pre K through 2nd grade) feature distinct content tailored for each grade. For example, with *Frontier Animals*, each grade talks about different animals. We've also moved to expand our programs to offerings that are age appropriate for older elementary as well as high school students.

We still come to you! Some programs such as *Busy Bees* and *A Very Washington Christmas* that used to be onsite only are now available to you in the classroom. We've even partnered with the Wythe County 4-H program for our *Frontier Animals* and *Environmental Science* programs.

Our goal is to make sure that students learn about our shared history through hands-on, high quality programs for all our students. Programs are free of charge in the Wythe County Public school system, and are \$2 per student at all other institutions in the county.

Please feel free to contact me to schedule your programs or with any questions or comments you may have. We look forward to another amazing year!

Sincerely,



Sarah Nucci  
Curator of Education

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**Town of Wytheville**  
**The Wythe County Board of Supervisors**  
**The Wythe County School Board**  
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Plan fun for your class or group with a visit to one of our museums. Explore the Willowbrook Jackson-Umberger Homestead Museum to explore life in 1800's, the galleries at the Thomas J. Boyd Museum, or the Haller-Gibboney Rock House Museum for Victorian Times. Pick from a variety of activities specific to your grade level and goals.

*The United States Colored Troops from Wythe County*  
*Lemonade and Switchel*  
*Trapball and Games*  
*Women of the Civil War*  
*Civil War Wytheville*  
*Indigo Dying*  
*Appalachian Medical Traditions*  
*Life of a Revolutionary War Soldier*  
*Go Fly a Kite*  
**AND MORE!**

## HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

**Join us for our new expanded High School Classes**

***Bees in Appalachia:*** Learn about bees, their history in the colonies and about the benefits of honey and beeswax.

***Water Wheels:*** Explore the use of water wheels in early Wythe County mills and electricity production.

***Environmental Studies:*** Ask about our upcoming environmental studies options including cost/benefit of land development, soil and water testing, the Southwest Virginia bee population decline, insect and plant identification.

***Wythe County Historical Society Essay Contest:*** Get the inside track on the Wythe County Historical Society's Essay Contest (cash prizes). We'll break down the scoring rubric, suggested topics, and a lead on a variety of resources for your class!







## Programs on historic arts and crafts of Wythe County, appropriate for grades K-5



**September: *Fraktur***, a German folk art tradition, are lavishly embellished documents celebrating births, baptisms, and marriages.

**October: *Tin Punch***, Wythe County is famous for its tin punched pie safes. Student try their hand at tin punch images.

**November: *Architecture***, Early Wythe County architecture is a wonderful example of German, Scotch-Irish, and English cultures melding into the quintessential log cabin.

**December: *Beaded Garlands***, learn about Victorians Christmas decoration traditions and students make their own garlands to take home.

**January: *Barn Quilts*** are a traditional folk art on farms throughout Appalachia.

**February: *Scherenschnitte***, means “scissor cuts” in German and is part of the paper cutting folk art tradition brought into Wythe County by German Settlers.

**March: *Paper Marbling***, inside your old books you’ll notice beautiful marbled paper used to protect the written pages inside.

**April: *Millinery***. Wytheville was home to many millinery shops through the years. Students learn about this art and make their own.



**May: *Indigo Dying***. Ms. Haller had her own dye book to create a rainbow of colors. This month students learn about indigo dye and try their hand at it.



## *Frontier Animals and the Tracks They Make* PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Learn about different animals that were new to European Settlers! Read and hear about their encounters and experiences, and more about the animals themselves. Each grade learns about different animals.

## *Local History Takes Center Stage*

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Local Primary and Secondary Sources

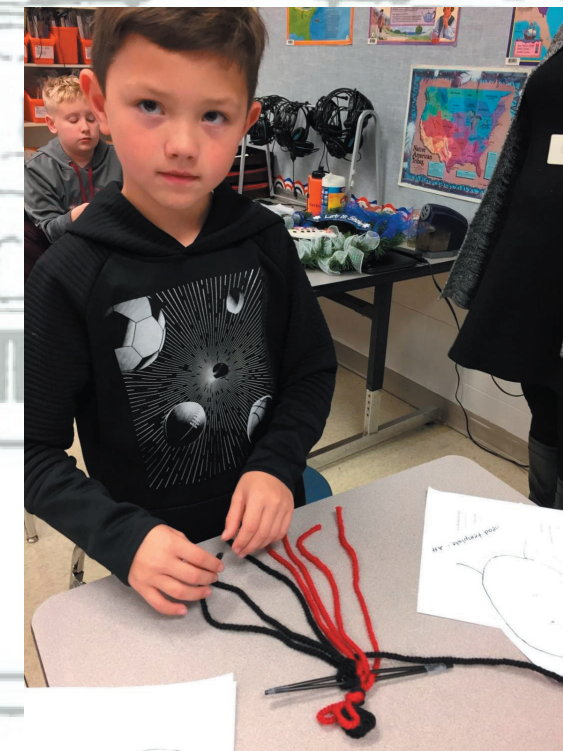
4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Historic Immigrants to Southwest Virginia

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Explorers of Southwest Virginia

## *Apples Long Ago*

PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Students learn about Apples in the Past and how they preserved them.



## *Native American History Month*

PreK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Each grade learns about a different aspect of the Cherokee people who called Wythe County home over 200 years ago.



## *Sing a Little Song*

Pre K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Mondays only, year round.

This program introduces student to Appalachian music through traditional instruments with Jim Lloyd.



# WINTER PROGRAMMING



# SPRING PROGRAMMING



## ***A Very Washington Christmas***

Pre K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Let us join you in your classroom to learn about George Washington's Christmas Crossing of the Delaware! Each program is grade specific.

## ***Rock House Christmas***

Pre K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Bring your class to the Haller-Gibboney Rock House Museum for a special Christmas visit. Enjoy period decorations and learn about Christmas decorations of the past.

## ***Sweet Tooth***

Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Winter was the perfect time to make candy at home! Cold weather and warm hearths – plenty of food in the pantry and time to have fun with family and friends. Let us join you for some hands-on candy making.

## ***Dr. Haller: Wytheville's First Physician***

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Doctor Haller had a successful medical practice in Wytheville. Learn about his career and his treatments for patients.

## ***Churns and Making Butter***

PreK-1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Students learn the importance of the milk cow to families, how butter is made, and make their own butter to try.

## ***Victorian Valentines***

PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Students learn about Valentines traditions of the past and make their own folk Valentine to take home.

## ***Black History Month***

4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Explore local stories and people of Wytheville's past and how they contributed to African-American history and culture in Wythe County.



## ***Dying Eggs with Natural Dyes***

PreK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Enjoy dying eggs with natural materials. Learn more about the animals that lay eggs and the science of dying them.

## ***Toys and Games***

Pre K – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Learn about games and toys of the past. Enjoy playing them with your friends.



## ***"The Most Important Art"***

2-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Explore the mathematics through our historic architecture and material culture. Learn about repeating patterns, geometry, and more (based on grade level).

## ***Busy Bees***

PreK – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Enjoy a visit from our educators about our bee hive, or come see it in person!

