

**17th Annual Quilt Show
April 1st through May 31st**

Please see description on the April calendar.

**First Saturday Community Coffeehouse
May 3rd & June 7th from 7pm to 9pm**

The First Saturday Community Coffee House is an open-mic event and is open to all family-friendly performers. All interested musicians, storytellers, and poets should arrive by 6:30pm for sign-up and scheduling. *Admission is free to this program. Refreshments will be available for purchase.*

**Youth Music Festival, Featuring WiseJAMS Students
Heartwood in Abingdon, VA—Time TBA**

Join the WiseJAMS music students for a special performance at the Heartwood's Youth Music Festival!

**Take Your Mother to the Quilt Show Day
Sunday, May 11th from 1pm to 5pm**

Celebrate Mother's Day at the Museum with free admission for mothers and an accompanying gift! *Museum will be open during regular operating hours.*

**"Gathering in the Gap" Music Festival
May 17th from 9am to 10pm**

A day of fun for the entire family! Activities include competitions, jams, workshops, and performances by local and regionally known musicians. Featured Main Stage performers are: Grammy Award Winner Rodney Crowell, The Black Lillies, and Dave Eggar & Deoro. *For more information, see the full description inside this calendar or visit gatheringinthegapmusicfestival.com.*

**Kids to Parks Day
Saturday, May 17th from 11am to 4pm**

To celebrate Kids to Parks Day, the Museum is offering a variety of activities and crafts during the "Gathering in the Gap" Music Festival. Kids 12 and under receive free admission!

**Southwest Virginia Museum Artisan Series
May 19th and June 16th**

Enjoy a hands-on craft project with regional artisans on the third Monday of every month from March until December. May: Chair Caning (adult). June: Food Tasting (adult). *Please contact the Museum for registration and pricing information for these workshops.*

**Adventures in History: Tour to Eden
Saturday, May 31st from 8am to 6pm**

Claim your seat for a scenic and historic view of Elk Garden and Burke's Garden in Southwest Virginia. The tour includes discussion of important historical places, events, and periods related to these areas, views of beautiful Federalist

style homes, and a visit to the famous bowl-shaped valley Burke's Garden, often called "God's Thumbprint." *Cost: \$20 per person. Seating is limited; reserve a seat today! Registration/payment deadline is May 16th.*

**Lunch on the Lawn
Each Friday in June & July from 12pm to 1pm**

Get an early start to the weekend; join us at the Museum for a "brown-bag" lunch on the lawn with entertainment by area musicians. *Bring your own lunch or order a \$5 box lunch from the Museum. Menus vary week to week. Please call for meal options each week. Orders must be received by 4pm each Thursday. (276) 523-1322*

**National Trails Day Geocaching
Saturday, June 7th from 1pm to 3pm**

Stop by the Museum to pick up a GPS unit and locate interesting caches at historic sites in Big Stone Gap, VA! *Admission to this program is free.*

**National Get Outdoors Day
Saturday, June 14th from 1pm to 3pm**

Celebrate Get Outdoors Day with a volunteer landscaping project on the park's grounds. Specific project will be based on the park's needs in the summer of 2014.

**Adventures in History: Coal Camp Bus Tour
Saturday, June 21st from 8am to 4pm**

Join regional historian Dr. Lawrence Fleenor on a guided tour of area coal camps. The bus tour will depart the park and travel on a comfortable bus to area coal camps of Stonega, Derby, Keokee, Imboden, Exeter, and Dunbar. *Cost: \$20 per person. Seating is limited; reserve your spot today! Participants may bring their own lunch or pre-purchase a boxed lunch from the park for an additional \$5. Registration and payment deadline is June 6th.*

**Melungeons Heritage Association 18th Union
June 27th - June 29th**


The Southwest Virginia Museum Historical State Park, in partnership with the Melungeons Heritage Association, will host the 18th Melungeons Union. Melungeons, Melungeons descendants, and those of related mixed ancestry communities will explore their heritage in a three day celebration combining author presentations, genealogical and local history workshops/chats, and visits to local tourist sites of Melungeons interest. Please visit <http://www.melungeons.org> for more information.

**Great American Backyard Campout
Saturday, June 28th during regular operating hours**

The Museum is celebrating the Great American Backyard Campout with a free camping "how to" kit and a special gift, available at the front desk. *Kits will be limited to the first 50 participants, so stop by early!*




May 2014

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 JAMS Music Program	2	3 Coffee House 
4	5 Museum <u>Closed</u> Friends of Museum Meeting	6 JAMS Music Program	7	8 JAMS Music Program Graduation	9	10 JAMS Student Performance at Heartwood
11 Take Your Mother to the Quilt Show Day	12 Museum Closed	13	14	15	16	17 "Gathering in the Gap" Kids to Parks Day Events
18	19 Museum Closed Artisan Series	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day Museum Open	27	28	29	30	31 Tour to Eden Bus Tour Last Day of Quilt Show

June 2014

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1	2	3	4	5	6 Lunch on the Lawn 	7 Coffee <u>House</u> National Trails Day Geocaching
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15 Father's Day	16 Artisan Series	17	18	19	20 Lunch on the Lawn 	21 Coal Camp Bus Tour
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