

### **19th Annual Quilt Show**

**April 1 through May 31**

*Please see description on the April calendar.*

### **First Saturday Community Coffeehouse**

**May 7 & June 4 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

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 6:30 p.m. for sign-up and scheduling. *Admission is free to this program. Refreshments will be available for purchase.*

### **Adventures in History:**

#### **Coal Camp Bus Tour**

**Saturday, May 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

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 Imboden, Exeter, Keokee, Stonega, Derby, and Dunbar. Cost: \$25 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 \$6. Registration and payment deadline is Friday, April 29th.

### **Kids to Parks Day**

**Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

To celebrate Kids to Parks Day, the park is offering a scavenger hunt for children touring the museum with a special surprise for participants! Also, the park will offer gps units and starter geocaching sites for children and families interested in exploring the world of geocaching.

### **Southwest Virginia Museum Artisan Series**

**May 16 and June 20**

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: Photography (adult). *Please contact the Museum for registration and pricing information for these workshops.*

### **“Gathering in the Gap” Music Festival**

**May 28 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.**

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 The Whitetop Mountain Band, Dave Eggar & Deoro, and The Black Lillies. *For more information, see the full description inside this calendar or visit: [gatheringinthegapmusicfestival.com](http://gatheringinthegapmusicfestival.com).*

### **Lunch on the Lawn**

**Each Friday in June & July from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.**

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 \$6 box lunch from the Museum. Menus vary week to week. Please call for meal options each week. Orders must be received by 4 p.m. each Thursday. (276) 523-1322*

### **National Trails Day Geocaching**

**Saturday, June 4 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

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 11 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

Celebrate National Get Outdoors Day by exploring activities available on the park's grounds. Check out a gps unit from the front desk and learn how to geocache in the park and at nearby historic sites. Take the walking tour of the grounds for a view of the Southwest Virginia Walk of Fame, birds and trees, and outdoor artifacts. Explore the sandstone and limestone construction of the museum building from the outside. Enjoy a picnic lunch outdoors and walk through the park's Victorian Garden.

### **Adventures in History:**

#### **The Melungeon Bus Tour**

**Saturday, June 11 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Join Museum staff for an intriguing journey into the history of an often maligned and misunderstood group of people commonly called “Melungeons.” The tour will explore sites of interest related to Melungeon history. 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 \$6. Registration and payment deadline is Friday, May 27th.

### **SWVA Museum Historical State Park's: Kids' Summer Fest**

**Saturday, June 25 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.**

The Museum will host its 1st annual Kids' Summer Fest on Saturday, June 25th. We will start the day with a guided hike along the Greenbelt. Then spend the day exploring the Museum & grounds. We will also have plenty of arts & crafts for the children. More events will be announced later. Visitors are invited to bring their own lunch or purchase a boxed lunch from the museum for \$6. Make sure to stick around for the Great American Backyard Campfire.

### **Melungeon Heritage Association Reception**

**June 24**

**Details: TBA**

The Museum will host the Melungeon Heritage Association Reception at the park on Friday, June 24th. Melungeons, Melungeon descendants, and those of related mixed ancestry communities are invited to explore their heritage at the reception. For more information, please visit <http://www.melungeon.org>.


### **Campfire Sing & Marshmallow Roast**

**Saturday, June 25 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

The Museum is celebrating the Great American Backyard Campfire with an evening of fire-roasted treats and great regional music around the campfire. *Admission to this program is free.*




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8 Mother's Day	9 Museum Closed	10	11	12 JAMS Music Program	13	14 Coal Camp Bus Tour
15	16 Museum Closed  Artisan Series	17 JAMS Music Program	18	19 JAMS Music Program Graduation	20	21 Kids to Parks Day Events
22	23 Museum Closed	24	25	26	27	28 "Gathering In the Gap"
29	30 Memorial Day  Museum Open	31 Last day of Quilt Show				

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