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**15th Annual Quilt Show
April 1st through May 31st**

Please see description on the April calendar.

**First Saturday Community Coffeehouse
May 5th & June 2nd from 7-9pm**

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.*

**Adventures in History: Wilderness Road
Raid at Martin's Station Bus Tour
Saturday, May 12th from 9am-4pm**

Board the Museum's comfortable bus for a trip into the shadows of Virginia's 1776 frontier. Tour Cherokee warrior and colonial militia camps, experience frontier fort life, and buy unusual wares from 18th-century merchants and colonial traders. Observe re-enactments of frontier battles between Cherokee warriors and settlers of Martin's Station. *Fee is \$20. Seating is limited to 15. Reservation and payment deadline is Friday, April 27th.*

**Take Your Mother to the Quilt Show Day
Sunday, May 13th from 1pm-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.*

**Kids to Parks Day
Saturday, May 19th from 1pm-3pm**

To celebrate Kids to Parks Day, the Museum is offering stations to make your own walking stick, build your own terrarium, and sing-along at the arbor. *Fee is \$5 per child and includes supplies for activities. Registration and payment deadline is Friday, May 11th.*

**"Gathering in the Gap" Music Festival
May 26th from 9am-10pm**

A day of fun for the entire family! Activities include competitions, jams, and performances by local and regionally known musicians. Featured Main Stage performers are: Marty Stuart & His Fabulous Superlatives, Dave Eggar, Dale Jett & Hello Stranger, and Ron Short & The Possum Playboys. *For more information, see the full description inside this calendar or visit www.gatheringinthegapmusicfestival.com.*

Lunch on the Lawn

Each Friday in June & July from 12pm-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 9am each Friday.*

**National Trails Day Geocaching
Saturday, June 2nd 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.*

**Adventures in History: Coal Camp Bus Tour
Saturday, June 9th from 8am-4pm**

Join regional historian Dr. Lawrence Fleenor on a guided tour of area coal camps. The bus tour will depart the Museum 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 to 14; reserve your spot today! Participants may bring their own lunch or pre-purchase a boxed lunch from the Museum for an additional \$5. Registration and payment deadline is May 25th.*

**Father's Day Celebration at Lunch on the Lawn
Friday, June 15th at 12pm**

Get a head start to your Father's Day weekend celebration with a special Lunch on the Lawn dedicated to fathers. Fathers will receive a special gift!

**Campfire Sing & Marshmallow Roast
Saturday, June 23rd from 7pm-9pm**

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

**Melungeons Heritage Association 16th Union
June 28th - June 30th**

The Southwest Virginia Museum Historical State Park, in partnership with the Melungeons Heritage Association, will host the 16th Melungeons Union on June 28-30, 2012. 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.