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## MUSEUMS

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**BARBOUR COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM** Old depot next to the covered bridge in Philippi. Open M-W-F-Sat 11a – 4p; Sun 1-4p. (Closed all federal holidays) 457-4846 or 457-5207

**HISTORIC BEVERLY** First seat of Randolph County. Site of frontier, Civil War & county history. Home of Laura Jackson Arnold (sister of Stonewall Jackson) & Lemuel Chenoweth (inventor & covered bridge builder). Civil War cemetery & fortifications. Walking Tour brochure available. Guided town tours by appt. 637-7424

- **CHENOWETH HOUSE** Beverly, next to bridge. Winter hrs: M-F afternoons by chance; Sat 10-5; Sun 1:30-5; or by appt. 636-1953

- **GOFF HOUSE** Former Civil War Union Hospital. Main St., Beverly. Th-Mon 10-5 637-1180 or 637-7424

- **RANDOLPH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM** Winter hrs. by appt. Call for group tours (Adults\$3/students\$1) Also, Stalnaker Log House & Subscription School open by special arrangement. Main St. Beverly. 636-2650 or 636-1953

- **RICH MOUNTAIN BATTLEFIELD VISITOR CENTER** Open Mon-Fri 9-4. Call for wkend appt. Files Creek Rd., Beverly. Civil War Battlefield site open year-round, 5 mi W of Beverly on Rich Mtn Rd. 637-RICH or [www.richmountain.org](http://www.richmountain.org)

**HELVETIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM** Early Swiss settlement in Randolph County. Open only by appt. or on special holidays: Call 924-6435

**MOUNTAINEER MILITARY MUSEUM** located in historic Weston Colored School, 345 Center Ave. in Weston. Open Sat. 10a-5p, Call for mid-week appts: 472-3943 Experience the Promise!

**TUCKER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM** Winter hours: by appt. only. 301 Chestnut St., Parsons. Call 478-3074 or 3410

## EXHIBITS

**MOUNTAINMADE GALLERY** in Thomas features contemporary folk artist Donna Lohr of Preston Co. in March and Randolph County watercolorist Donelle McCoy in April.

**RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER** Corner of Randolph Ave. & Park St., Elkins. Hrs. & Info: 637-2355 thru April: Historic Blueprints of St. Brendan's Church in the Great Hall Gallery. Thru 4/6: Solo Exhibit by Kevin "Woody" Woodcock in the Maxwell Gallery followed by Maggi Rhudy Exhibit 4/10 – 5/8.

**STONEWALL RESORT** *Green Makes Sense* WV Sustainable Fair Art Show Opening 4/18: 5 – 7 PM. Exhibit will remain until 5/13 in the lobby of main lodge. 636-8195

## LESSONS & WORKSHOPS

**AUGUSTA HERITAGE CENTER** of Davis & Elkins College offers programs in traditional folk arts. (See Ongoing for Pickin' Indoors) Spring Dulcimer Week (April 19-24) offers several levels of classes for playing lap dulcimer, hammered dulcimer & autoharp. Some instruments available for beginners. Info/Regist: [www.augustaheritage.com](http://www.augustaheritage.com) or call 304-637-1209.

**THE DANCE FACTORY.** Offering classes for all ages & levels in dance and gymnastics. New adult workshops forming for spring include Pilates, Movement & Fitness, and Swing dance. 107 W. Main St., Buckhannon (Upshur Co.) Call now for summer program info: 472-8291 or [www.dancefactorywv.com](http://www.dancefactorywv.com)

**SPRING QUILT CAMP** at YMCA Camp Horseshoe in St. George. Enjoy the spring wildflowers and quilt to your heart's content with fellowship of kindred spirits, Apr. 29 - May 2. To register: 304-478-2481

**THE GALLERY** in Weston (Lewis Co.) hosts Weaving workshops on 3rd Sat. every month. To register, call Donna Wilfong: 304-269-3376. The Gallery, 128 Main Ave, Weston.

**MOUNTAINMADE STUDIO WORKSHOPS** in Thomas. 10a – 5p. 3/7-8: *Quilting Tremendous Trees* w/ Margaret Babb. Students make quilted wall hanging. Bring sewing machine if you have one. 3/28-29: *Stained Glass* w/ Lynn Gundry. 4/4-5: *Batik Basics* w/ Kum Kum Majumdar. Local potter Lori Haldeman is giving pointers in the pottery studio Tues.eves. 6 – 9p. Open Pottery Studio: Mon, Wed: 1-4p. Experienced artists may use any of Mountainmade's Studios (ceramic, glass, fiber, jewelry, & print/paper/bookbinding) for a small fee. Pre-registration required. All workshops held in studios above Mountain Made Country Store in Thomas (Tucker Co.) Save 5% by registering online at [www.mountainmade.com](http://www.mountainmade.com); or Call 463-3355

**POCAHONTAS COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL** offers day & evening pottery workshops on Wed: 10a-12:30p & 6:30-9p. Also classes in drawing, pen & ink, soft pastel, watercolor & oil painting, at the *Little Yellow House* in Dunmore, Rt. 28. Class info: 304-456-4600 or [www.pocahontasarts.org](http://www.pocahontasarts.org).

**RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER** Arts classes & workshops for toddlers - adults. Pottery, painting, basketry, children's multimedia, dance, & more. Spring session runs 4/20-5/30. Info/cost/registr: 637-2355 or [www.randolpharts.org](http://www.randolpharts.org)

**VOICES FROM THE EARTH** Mountain Voices School of the Arts: Classes in music through the winter months, dance, drama, storytelling in spring & summer, for all ages. At Thomas Education Center, Third & Brown Streets (Tucker Co.) Info/registr: 463-4561

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

### POCAHONTAS COUNTY

**ARTISAN CO-OPERATIVE** Featuring paintings, stained glass, blacksmith creations, photography, baskets, carved birds, jewelry, textile & fiber arts, wood & slate items and more. Rte 28/92, Green Bank. 456-9900

**POCAHONTAS COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL's *Little Yellow House*** offers classes in wheel-thrown pottery, drawing, pen & ink, soft pastel, watercolor & oil painting. Info: [www.pocahontasarts.org](http://www.pocahontasarts.org) or call 304-456-4600. Located on Rt 28, 1/4 mile south of the Rt 28 / Rt 92 intersection, Dumore.

### RANDOLPH COUNTY

**ARTISTS AT WORK Gallery** featuring pottery, woodwork, paintings, photography, textile & fiber arts, jewelry & more. Classes available. 329 Davis Ave., Elkins. 637-6309

**AUGUSTA HERITAGE CENTER** of Davis & Elkins College. Programs in traditional folk arts. (See *Ongoing Augusta's Pickin' Indoors* and *Spring Dulcimer Week in April*) 100 Campus Dr., Elkins. 637-1209 or [www.augustaheritage.com](http://www.augustaheritage.com)

**C.J. MAGGIE'S American Grill** -- Eclectic, casual restaurant & bar. Funky food for cool people. Eat & drink what you want. Visit "Armadoillo Flats." 309 Davis Ave., Elkins. 636-1730

**CERAMICS WITH CLASS** For all your ceramic needs. Greenware, bisque, brushes, paints, glazes & other supplies. Also customized orders & personalized classes. Open Mon-Sat (eve hrs, MWF). 203 Davis Ave., Elkins. 636-2903

**EL GRAN SABOR** Authentic Latin American cuisine & spirits. Mountain State Brewery taps. Live music, dancing & fun every Wed & Fri eve. Open mic. & jams on Thurs. Smoke-free. 413 Kerens Ave., Elkins. 636-8200

**ELKINS SEWING CENTER** Classes, supplies & books for quilting, needlecraft & other fiber arts. Wide variety of specialty threads & notions available. Sewing machine sales & service. Call or check website ([elkinssewingcenter.com](http://elkinssewingcenter.com)) for newsletter & class list. 300 Davis Ave., Elkins. 636-9480

**THE GOFF HOUSE ANTIQUES & TEXTILE STUDIO** Featuring Appalachian Piecework's contemporary & traditional weaving, spinning, shibori-dyed textiles, basketry & more. Also, antiques, workshops & private lessons. Thurs-Mon 10a-5p; or, by chance or app't. Main St., Beverly. Laurie Gundersen. 637-1180

**THE LODGE AT KELLY MOUNTAIN** Central WV's premier dining & lodging experience. M-Th 5-9, Fri & Sat 5-10. On Kelly Mtn Rd, just off Rte 33, approx 3.5 miles east of Elkins. 635-0300

**MAIN LINE BOOKS** Featuring books of local interest, children's books, railroad books, popular titles & other fine reading. Call for book-signings & other special events. 301 Davis Ave., Elkins. 636-6770

**THE MINGO ROOM RESTAURANT** Casual dining at Graceland Inn, a national historic landmark on the Davis & Elkins College campus in Elkins. Dinners: Wed-Sat 5:30-9; **Sunday Brunch:** 11:30-2. Also: conferences, retreats, special events & catering. Info, bookings & dining or lodging reserv: 637-1600

**SMAKULA FRETTED INSTRUMENTS** Repair, restoration & sales of fine quality guitars, banjos, mandolins, violins & other stringed instruments. Call 636-6710 for appointment.

**TALBOTT FRAME SHOP** Custom frame shop featuring limited edition prints by Fracé, duBois, Redlin, G. Harvey & local artists, framed mirrors & much more. Open 9-5 M - Fri; 9 - 12 Sat. 220 Third St., Elkins. 636-7691

**YARN & COMPANY** Quality yarns from all over the world, knitting accessories, books & more. Also gift items, special orders, & classes. Find us just S of Elkins, off Rte 219/250, 2 mi down Airport/Country Club Rd. (near Beverly end). Open T & W eves; Th, F & Sat 10-5; also by chance or appt. 636-3760 or [www.yarnandcompany.net](http://www.yarnandcompany.net)

### TUCKER COUNTY

**BLACKWATER OUTDOOR ADVENTURES** in St. George will be opening April 1st, offering Whitewater Rafting, Canoeing, Kayaking, Camping, Fishing and Tubing on the scenic Cheat and Tygart Rivers. Contact: 304-478-3775 or [raftboa@frontiernet.net](mailto:raftboa@frontiernet.net) or [www.blackwateroutdoors.com](http://www.blackwateroutdoors.com)

**GIFTS TO GO** West Virginia's finest food products, candles, local crafts, novelties, dolls, angels, baskets etc. You make the budget decision: We make the impression! Bag, Box or Basket! We ship! 201 First St., Parsons. 478-2057 or [www.giftstogowv.com](http://www.giftstogowv.com)

**HERITAGE HOUSE** Fine arts & crafts co-op with members from across WV. New artists welcome. Art workshops. Parsons RR Depot, Main St., Parsons. 478-2402

**MOUNTAINMADE Gallery & Country Store**, featuring fine art & craft by nearly 600 WV artists. Visit [www.mountainmade.com](http://www.mountainmade.com) or two retail locations in historic Thomas. Open daily 10-5. (Also see MM Studio Workshops in Lessons & Workshops.) 1-877-MTN-MADE or 463-3355

**THE WHITE ROOM Art Gallery** featuring local artists and dedicated to original, eclectic, & thought-provoking works of art including beadwork, paintings, pottery, photography, pen & ink drawings, even a salon for artistic conversations. Open wkends & some weekdays - - 10a-5:30p. 14 Front St. in Thomas. Info: 304-621-2008.

**WV HIGHLANDS ARTISANS GALLERY** Fine art, photography, jewelry, wood, textiles, leather, glass, scents, candles, soaps, baskets, pottery, notecards & more. Open 10 - 5; closed Tues-Wed. 487 William Ave, across from Sirianni's, in Davis. 304-259-5411

### UPSHUR COUNTY

**C.J. MAGGIE'S American Grill** -- Eclectic, casual restaurant & bar. Funky food for cool people. Eat & drink what you want. Live fast, eat well. 16 E. Main St., Buckhannon. 472-2490

88 RESTAURANT & LOUNGE, INSIDE THE BICENTENNIAL INN Newly updated, fabulously located hotel restaurant, featuring great food, banquet/conference/reception facilities & comfortable rooms. Room enough for all your needs! 88 & 90 E. Main St., Buckhannon. Inn: 472-5000; Restaurant: 473-1988

LASCAUX MICRO-THEATER Intimate underground venue (named after the ancient French cave paintings) specializing in art & foreign films. Friday eves. at 7:30pm. Limited seating. 33 E. Main St. (X from Dairy Queen), Buckhannon. For features, times, reservations, mailing list: 473-1818

WHIMSICAL TREASURES A unique gift & home décor shop w/ items ranging from traditional to whimsical. Featuring regional hand-crafted items: soy candles, stained glass, goats milk lotions & soaps, textiles, furniture & more. M-Sat 9a-7p. Main St. Buckhannon 304-472-5186

## ONGOING EVENTS

AUGUSTA'S PICKIN' INDOORS sponsored by Augusta Heritage Center (637-1209) Wednesday evenings - acoustic bluegrass & old-time jam sessions open to all. Join a jam, start one of your own, or just come and listen. No alcoholic beverages or smoking. Hermanson Center Lounge, D&E College, Elkins. FREE

BRAZENHEAD INN in Mingo (Rt. 219 S. between Valley Head & Snowshoe) features live music on Sat. nights. (3/14 Alex Caton; 3/27-28 Folk Music; 4/17-18 Robin Kessinger) Music updates at: [www.brazenheadinn.com](http://www.brazenheadinn.com). 1-866-339-6917

CANAAN VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (Tucker Co.) Visitor Center with exhibits & information. Also, books & gifts. Visitor Center open Sat. & some weekdays. For hrs, details about activities co-sponsored by Friends of the 500th & other info: 866-3858 or [www.fws.gov/canaanvalley](http://www.fws.gov/canaanvalley)

CANAAN WEAVERS GUILD Meets 2nd Tues of every month. All interested in weaving welcome. 6p. at Ben's Old Loom Barn in Canaan Valley. More info: 227-4390 or 866-273

DURBIN & GREENBRIER VALLEY SCENIC RR Three excursion trains traveling thru 100+ miles of WV's best mountain scenery. (See 4/10 *Easter Train*) For railroad souvenirs & gifts, visit our Rail & Trail store in the Elkins Depot. Call for schedule, reserv, charter info: Toll free, 1-877-MTN RAIL or [www.mountainrail.com](http://www.mountainrail.com)

ELKINS COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY Hosts a Sat eve square/contra dance to live music, most months Nov-June. (See 3/28 & 4/18 *Ramp Romp*) More info: 637-3501

THE GALLERY in Weston (Lewis Co.) hosts weaving workshops on 3rd Saturday of every month. 128 Main Ave, Weston. 304-269-5100/304-517-2230

HEALTHWAYS SILVERSNEAKERS FITNESS PROGRAM presented by Total Training Fitness Center on the Glenmore Loop in Elkins. This program is designed for older adults & those who are Medicare-eligible. Classes offered Tues & Thurs, 8-9a. or 11a-noon. Call 636-0322 for info. on this or other fitness programs.

HELVETIA SQUARE DANCES 1st Sat of each month (March 7 & April 4) 8p-midnight, Red Hall or Community Hall (Also see 4/25 *Helvetia Ramp Supper*) Call for info: 924-6435 or [dave@helvetiawv.com](mailto:dave@helvetiawv.com)

MOUNTAIN WEAVERS GUILD meets 3rd Sat. of each month at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 302 1st St. in Elkins. Spinners, weavers, basket-makers welcome. 227-4390

POCAHONTAS ARTS COUNCIL holds day & evening pottery workshops: Wed: 10a-12:30p & 6:30-9p. Located in Dunmore at *The Little Yellow House*, Rt. 28, 1/4 mile south of Rts. 28/92 intersection. [www.pocahontasarts.org](http://www.pocahontasarts.org) or 304-456-4600.

PURPLE FIDDLE COFFEEHOUSE coffee, brews & stage with live music every Fri, Sat & Sun eve. (some weeknites too.) Serving deli sandwiches, soup, desserts, coffee, beer, wine & other beverages daily. Smoke-free & family friendly. Historic DePollo General Store, 21 East Ave., Thomas (Tucker Co.) [www.purplefiddle.com](http://www.purplefiddle.com) or 463-4040

RCCAC & DAVIS TRUST CO. BROWN BAG CONCERT 3rd Wed each month (3/18: *Linda Wagner*; 4/15: tba) Bring your lunch & enjoy live music, Noon-1p, Randolph County Community Arts Center, Randolph Ave. & Park St., Elkins. 637-2355 FREE

RCCAC OPEN PAINTING STUDIO Tuesdays 9:30A - 3:30P. Join fellow artists in the Great Hall. Bring all supplies, incl. drop cloths. We provide warm space & coffee. RCC Arts Center, Randolph Ave. & Park St., Elkins. 637-2355 FREE

SENECA TRAIL ARTISTS GUILD Monthly mtgs, newcomers welcome! 2nd Mon of each month, 5:30p, Randolph Co. Community Arts Center, Elkins. 338-2502 or 339-6309

WEBSTER & RANDOLPH COUNTY POTTERY TOURS Exquisite handcrafted pottery by a variety of artisans in the mountain state. Enjoy beautiful scenic drives in between their studios: 304-847-2145. Directions: [www.websterwv.com/events.html](http://www.websterwv.com/events.html)

WV NATIVE AMERICAN FLUTE CIRCLE 1-3p, 2nd Sat of each month, at Randolph Co. Community Arts Center, Elkins. All welcome. 637-5290 FREE

WV PUBLIC BROADCASTING: Radio & TV. Tune us in for whatever you're looking for in the arts. [www.wvpubcast.org](http://www.wvpubcast.org)

# MARCH

## ***DON'T FORGET!***

WEDNESDAYS: Augusta's "Pickin'; Indoors Jam sessions open to all., 7-9p. Hermanson Center lobby & lounges, D&E College, Elkins. 637-1209

FRIDAYS: Lascaux Micro-Theater Art & foreign films, Buckhannon. Showtime: 7:30p. (See *Other Opps, Upshur*) 473-1818

WEEKENDS: Purple Fiddle Live music & more in Thomas. (see *Ongoing*) [www.purplefiddle.com](http://www.purplefiddle.com) or 463-4040

7 WILD THING WEEKEND at Canaan Valley Resort State Park (Tucker County) Enjoy a day on the slopes skiing & tubing, while participating in skill contests, family games, and the Infamous Pond Jump. Info: (304) 866-4121 ext. 2677 [www.canaanresort.com](http://www.canaanresort.com)

7 RCCAC FAMILY CONCERT SERIES- *Glenn Singer-El Gleno Grande* at 4p. Visual comedy w/ hilarious optical illusions. Perfect for the whole family! Tix: \$5 each or \$20 Family Pass for 6. Call 637-2355 Randolph Co. Community Arts Center, corner of Park St. & Randolph Ave. Elkins. [www.randolpharts.org](http://www.randolpharts.org).

7 HELVETIA STAR BAND hosts "1st Saturday Square Dance" Adults/\$5; 12 & under/\$1. 8p. Community Hall, Helvetia. Info: 924-6243 or [dave@helvetiawv.com](mailto:dave@helvetiawv.com)

7 – 8 GOVERNOR'S SKI CUP RACE Tucker County Alpine Festival presents "*the Oldest Ski Race in the South*" at Timberline Resort (Tucker Co.) Compete in the Giant Slalom Race Sat/Sun, fee required; discount lift tickets for all racers. More info: 1-800-766-9464 or [www.timberlineresort.com](http://www.timberlineresort.com)

13 RCCAC SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT *The Sweetback Sisters* at 7:30p. This young group of stellar musicians performs traditional old time & honky tonk swing music reminiscent of the 1940's & 50's. Made their national debut on NPR's Prairie Home Companion. Tix: \$12/adults, \$10/seniors, \$5/students. Call 637-2355. Randolph Co. Community Arts Center, corner of Park St. & Randolph Ave. Elkins. [www.randolpharts.org](http://www.randolpharts.org).

13 POCAHONTAS COUNTY OPERA HOUSE presents the *West Virginia Dance Company*. Highly trained, experienced professionals whose performances are influenced by West Virginia's wild and wonderful cultural heritage. Showtime: 7:30 at Pocahontas Opera House in Marlinton. Tix \$7/ 12 & under Free. Info: 304-799-6645 or [pocahontasoperahouse.org](http://pocahontasoperahouse.org)

13 – 14 "THE SHAPE OF THINGS" A modern version of Adam's seduction by Eve, this play reveals an intense relationship that causes shy & principled Adam to go to extraordinary lengths to improve his appearance and character. To what extent is an artist licensed to shape and change her medium or to alter the work of another artist? 8pm in Jenkins Hall Backseat Lounge, WV Wesleyan College in Buckhannon. FREE. Info: 473-8037

13-14 "MOTHER WOVE THE MORNING" by Carol Lynn Pearson takes the audience on a time travel from Paleolithic times, through Biblical, Egyptian, Greek & Roman civilizations, Native American ritual, Nazi Germany & Jewish traditions, and up to the present, exploring our need for the Divinity to be a balance of male & female. This theatrical presentation features a cast of 20 Elkins area women. Fri & Sat: 8p. Tickets \$5 at the door. Proceeds to Women's Aid in Crisis. Info: 636-8195.

14 WINTER BIRD WALK led by Casey Rucker. Meet 8a. at CV Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center, Rt. 32 in Canaan Valley. Dress for weather & bring water and binocs.(Some may be borrowed) FREE

14 RCCAC CONCERT SERIES- *Astoria Jazz Band* in concert at 7:30p. Led by baritone saxophonist Carol Sudhalter, this group presents big band-style music in a small venue format. Enjoy music of the greats--like Armstrong, Ellington and Strayhorn. Tix: \$12/adults, \$10/seniors, \$5/students. Call 637-2355. Randolph Co. Community Arts Center, corner of Park St. & Randolph Ave. Elkins. [www.randolpharts.org](http://www.randolpharts.org).

16 ALDERSON-BROADDUS COLLEGE presents their Concert Choir's Spring Concert at 7:30p. in Wilcox Chapel, A-B College, Philippi. 457-6297. FREE

18 RCCAC & DAVIS TRUST CO. BROWN BAG LUNCH CONCERT 3rd Wed. of each month. Bring your lunch and enjoy the music of Linda Wagner. Noon-1 p.m. Randolph Co. Community Arts Center, corner of Park St. & Randolph Ave. Elkins. FREE. 304-637-2355/[www.randolpharts.org](http://www.randolpharts.org)

20 MUSICAL THEATRE RECITAL Old hits and new abound in this lively evening of Broadway and Off-Broadway fun presented by Greg Ramsey, Cassie Lemon & Sara Ogawa. 8pm, Atkinson Theatre, WV Wesleyan College in Buckhannon. Info: 473-8037. FREE

20 – 21 MURDER MYSTERY WEEKEND at Blackwater Falls State Park. Murder, mystery & mayhem in a mountain lodge setting. An entire wkend event including Fashion Contests. Info: [www.blackwaterfalls.com](http://www.blackwaterfalls.com) or 304-259-5216. Advance registration encouraged.

21 VALLEY VIBES: A SENSE OF WONDER . Actress Kaiulani Lee portrays Rachel Carson in this video one-woman show. Meet 7p. at CV Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center, Rt. 32, Canaan Valley. Discussion to follow. Info: 866-3858

21 POCAHONTAS COUNTY OPERA HOUSE presents *GT Swing* featuring Melody Thomas on vocals, Kyle Thomas on electric bass, Andy Cobb on various saxophones, keyboards & vocals, Jim Duffy on rhythm guitar & vocals, Victor Truck on sax & vocals, and Bob Schoner on drums. With roots in jazz, blues & big band, this music has universal appeal. Come out & Dance! Showtime: 7:30, doors open at 7, Pocahontas Opera House, Marlinton. Tix: \$7/12 & under free. Handicap access & seating. Info: 799-6645 or pocahontasoperahouse.org

21 THEATRE RECITAL Joshua Peters delivers his senior recital, featuring musical theatre hits & a short original one-act play. 8pm; Atkinson Theatre, WV Wesleyan College in Buckhannon. Info: 473-8037. FREE

21 – 22 PICKENS MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL The sap is a'risin' so come on up to Pickens (Randolph Co.) for a tour of the maple syrup camp, pancake feed, artists at work, live music, puppet show, and lots of exhibits & demonstrations. A Full Weekend of activities. Visit online: [www.smilingcountry.com/pickenswv](http://www.smilingcountry.com/pickenswv)

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26 EHS THESPIAN TROUPE presents "*Dinner at Eight, Dead by Nine*" dinner theatre at the Randolph Co. Community Arts Center, 6p. \$12 includes meal & show. Info/Reserv: 304-591-1142 or [www.ElkinsDrama.com](http://www.ElkinsDrama.com)

27 – 29 7TH ANNUAL BRAZENHEAD FOLK WEEKEND Free-flowing eclectic traditional songs shared in an informal gathering of kindred musical spirits. Info/lodging reserv: 1-866-339-6917 or [www.brazenheadinn.com](http://www.brazenheadinn.com). Rt. 219 S. between Valley Head & Snowshoe (Randolph Co.)

28 WV HIGHLAND DANCERS present "*An Evening of Celtic Music & Dance*" at Elkins High School auditorium, 7pm. Admission FREE, donations welcome. Info: [www.wvhd.com](http://www.wvhd.com)

28 POCAHONTAS COUNTY OPERA HOUSE presents Virginia-based singer song-writer *Jan Smith* whose memorable songs are rooted in the classic country & bluegrass music of her upbringing in a small town near Louisville, Kentucky. Jan is accompanied by her husband of seven years, *Jeff Vogelgesang*, on mandolin, guitar & harmony vocals. Showtime: 7:30, doors open at 7, Pocahontas Opera House in Marlinton. Tix: \$7/ 12 & under free. Handicap access & seating. Info: 799-6645 or pocahontasoperahouse.org

28 ECDS SQUARE & CONTRA DANCE Music by Gerry Milnes & friends; w/ caller Steve Ballman from Charleston. All dances taught. Potluck snacks. Singles & beginners welcome. Hosted by Elkins Country Dance Society (see *Ongoing*) \$5adults/\$3students. 7:30p. RCC Arts Center, Park St & Randolph Ave, Elkins. 637-3501 to confirm.

*The Randolph Arts Alliance publishes this calendar as a service to the community. All responsibility for activities, facilities & programming rests with the sponsoring organizations listed.*

*Please note: All events, dates and times are subject to change. Call to confirm, especially if coming from a distance or in bad weather. All area codes "304" unless noted.*

# APRIL

## **DON'T FORGET!**

**WEDNESDAYS:** Augusta's "Pickin' Indoors Jam sessions open to all., 7-9p. Hermanson Center lobby & lounges, D&E College, Elkins. 637-1209

**FRIDAYS:** Lascaux Micro-Theater Art & foreign films, Buckhannon. Showtime: 7:30p. (See *Other Opps, Upshur*) 473-1818

**WEEKENDS:** Purple Fiddle Live music & more in Thomas. (see *Ongoing*) [www.purplefiddle.com](http://www.purplefiddle.com) or 463-4040

APRIL is CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH Look for events in your community sponsored by Womens Aid in Crisis.

- 1 - 4: SPRING QUILTER RETREAT at Canaan Valley Resort State Park (Tucker County). Bring your designs and enjoy learning new patterns, while developing a gift to pass down through generations. Registration/Fee Charged. (304) 866-4121 ext. 2677 [www.canaanresort.com](http://www.canaanresort.com)
- 2 ALDERSON-BROADDUS COLLEGE features Vocal and Instrumental Chamber Music Concert at 7:30p. in Wilcox Chapel, A-B College, Philippi, 457-6297. FREE
- 2 - 5 WV WESLEYAN COLLEGE THEATRE presents *Gypsy*, based on the memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee, the famous burlesque stripper. This musical will open our new theatre, the Law Performing Arts Center, with the show that overwhelmed Broadway last year! Th-Sat: 8p. Sun: 2p. Info/ reserv: 473-8037 (suggested, as seats are filling quickly!) WV Wesleyan College, Buckhannon
- 3 DAVIS & ELKINS COLLEGE English & Theatre Depts. Co-sponsor PLAYWRIGHT'S MADNESS, 10p. in the Boilerhouse Studio. Participants (performers, musicians, jugglers, etc.) should be there by 8:30p. FREE & open to public. Info: 637-1212
- 4 RCCAC EVENING CONCERT & FAMILY CONCERT SERIES- Join the award-winning trio Simple Gifts in two concerts: 4p: Family Concert or 7:30p: Evening Concert performance. Folk tunes from around the world. Evening Tix: \$12/adults, \$10/seniors, \$5/students. Family Tix: \$5 each or \$20 Family Pass (6 tickets). Call 637-2355. Randolph Co. Community Arts Center, corner of Park St. & Randolph Ave. Elkins. [www.randolpharts.org](http://www.randolpharts.org).
- 4 - 5 WEBSTER WILDWATER WEEKEND FESTIVAL features River Races, Gear Swap, Scavenger Hunt, Arts & Craft Show, Dinner, Family Friendly Movie & Awards Party, all in Webster Springs. Info: (304) 847-2145 / [www.websterwv.com/whitewater.html](http://www.websterwv.com/whitewater.html)
- 6 ALDERSON-BROADDUS COLLEGE Senior Recital - Kenton Bandy, trumpet and Phillip West, Euphonium, 7:30p. in Wilcox Chapel, A-B College, Philippi, 457-6297. FREE
- 11 EASTER TRAIN Families w/ children will enjoy this special 2-hr. round trip ride with entertainment by the *Old Brick Playhouse*. Departures at 10A & 1P. Info/Reserv: 1-877-MTN-RAIL (686-7245) or [www.mountainrail.com](http://www.mountainrail.com)

11 EASTER EGG HUNT at Blackwater Falls State Park where 1,000 Easter eggs are hidden for children 12 & younger to seek & find! A visit from the Easter Bunny will be in order too! More info: 304-259-5216

- 14 REMEMBER THE TITANIC at Canaan Valley Resort State Park (Tucker County). Executive Chef Odeh will prepare a seven course dinner: one of the last meals served on the ill-fated Titanic. Includes reception & after dinner movie. \$65 per person. Reservations: (304) 866-4121 ext. 2677 [www.canaanresort.com](http://www.canaanresort.com)
- 15 RCCAC & DAVIS TRUST CO. BROWN BAG LUNCH CONCERT 3rd Wed. of each month. Bring your lunch & enjoy live music (tba). Noon-1 p.m. Randolph Co. Community Arts Center, corner of Park St. & Randolph Ave. Elkins. FREE.
- 15 RED SKELTON REMEMBERED at Canaan Valley Resort State Park (Tucker Co.) J.B. Barnett presents a tribute to the late Red Skelton. \$10 per person Info: (304) 866-4121 ext. 2677 [www.canaanresort.com](http://www.canaanresort.com)
- 16 ALDERSON-BROADDUS COLLEGE presents an Evening Solo Recital at 7:30p. in Wilcox Chapel, A-B College, Philippi. FREE
- 16 - 18 STRING BREAK GUITAR WORKSHOP with Robin Kessinger. Learn some flat-pickin' hot licks from one of WV's finest musicians. BrazenHead Inn, Rt. 219 South in Mingo (between Valley Head & Snowshoe). Info/Registr: [www.brazenheadinn.com](http://www.brazenheadinn.com) or 1-866-339-6917
- 16 - 19 SPRING SCRAPBOOK RETREAT at Canaan Valley Resort State Park (Tucker Co.) Design your own scrapbook while saving your memories forever. Vendors/instructors present. Lodge & non-lodging guest welcome. Fee charged/registration: (304) 866-4121 ext. 2677 [www.canaanresort.com](http://www.canaanresort.com).
- 16 - 19 "COAL MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY" by labor poet Mark Nowak includes the dramatic docupoem "SAGO." This collaboration between the Davis & Elkins College Theatre and English depts. will be performed in the Boilerhouse Theatre, D&E College in Elkins. Showtime: 8p. Th-Sat., Sun. matinee at 2. Tix at the door. 304-637-1212
- 17 ALDERSON-BROADDUS COLLEGE presents a Jazz Ensemble Concert at 7:30p. in Wilcox Chapel, A-B College, Philippi. 457-6297. FREE
- 17 POCAHONTAS COUNTY OPERA HOUSE presents *Muriel Anderson* who hurdles stylistic barriers by playing a wide variety of genres from Japanese Koto music and Irish reels to Bach minuets, Sousa marches, and The Beatles. Showtime: 7:30, doors open at 7. Tix: \$7/ 12 & under free. Handicap access & seating Info: 799-6645 or [pocahontasopera-house.org](http://pocahontasopera-house.org)
- 17 - 18 WV SUSTAINABLE FAIR "*Green Makes \$ense*" kicks off Friday evening at Stonewall Resort w/ Taste of West Virginia highlighting local foods from local farms. Saturday: 9a-5p. Demonstrations, booths on alternative energy, green businesses, transport & building, local organic food from local farms. 2:30p: Keynote speaker Jeff Barrie whose film "Kilowatt Ours" will be included. 5-7p: Art Show Opening features works using recycled or renewable materials or with a "green" theme. Sat. evening: Sustainable Feast of locally grown organic delights, prepared by Exec. Chef Dale Hawkins of Stonewall Resort. Info: 304-617-7073 or [deniseap@earthlink.net](mailto:deniseap@earthlink.net)
- 18 APRIL BIRD WALK led by Casey Rucker. Meet 7a. at CV Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center, Rt. 32, Canaan Valley. Dress warm, Bring water & Binocs. (some may be borrowed) FREE. 866-3858
- 18 ECDS RAMP ROMP Square/Contra dance sponsored by

18 ECDS RAMP ROMP Square/Contra dance sponsored by Elkins Country Dance Society with music by Andy Fitzgibbon & Friends, and callyng by Dave Shombert. All dances taught. Potluck snacks. Singles & beginners welcome. (See *Ongoing*) \$5Adults/\$3Students. 7:30p RCC Arts Center, Park St. & Randolph Ave, Elkins. 637-3501 to confirm.

18 – 19 FOREST RESTORATION PROJECT Meet 10a. CV Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center, Rt. 32, Canaan Valley. After a discussion of why we are working to restore some of the ancient high elevation forest, carpool to work site and plant some trees! Lunch provided. Co-sponsored by WV Highlands Conservancy. Info: 866-3858

19 – 24 AUGUSTA SPRING DULCIMER WEEK offers M-F classes for most levels in autoharp, hammered dulcimer & mountain (lap) dulcimer. Evening song swaps, slow jams & mini-classes. Some instruments available for beginners. Regist/Info: 304-637-1209 or [www.augustaheritage.com/sdw.html](http://www.augustaheritage.com/sdw.html)

21 VALLEY VIBES: Ride into the Woodcock Round-up. Meet 6:45p. at CV Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center. Refuge Biologist Ken Sturm will teach about the woodcock's spring dance, its sounds and how to survey. Individual teams will then separate to different locations to listen, watch and do the survey. Rt. 32 in Canaan Valley. 866-3858

22 - 23 DANCEWORKS XVIII A lively dance concert featuring the spring WWC dance classes in new & exciting works, 8p. in the new Law Performing Arts Center, WV Wesleyan College in Buckhannon. \$5/adult; \$3/Srs. & students. Info: 473-8037

23 AUGUSTA CONCERT featuring Spring Dulcimer Week staff, 8p. in Hermanson Center Lounge, Davis & Elkins College, Elkins. \$10/adults; \$5/srs & children under 16. Info: 304-637-1209 or [www.augustaheritage.com](http://www.augustaheritage.com)

23 – May 1 THE OLD BRICK PLAYHOUSE APPRENTICE production of “*High Mountain Harmony*” an original play, written by Missy Armentrout McCollam, and based on actual events that occurred in the Seneca Rocks area of Pendleton County, when 3000 U.S. Army soldiers came there to train for mountain combat. Original music by Scott Green. All shows 7p. (except Sun. matinee at 2p. on 4/26) Info/Reserv: 637-9090

23 - 24 ALDERSON BROADDUS COLLEGE presents a Concert Band/Brass Choir Concert on Thurs, and Senior Voice Recital by Jackie Madegwa on Friday, both at 7:30pm in Wilcox Chapel, A-B College, Philippi. 457-6297. FREE

24 POCAHONTAS COUNTY OPERA HOUSE presents *Andes Manta* playing more than 35 traditional instruments. Their moving performance has played to standing ovations in Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, National Cathedral & hundreds of schools & universities. Showtime: 7:30, doors open at 7. Tix: \$7, Children 12 & under free. Handicap access & seating. Info: 799-6645 or [pocahontasoperahouse.org](http://pocahontasoperahouse.org)

25 GREAT GREENBRIER RIVER RACE Triathlon: canoe, mountainbike, run. Great prizes in each category (solo & team). Register by April 1st with Pocahontas CVB: 1-800-336-7009 or 799-4636. Starts at 11a. from 1st Ave. Park in Marlinton. (Pocahontas Co.)

25 HELVETIA RAMP SUPPER Family-style meal served 3-8 PM, Helvetia Community Hall. Square dance follows, 9-midnight. Info: 924-6435 or 924-5733

25 A COUNTRY MUSIC MURDER MYSTERY Dinner Theater at Blackwater Falls State Park. Call for reservations: 304-259-5216

25 COUGH IT UP FOR THE FUR BALL Benefit dance for Randolph County Humane Society featuring the *Karaoke Cowboys*. \$25 admission includes hors d'oeuvres, beverages, dancing, silent auction. 7p. Randolph Co. Community Arts Center, Park St. & Randolph Ave, Elkins. Info/Reserv: 304-591-1142 or [www.RCHS-pets.org](http://www.RCHS-pets.org)

26 ALDERSON-BROADDUS COLLEGE presents *Brass in the Grass*, concert at 3pm in the A-B College Gazebo. 457-6297. FREE

28 ALDERSON-BROADDUS COLLEGE presents Senior/Junior Recital by Jamie Hulbert, soprano and Adam Pomeroy, tenor, 7:30pm in Wilcox Chapel, A-B College, Philippi. 457-6297. FREE

29 – May 2 SPRING QUILT CAMP at YMCA Camp Horseshoe in St. George. Enjoy the spring wildflowers and quilt to your heart's content with fellowship of kindred spirits. Info/Register: 304-478-2481

## May Preview

May 1 CHEAT RIVER MASSACRE-ENCE Paddle or watch this 12 mile whitewater race. Mass start 5pm. (Entry fee) Register: 1-4pm, Cheat Fest Main entrance, Albright (Preston Co.) Sponsored by Friends of the Cheat. 329-3621

May 2 CHEAT RIVER FESTIVAL Watershed Celebration featuring live bluegrass, Celtic, Oldtime & Folk music performers, kids' programs, local cuisine, paddle gear vendors, artists market, educational booths & more. 1 – 11 PM, Albright (Preston Co.) \$15 (\$10 in adv.) Under 12 free w/Adult. All proceeds benefit Friends of the Cheat & their work to restore, preserve & promote the Cheat watershed. Info: 329-3621 or [www.cheat.org](http://www.cheat.org)

May 1 - 3 5th ANNUAL SPRING FEST in Pendleton County: Trophy Trout Rodeo, Fish Fry, Music, Food, Crafts, Flea Market, Children's Field Day Activities, Square Dancing, Pageant, Taxidermy Show & much more in & around the town of Franklin. Info: 358-3884 or [www.visitpendleton.com](http://www.visitpendleton.com)

May 2 FAMILY TRAIL DAY at Blackwater Falls State Park & Canaan Valley Resort. 8 mile walk between Blackwater Falls & CVR State Parks. Shorter walks also. Co-sponsored by WV Scenic Trails Assoc. Info: 304-259-5216

May 2 - 3 TRILLIUM ARTS GUILD's 4th Annual Spring Exhibit & Sale. Qualityarts, crafts & concessions. Free admission & live music. Sat: 10a-4p; Sun: 12-4p. Take Snowbird Rd. exit off Hwy. 50 to Doddridge Co. Park, 1 mile south of Smithburg. Info: 304-873-1511

May 7 – 9 ANNUAL WV WILDFLOWER PILGRIMAGE at Blackwater Falls State Park. Interpretive bird walks, wildflower tours, nature programs, flower & bird identification workshops, crafts. Advance Reservations required: 304-259-5216