New Exhibit Opens: Morgantown Waterways: Monongahela River, Decker’s Creek, and Cheat River

We just had our latest exhibit opening/reception recently. The Morgantown Waterways: Monongahela River, Decker’s Creek and Cheat Lake' opened to great success. Neil Burton did an awesome job developing this historical exhibit. We had a wonderful turn-out to hear our first speaker in the ‘Morgantown Waterways’ Speaker Series: Andrea “Andy” Ice Horton. She gave a lively presentation about her well-known Ice ancestors.

Neil Burton, curator of our new exhibit and Ms. Pamela Ball, exhibit co-curator, at the entrance to the exhibit.

Photos by James Courtney

Neil Burton speaks to the crowd of interested people at the opening of the Morgantown Waterways exhibit.
Greetings from the Chair:

Dear Friends,

Hard to believe that it is December - once again! That old adage of ‘The Older You Are - the Faster Time Flies’ certainly seems to be true. Even though we are almost at the end of the year, we have had very little snow. But when I just looked out a bit ago - the white stuff is falling here in Morgantown, West Virginia. I love the beauty of a new blanket of snow covering our beautiful hills.

I will recap some our activities since our Spring-Summer MHM Newsletter. We continued to exhibit part of our Spring Wales exhibit, as we had folks continuing to come in to view Wales related materials. MHM participated in the various downtown Arts Walks. One of our most popular Arts Walk presentations included paintings by the late Jeannie Kuhn (and husband Randy). Jeannie was a well-known and popular person, both with her paintings - and persona. Many folks attended this event. We also participated in the 2019 ‘Kids’ Day’ - as well as the ‘WV Birthday Party Festival’ - both fun!

Our 7th annual culinary fundraising event, ‘Best Chef’ always held at the Lakeview Resort, Cheat Lake, was once again very successful. We had a full house, great chefs, awesome Jazz by the Jenny Wilson Trio and very entertaining M.C. Aristotle Jones. It was a great night in August!

Finally, I would like to mention MHM’s participation in the City Of Morgantown’s annual Christmas Parade, which was held this past week. We had good weather and many parade watchers lining the streets. It is always a wonderful PR opportunity for MHM - especially since we are throwing candy to the children. Our MHM Mascot VW is popular with the masses. It is owned & maintained by a MMC Commissioner Harold “Swifty” Shaver and son Ron Shaver. It could not operate without their mechanical abilities.

Pamela Ball, Chair, MMC/ Director, MHM
Andrea Ice Horton talks about her Ice ancestors at the opening of The Morgantown Waterways exhibit that is now open to the public from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday thru Saturdays.

The Waterways exhibit also had a reception that was well attended by the public and included some really nice food and beverages and a showing of the bicycle that Milt Cohen, a Morgantown businessman, used to ride around Morgantown.
OUR NEWEST ACQUISITIONS


Cabinet Photograph Card, Senator Waitman T. Willy, Mathew Brady Studio


Photograph, WWII US Air Force bomber crew, incl. James Spencer of Morgantown, WV, B&W.

Uniform, WWII US A.F. flight suit, khaki cotton, worn by James Spencer.

Cut Glassware Rubbings, for Monongahela Glass Co., Morgantown, WV.


Book, handwritten, various local government records of Battelle Township, Monongalia County, WV beginning in 1864.

Invoice & Materials List, Sears Roebuck House Kit, L.L.Thomas 436 Stewart St., Nov. 27, 1928.

Photograph, B&W, family with Railroad Engine #13, “Greathouse Uncle Harry worked on the railroad.”


Program, Fourth Annual Soapbox Derby, Akron, Ohio, 1937. Mark Higgenbottom of Morgantown raced.

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Monongah Coal Mine Disaster, 100 Years, 1907-2007, a Pictorial History

WWII US Air Force Bomber Crew including James Spencer of Morgantown

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Battelle Township Record Book 1864
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