

Fort Harrison

335 Main Street, Dayton, Virginia ■ www.fortharrisonva.org

VOLUME 35 Winter 2020



Wreaths Across America



Honoring those who served

Fort Harrison community volunteers gathered December 14 to honor all known veterans buried in the Dayton Cemetery. It was our second annual Wreaths Across America event.

The Board of Directors extends appreciation to all who attended the inspiring ceremony and those who contributed the wreaths placed on the graves of 193 veterans. The time period of service ranged from the French and Indian War (1754-1763), American Revolution, War of 1812, 1800s Militia, Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam Conflict, and additional conflicts.

It is very appropriate that Fort Harrison sponsor this special day, as the land on which the Dayton Cemetery is located was once the property of Daniel Harrison, owner of Fort Harrison and one of the earliest settlers in this part

of the Shenandoah Valley. As a militia captain during the French and Indian War, Daniel Harrison would have been one of the first veterans in our community. The oldest stone in the cemetery is that of Mary Harrison who died in 1794 at age 26. It is believed that Daniel Harrison and other family members are buried near her grave in the earliest section of the cemetery.

We also extend our special thanks to members of the Turner Ashby Brass Ensemble under the direction of Rob Nash, American Heritage Girls Troop 1199 for presentation and retirement of the flags, soloist Alyson Harnes accompanied by Aaron Looney, Melissa Harper of the Pence Middle School Music Department, and Elijah Disharoon for his playing of "Taps" at the conclusion of the wreath laying ceremony.

See pages 3-5 for more details!



In Remembrance
CHARLES W. WARREN
March 22, 1942 - November 1, 2019

In early November we were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Charlie ("Charlie Bill") Warren, who served on the Fort Harrison Board of Directors for nearly 20 years. He was well known for his expertise on early Valley furniture; he and his wife Judy owned and operated Stonecrop Antiques in Mount Crawford.

Charles served as chairman of the House/Property Maintenance Committee and among other duties, supervised the rebuilding of the picket fence around Fort Harrison. Just weeks before his death, Charles was busy helping to repair our parking area and also was involved in recent renovations in the Summer Kitchen.

But Charles was best known at Fort Harrison for preparing his delicious grilled pork chops, served as the featured entree at many Colonial Dinners.

Charles will be greatly missed by his many colleagues, friends and fellow Board members. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, Judy Knupp Warren, daughter Kim, and grandson Carson.

Fort Harrison's EXECUTIVE BOARD *rotates responsibilities*

At its first meeting of the new year on January 8, the Fort Harrison Board of Directors rotated some members and added a second Vice President to its executive group. Vice President Alex Banks will focus more on fundraising projects and Cliff Rohrer will emphasize house and grounds maintenance projects.

2020 Executive Board

President	Kathy Boase
Vice President	Alex Banks
Vice President	Cliff Rohrer
Secretary	Martha Graham
Treasurer	Martha McCoy
Director/Corporate Secretary	Pat Early



Dear Friends of Fort Harrison,

Happy New Year from Fort Harrison, Inc. and its Board of Directors!

It is my honor to be elected as the new President of Fort Harrison. I am especially proud to be the second Harrison descendant and the first woman to serve.

I would like to thank Alex Banks for serving again as President in 2019 as well as leading all of our wonderful dinners, teas, and stew events.

If you have not visited Fort Harrison recently, please make plans in 2020 to attend one or multiple events scheduled throughout the year. We are exploring bringing back our successful Spring plant sale as well as scheduling new social and historical projects.

Thank you to those who have supported Fort Harrison in the past, and we look forward to your participation again.

A special word of gratitude to Executive Director Pat Early and her husband, Lee, for all their hard work on behalf of Fort Harrison.

The Board lost a special member late last year - Charles Warren. His contributions to Fort Harrison were numerous and long lasting. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Judy, and his family.

I look forward to working with our Board of Directors to continue to provide educational and social opportunities to the Shenandoah Valley.

All the best,

Kathy

Kathryn Sipe Boase
President, Fort Harrison Foundation, Inc.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Wreath Donors



- Suelle Swartz
in memory of William Perry Swartz, Jr. and William Perry Swartz, III
 Edward and Judith Powell
in memory of Ernest Carr
 Jackie and John Buchanan
 Jeff Revercomb
in memory of Paul Revercomb and Luther Carl Probst
 Charles and Nancy Harold
in memory of Virgil Harold and Frank Snoddy
 Donna Simmons
in memory of Owen D Simmons, Jr.
 Jane W Ritchie
in memory of Robert Ritchie
 Eleanor Wimer *in memory of Cam J Wimer*
 James and Gladys Estep
 and Linda Harpine *in memory of Paul Estep*
 Joseph and Karen Orsini
in memory of Weldon K Coakley
 Susan Kidd *in memory of Jess Carter*
 Jeffrey and Dorothy Bartley
in memory of Edgar H Bartley, Jr.
 Ronald Hildebrand
in memory of William Eugene Hildebrand
 Melinda Shiflet
in memory of William E Bryan
 David and Jane Chase
in memory of Dr. William E Harman
 Betty Campbell
 Diana Detamore
in memory of Roscoe Detamore
 Daniel and Christie
 Detamore-Hunsberger
in memory of Homer Detamore
 Robert Ramsey
in memory of Hugh G Ramsey
 Gail Link *in memory of Curtis Link*
 Steven and Kathy Shirkey *in memory of Walter Randolph*
 Patricia Michael
in memory of Emory L. Thomas
 Richard and Carolyn Early
in memory of Earl Shull
 Mary Margaret and Yolinda Waggy
in memory of RE Waggy
 H N Hering *in memory of Hamilton Hering*
 Keith and Glenda Ryder
in memory of NE Ryder
 Linda Golden *in memory of Paul Golden*
 Nancy McDonaldson and
 Donna Kenney *in memory of Maynard McDonaldson*
 David Miller *in memory of Leon D. Miller*
 Laura Shockey *in memory of John E. Shockey*

- Kathy and Kevin Boase
 Randy and Laura Atkins
 John and Sharon Harold
in memory of Virgil Harold and Raymond Miller
 Mary and Charles Scott
 Edward and Judith Young
in memory of Cam Wimer, Sr. and Forest M. Young
 Pat and Lee Early
 Joe and Beverly Lineweaver
in memory of William Olin Burtner, USN, Solomon Burtner & Marceline G. Burtner
 Alex and Pat Banks
 Phyllis Albrite
in memory of Leonard Albrite
 Emmy Bernhardt
in memory of Ernest Bernhardt
 Bill and Andrea Miracle
 John Sipe
 Betty Jo Meyerhoeffler
in memory of Joe Meyerhoeffler
 Stanley and Margaret Thomas
in memory of Arthur Stanley Thomas and Cam Wimer
 Elizabeth Kaylor
 Stevens and Nancy Lambert
in memory of Roland B Lambert
 Richard and Linda Jacobs
in memory of Raymond Heatwole and Cletus Bowman
 Sharon Zirk
in memory of Emory H Shoemaker and Lynn G Shoemaker
 Beverly Callison Smith
in memory of Richard Donald Callison and Jack Byrd Callison
 Robert and Nancy Wiskeman
in memory of George Bryan, Sr. and George Bryan, Jr.
 Kathleen Coffman
in memory of Basil Coffman and Carr P Coffman
 Edna Shickel
in memory of Weldon Stover Shickel
 Carter Baker
 Sallie Meffert

2019

ERRATA

On the program for the wreath-laying ceremony, William P. Swartz, Jr. should have been included under World War II. Don Kerlin was incorrectly listed as Dan Kerlin under World War II.



Scenes from the wreath

**Remember
Honor
Teach**



laying December 14, 2019



Christmas Open House: *Celebrating the mid-19th Century*

The Shenandoah Valley Civil War Dancers brought Christmas gaiety to Daniel Harrison's home on December 14, extending a hand to all who would join them. The lively dances peeled back the years to simpler times, and participants quickly learned basic steps. Rumor has it that folks kept on dancing even after the party was over!





Clyde Jenkins of Page County



Participants were able to get their apple questions answered as well as taste a wide variety of old Shenandoah Valley apples



Cultivating that old-fashioned flavor

In November, Fort Harrison sponsored an Apple Tasting Day. Mr. Clyde Jenkins of Page County, a long time cultivator of many heirloom apple varieties, was our presenter.

Clyde is carrying on his family's tradition of grafting heirloom apple saplings from his home orchard near Stanley, Virginia. At the "ripe" age of 10, Clyde began grafting a new variety of apple that would later become known as the Jenkins Apple.

During his demonstration, he shared many apple varieties for tasting, including the Albemarle Pippin, Ben Davis, Black Twig, Ashmead's Kernel, Ground's Golden, Haralson, and Arkansas Black, as well as a number of other varieties. In addition to tracing the history of each heirloom variety, Clyde explained his grafting techniques and why grafting is necessary to cultivate the exact apple characteristics. For example, he explained that grafting ensures that you get the variety you are looking for; planting seeds does not guarantee that result.

Participants at the tasting were invited to visit his orchard this coming spring, where they can learn grafting techniques and purchase grafting stock in many varieties.

As one of the very few heirloom apple tree growers in Virginia and with a vast knowledge of the topic, Clyde continues to provide us with an ever growing wealth of information. In addition to his skills as a white oak basket maker, Clyde also is a talented stone mason. He designed and built the stone chimney memorial in Stanley, which is part of the Blue Ridge Heritage Project, a grassroots effort to honor families displaced by the development of Shenandoah National Park.



Old varieties were grown for flavor, ability to hold over during winter months, and other characteristics. They weren't necessarily pretty. Apples retailed in grocery stores are typically developed for their attractiveness.





Fort Harrison, Inc.

www.fortharrisonva.org

P.O. Box 366

Dayton, VA 22821

Fort Harrison's ALMANAC

HUZZAH!

Saturday, April 11, 2020

Mary Rohrer Day

Friday, May 1, 2020

Colonial Trades Fair

Saturday, June 20, 2020



ALSO COMING

Spring Heirloom Plant Sale & Talk
and Teas & Dinner in the Spring



Mary Rohrer Day on May 1 will include fresh items on display, such as this fascinating 10-year guest log from the 1950s and 1960s that was recently donated to Fort Harrison

*and Betty and coo.
May 28 Ruby L. Martin
May 30
May 27 -
May 30
May 27
May
Russell,
Hennie
Maie,
May 27*

