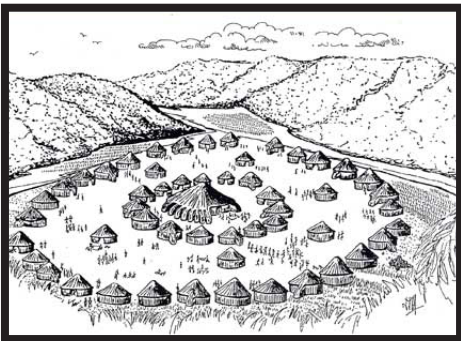


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Modern archaeologists have discovered evidence of permanent indigenous settlements in and around the Morgantown area going back thousands of years before European colonists arrived. The state also served as a hunting ground for Cherokee, Delaware, Iroquois, Mingo, , and Shawnee living outside West Virginia's current borders. Native populations decreased with the advance of European settler colonists and their introduction of resource / extraction economies and Western agricultural practices, which often left forests wilderness clearcut and local ecologies no longer sustainable for them, as well as the introduction of foreign pathogens like smallpox.



"The Catawba Path, which ran from Ischsua (Olean), New York, on the upper Allegheny through Indian and Uniontown, Pa., to Morgantown, West Virginia... was one the most important Indian highways in North America."
 ~ W.Va. Heritage Encyclopedia, 1976

LOCAL MUSEUM EXHIBIT



Ron Rittenhouse/The Dominion Post

Neil Burton, co-coordinator and lead researcher of "The Monongahela People" exhibit, and Pamela Ball, Morgantown History Museum director, attend the exhibit's debut Thursday, on Earth Day, which the museum hosted at the Sky Rock Pavillion, Dorsey Knob Park.



Chart showing Drawings of Petroglyphs from a Site South of Morgantown
 Panther (1), Deer tracks (5 10 -16), Human footprints, (6-23)
 Spirit Otter (7), Human Figure (8, 17), Snail or Spiral (9), Bear Tracks (20)

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MHM SPRING / SUMMER 2021

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The Morgantown History Museum is the first city-sponsored museum in the Greater Morgantown area. Its mission is to preserve the history of the region for the public by collecting and displaying local cultural artifacts.

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Dear Friends,

Since my last message to you, a year ago, much has changed. With the Morgantown History Museum - and with me personally. The Pandemic that we have managed to pull-through has created new and creative ways of operating.

Case-in-point: I wrote a grant to Your Community Foundation for funding to create 'The Monongahela People' exhibit and opening reception. The grant was funded. We were going to have the events in the Spring of 2021, but unfortunately the Pandemic was still prominent enough to prevent our inside event. But, we had to think of something! Thus, creative juices started to flow - Yes, we'll have the exhibit in abbreviated form - as a preview - OUTSIDE! We rented the city SkyRock Pavillion, at the top of Dorsey's Knob, which has roots in the 'Monongahela People' Native tradition. Although the weather had been mild up until our preview - Earth Day 2021 - that day was frigid, with high winds and snow! I thought we would freeze to death. The elevation of SkyRock, at 1,398 feet helped to make it extremely uncomfortable. We toughed it out and stayed the day. Thus, I guess you can surmise from this experience - you will do anything in the name of history.

Change also comes in ways beyond operation schedules and freezing in icy outside displays. Sometimes changes come personally. I have been contemplating giving up the directorship position at the Morgantown History Museum for awhile now. Circumstances that have occurred more recently, have made me make that big change in my life. I will be leaving the museum directorship on July 1, 2021. This was an extremely difficult decision for me to make. Why? Because I started the museum effort 26 years ago. The early organization was known as 'Riverfront Museums, Inc.' - we started up in the mid-1990s and had our tiny exhibit space in the old Seneca Glass building. That organization was taken under the wing of the City of Morgantown in 2005, when they voted to organize a city museum commission. I was asked to lead this effort. We had our first commission meeting in August of 2005; I found a small operating space by December of 2005; we found salvaged used office furniture and created a small exhibit by June of 2006. We opened to the public on WV Day, June 2006. We had a fiddler friend Mark Crabtree play WV Civil War tunes on his fiddle and had a large WV shaped birthday cake for refreshment. It was a very nice first event.

Things rapidly moved along and by December of 2011 we had a new and much larger operating space - and were chosen to be one of the six organizations to be venues for the Smithsonian exhibit 'The Way We Worked' - it was a dream come true for me!

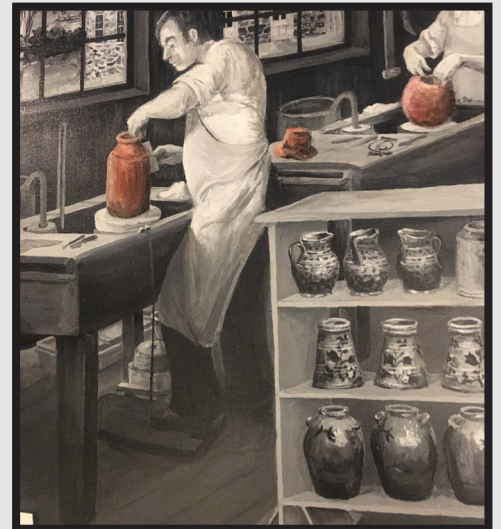
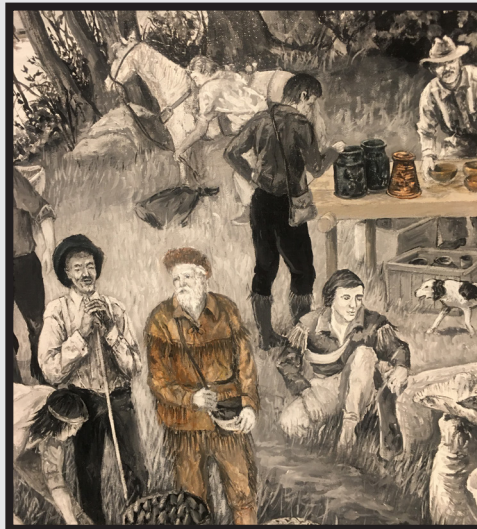
Thanks for all of the wonderful assistance my friends - you have helped me develop a museum to be proud of - indeed! Take care. **Pamela A. Ball, Founder**



Josh Wanstreet (left) and Mark Crabtree (right) Opening day (upstairs, 111 High Street) June 24th, 2006



Pamela McClung Casto (left) and Pamela A. Ball (right) Grand Opening: 'The Way We Worked' (Smithsonian), December 17, 2011



Paintings shown above are hanging in the museum for the public to view. They are the works of Sally McClain, former art teacher at Morgantown High School and Lydia Keiser.

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Mountainview Daisy Girl Scouts at the Morgantown History Museum

Every year on February 22, Girl Scouts all over the world celebrate World Thinking Day, an event designed to expose them to the world's most remarkable women. As part of this year's activities surrounding the festivities, Morgantown's Mountainview Daisy Girl Scouts and their parents took a guided tour of the city's history museum on February 21.

"The Girl Scouts visit is an excellent example of what the Morgantown History Museum is all about," says Pamela Burt, chairperson of the Morgantown Museum Commission. "It reflects our mission to promote and preserve local and regional history and to serve as a venue for public education."

During their tour the troop explored the history of transportation, printing, and glassmaking in Morgantown and learned about

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other cultures. The tour focused on glassmaking and on the European origins of many of the people formerly working and living in Morgantown's historic areas. The Girl Scouts heard about the beginnings of the local glass industry and the making and decorating of glassware.

The story of the immigrants working in the local glass industry Cont. p. 6

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Morgantown Museum Commission Prepares for New Venue

During the past few months, members of the Morgantown Museum Commission and SPARC Director Mark Wiles have made several excursions to some of West Virginia's smaller and larger museums. Among the places visited were Friends First, the Beverly Heritage Center, and the recently reopened West Virginia State Museum.

The visits are part of the commission's ongoing preparations for designing the interior of the museum's new location on Clay Street. Visiting different museums allowed commission members to study different museum layouts and displays. They also had the opportunity to meet with museum curators and administrators to discuss various topics, such as preservation, fundraising, grants, gift shop, and technology.

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"These tips have been very helpful to us," says Richard McCowan, the MM's secretary, who is also in charge of the interior layout of the museum's new venue. "Seeing how other and what kind of display techniques they have employed in their exhibits has given us a lot of ideas for our new place." Cont. p. 3

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High Street Photograph Exhibit

A newly installed computer slide show at the Morgantown History Museum offers a unique view of Morgantown's High Street in the mid-twentieth century. The show contains over twenty slides created from historical black and white photographs taken in February, 1952. These images provide an almost complete record of the street's appearance and the way it was used along the city's main shopping street.

The exhibit is located in the first shopping mall located in the Morgantown area. High Street was home to a variety of businesses offering almost all essential goods and services to city and area residents. In downtown, visitors could choose from among four grocery stores, seven shoe stores, ten beauty

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The exhibit will be on display throughout the summer.

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Preparations for New Site Well Under Way

During the past few months, members of the Morgantown Museum Commission, the Friends of the Morgantown History Museum, and the Morgantown City Council have been hard at work preparing the layout of the Morgantown History Museum's future home. The new 3,000-square-foot building will be located in the basement of the 1031 addition to the old Morgantown Post Office and will have its main entrance on Clay Street.

The new premises will include a 2,350-square-foot exhibit area and additional space reserved for storage and office rooms, a library, and an office. At the corner of the building is

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The museum's new permanent exhibits, which will trace the history of Morgantown and Monongalia County along a timeline, will be spread around the auditorium. The remainder of the facility has already begun and will be completed in spring. The new venue is scheduled to open by late summer.

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Spring 2011 Volume 3 Number 1

New Model Keelboat Completed

Among the many items that will be on display at the Morgantown History Museum's new venue on Kirk Street will be a model keelboat. This type of boat was used by the crafts used for navigating the Monongahela River and other western waterways during the state's early history. During that period, keelboats played a major role in transporting goods and people downriver to Pittsburgh and even further.

The model of the keelboat was donated to the museum by the boat model builder Juan Proctor, who hand-carved the boat's hull. It is a replica of a keelboat that was built in the late 1700s near the town of Marlinton, West Virginia.

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Her work on a new project usually starts with studying the line drawings and pictures of a boat. She then constructs

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History Museum to Roopen with Smithsonian Exhibit in December

The Morgantown History Museum will have a new Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit, entitled *Football: From Gridiron to Glory*, on display in December as part of the grand reopening of the new Morgantown History Museum at 175 Park Street.

The exhibit offers a lens for viewing the enormous transformation of work and workplaces through artifacts and photography from 1887 to 1987. The museum will support the exhibit with artifacts and photographs from the history of local workers, including oral histories from workers at the Sterling Plant.

The museum is also opening a photo exhibit of today's workers and will be taking oral histories of workers from Monongalia County residents during the exhibit's run. A lecture series and musical presentation is also planned. Local artists are encouraged to use the exhibit as a learning experience for their students. For more information visit the museum's website at www.morgantownhistorymuseum.org Cont. p. 3

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History Museum to Feature Titanic Memorabilia

The Morgantown History Museum is pleased to announce that it has acquired an exciting new exhibit of Titanic memorabilia. The exhibit, which will be on display in the museum's new venue on Kirk Street, features a variety of items that were used by passengers and crew members of the ill-fated ship.

The exhibit includes a variety of items, including a life preserver, a life jacket, a lifebuoy, and a life raft. It also includes a variety of personal items, including a pocket watch, a pocket square, and a pocket knife. The exhibit is a testament to the bravery and heroism of the Titanic crew and passengers.

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Flatboat Planned for City's Riverfront

The Morgantown History Museum is planning the construction of a replica of a flatboat, a type of boat that was used by the river trade in the late 1700s and early 1800s. The flatboat will be a replica of a flatboat that was built in the late 1700s near the town of Marlinton, West Virginia.

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WVU Students Present Exhibit Proposals

Last fall, four students who took Dr. Melissa Brannigan's Public History Methods class had the opportunity to gain experience in conducting classroom research for the Morgantown History Museum. Sarah Bopp, Abigail Coffey, Mary Rife, and Denise Tucker consulted with museum staff and selected research projects addressing the museum's specific exhibition needs. These included an exhibit on the history of the museum's Native American collection, an exhibit on the history of the museum's early history, and an exhibit on the history of the museum's early history.

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MHM Awarded Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit

The Morgantown History Museum is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit, entitled *Football: From Gridiron to Glory*. The exhibit will be on display in the museum's new venue on Kirk Street, and will feature a variety of items that were used by players and fans of the sport of football.

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MHM Features Local Aviation History

A new exhibit, *Morgantown: 104 Years of West Virginia's Aviation History*, is now on display in the museum's new venue on Kirk Street. The exhibit features a variety of items that were used by pilots and passengers of the early aviation industry in Morgantown.

The exhibit includes a variety of items, including a pilot's logbook, a pilot's license, and a pilot's certificate. It also includes a variety of personal items, including a pocket watch, a pocket square, and a pocket knife. The exhibit is a testament to the history of the aviation industry in Morgantown.

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Sports Exhibit to Open

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Spring 2015 Volume 7 Number 1

MHM in Museum Assessment Program (MAP)

The Morgantown History Museum is participating in the Museum Assessment Program (MAP), a national program that provides museums with a professional assessment of their operations and resources. The assessment is conducted by a team of experts who visit the museum and conduct a series of interviews and observations.

The assessment is a confidential process of self-study, peer review, and recommendations. Museums use the assessment process to strengthen operations, build capacity, and enhance communication throughout the organization and in response to community needs.

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Evans Art Exhibit Bill on Display at MMH

The temporary exhibit on the Morgantown History Museum opened on August 13, 2015. The exhibit showcases the art of the Evans family, including the Evans family portrait, the Evans family portrait, and the Evans family portrait. The exhibit is a testament to the art of the Evans family.

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Morgantown History Museum Hosts Seasonal Exhibit

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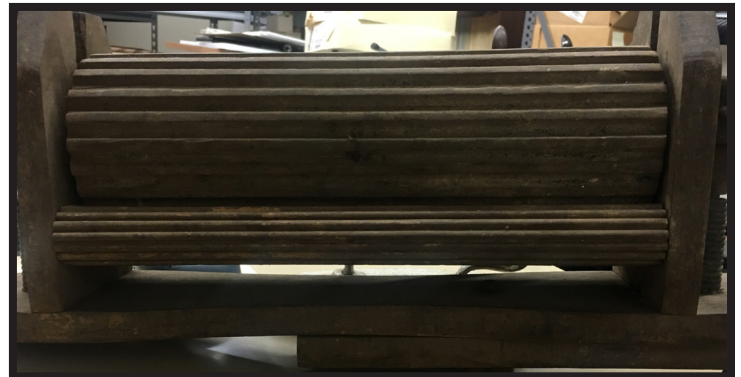
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1. Wood and metal hand-cranked clothes wringer attachment for wash tub.
2. Vulcanizer machine, uses heat and pressure to cure soft rubber in dental appliances. Directions for use on Cobun Dental Lab letterhead.
3. Corn planter, double, wood and metal. Type used ca.1850-1910.
4. Advertising, 'yard-long' calendars from R. A. Wilbourne Co., Wholesale Produce, Manufactures of Ice Cream and Ice, Morgantown, WV. 9 1/2'x 23" oval portrait of 'Love's Ideal' on 1915 and 'The Fairest Flower' on 1916.
5. Glass, three Old Morgantown Glass footed shot glasses, steel blue, 2" x 2 3/8"
6. Paper, two Order of Railway Conductors dues receipts Jan. 20 & 27 1906, 6"x 3".
7. Glass plate photographic negative, view across Falling Run including Woodburn Circle, shot from the bottom of Stewart St. 8" x 10" William Ramsey, photographer, Morgantown, ca.1890-1900. 8' x 10', nickel-plated frame w/ hanging rings.
8. Paper, Sons of the Revolution membership application, Feb. 22, 1936, by William Emmet Morgan Mockler, whose ancestor fought in two battles of the American Revolution. Includes genealogy of Price family of Mon. County.
9. Leather, buggy whip, two-toned brown, braided, 6' long, w/wrist strap. Found in the house built by the late Gans Ridgeway in Uffington, WV. He was known for owning horses, as were others in that area.
10. Glass, Morgantown Glassware Guild, four office file boxes full. From the family of a former employee.
11. Paper, Real Photographic Postcard, B & W, young man with baseball bat. Identified on back as Mose Darst, aged 19 in 1914, Morgantown attorney, 1895-1936.
12. Paper, Payroll ID card, American Sheet and Tin Plate, Sabraton Works, #8266, Reginald Bellamy, May 15, 1923. Paper Card in tin frame with plastic cover.
13. Book, soft-cover, Deadwood In My Blood, Includes genealogy of American Revolutionary soldier Thomas Evans.
14. Photograph, B & W original, Seneca neighborhood with glass factories, and the Monongahela River. William Ramsey, photographer, ca. 1890-1900.
15. Photograph, B & W original, WVU Science Hall on Woodburn Circle, matte finish, 8" x 10". William Ramsey, photographer, ca. 1890-1900.
16. Photograph, B & W original, shot from top of Fife St. and N. High, showing N. Willy toward South Park neighborhood in distance. William Ramsey, photographer, 1890-1900.



Vulcanizer



Tub wringer



Morgantown Glassware



Corn Planter

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Pamela A. Ball, Founder and Director, Morgantown History Museum***

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The City of Morgantown invites you to join the Friends of Morgantown History Museum to help promote and preserve the rich history of Morgantown and the surrounding area.

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Preserving Morgantown's Cultural Heritage