The mission of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History is to identify, preserve, protect, promote and present the ideas, arts, and artifacts of West Virginia’s heritage, building pride in our past accomplishments and confidence in our future.
In FY2019, the West Virginia Division of Culture and History transitioned to become the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History. Governor Jim Justice created the new department to emphasize the arts in the Mountain State. Gov. Justice has stated: “The arts enhance every aspect of life in West Virginia—growing our creative economy, enriching our civic life, enhancing tourism, and exerting a profound positive influence on the education of our children.” The department will continue to promote the arts in the Mountain State, along with preserving and protecting its past.

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History continues to be reliant on our ability to network and develop relationships with people from around the state. Our ability to provide services, programs, and opportunities for our fellow West Virginians, in conjunction with our amazing partnerships, allows us to make our mission a reality. At the WVDACH, our aim is to identify, preserve, protect, promote, and present the ideas, arts, and artifacts of West Virginia’s heritage, building pride in our past accomplishments and confidence in our future. We present those stories with events, lectures, presentations, and exhibits that highlight the unique nature of our state. Our purpose is to promote ways to connect our past with the present and future in ways that will help West Virginians proudly continue our state’s story.

The unrelenting effort to leave a legacy and to provide an irrefutable, positive impact on West Virginians inspires us to tirelessly facilitate an understanding of our heritage, while instilling a fundamental sense of pride about our history and a respect for those who laid the foundation. By diversifying our efforts, we can maximize our impact throughout the state. We provide educational programming to students as well as lifelong learners, which offers an insight into the past and present. Ambassadors Camp and Poetry Out Loud provide young West Virginians the chance to focus on their future and to meet with their peers from around the state, forming bonds that will last a lifetime. Through our grants program, we support arts in our communities and the artists who live here. We also encourage counties throughout the state to contemporize data and records, and we encourage preservationists to protect our historical structures that showcase our past. Through events such as Vandalia and the Appalachian String Band Music Festival, we can revive our traditions and pass them to our next generation through magnificent storytelling and traditional music.

The culmination of our unrelenting commitment to our state is a sense of pride in being a West Virginian and an improved attention to our historic properties and their value in communities. The unyielding, year-round effort of our staff and partners leads to generous donations of artifacts, historical documents, and other items to our state archives and museum collections as well as an increase in communities that are embracing arts programs and projects to enhance their neighborhoods.
During the fiscal year, Archives and History continued to expand educational content and learning opportunities for students and teachers and to process the collections of county records that have been transferred to the State Archives in the past few years. The section played a leading role in the department’s West Virginia History Bowl for eighth-grade students, with staff overseeing the writing of questions, making arrangements for regional events, moderating matches, and overseeing competitions. In 2020, 121 teams from 73 schools in 30 counties participated in the seven regional competitions that were held. The remaining regional, play-in, and state championship matches were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Archives and History Library served nearly 3,500 patrons in person, answered approximately 18,000 general inquiries by phone or e-mail, and provided copies and/or research in response to more than two hundred research letters. The library hosted several programs, including a Civil War symposium featuring prominent authors and historians. Staff continued to provide educational sessions and tours to visiting school groups from elementary through high school grade levels. More than 1,400 students toured the Archives and History Library before school was prematurely ended for the year.

Staff also participated in the Carter G. Woodson Lyceum Teachers Institute for educators, presenting a lesson on school integration using primary source materials. Efforts at creating educational videos that can be used for remote learning were also initiated. Thirty-two biographies of individuals included on the West Virginia Veterans Memorial were added to the Web site. More than 13,000 responses to the Daily Trivia were received. A major activity during the
year was the creation of an online exhibit on woman suffrage in West Virginia, created in conjunction with the centennial of ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution giving women the right to vote. The exhibit, “Fighting the Long Fight: West Virginia Women and the Right to Vote,” premiered in March 2020. It was created by historian Mary Johnson, who delivered a speech at a special women’s suffrage program held in the West Virginia House of Delegates chamber.

Continuing efforts to collect original county records, collections of chancery and law case files were transferred from Wirt County and processed, and deeds and other county court records from Pendleton were also accessioned and processed. In addition, processing of chancery and law case files from McDowell and Roane counties was completed.

By the end of June 2020, most of the sesquicentennial highway historical markers had been installed, and work was underway on a new publication. Two new exhibits were unveiled in the Archives and History Photo Gallery, one on bands and the other on women in West Virginia.

Thirty-seven counties were awarded grants totaling $349,360 for projects scheduled to begin on July 1, 2020. Staff scanned 103 deed books from Preston County and edited nearly 800 books using software to improve images for several counties.
• Records Management and Preservation Board awarded grants totalling $349,360 to support projects in 37 counties.

• Provided educational sessions and tours to more than 1,400 students in the Archives and History Library.

• 484 students from 30 counties represented 73 schools in regional History Bowl competitions.

• 3,827 state documents and 47,161 pages printed from documents in electronic form, and 312 books and pamphlets added to collections.

• More than 503 linear feet of manuscripts and state government records, and more than 12,000 photographs and negatives added to collections.

• Statewide county records preservation project digitized 103 record books and edited approximately 750 more.

• 128 rolls of film shot in preservation microfilming of daily and weekly newspapers.

• 203 research letters, 1,437 reference calls, and 16,228 e-mails handled.
HIGHWAY MARKERS

New Markers
LINCOLN COUNTY
John L. Chapman Family Cemetery
RALEIGH COUNTY
Camp Prince Army Station
WAYNE COUNTY
Revolutionary War Soldier’s Grave

Replacement/Refurbished Markers
CABELL COUNTY
War Between the States Generals/Spring Hill Cemetery
LEWIS COUNTY
Withers’ Grave
MASON COUNTY
Mason County/Putnam County
OHIO COUNTY
Wheeling
RALEIGH COUNTY
Glade Creek Reservoir
RANDOLPH COUNTY
Rich Mountain Battlefield/Crozet-Chenoweth
SUMMERS COUNTY
Great Bend Tunnel
WAYNE COUNTY
Wayne County/Cabell County

2020 HISTORY HEROES

Cookie Ambler
Betsy Allen
Brandon B. Bennett
Hilda Blake
Thomas Jefferson Bowman IV
Thomas Buckley
Daniel Butler
Denise Cyrus
Thomas J. Galloway
William Hal Gorby
Richard G. Grogan
Blye LaCourse Grove
Seibert K. Hazelett
Craig Mitchell Hesson
Tom Isaac
Robert Pat Mason
Merrilee Ann Matheny
Robert A. McColloch
Lisa McNeil
Randall Modesitt
Andrea Pack
Mark Reed
Melinda Shrut
Cleia Lovejoy Simmons
Linda Smith
James R. “Jim” Stultz
Melinda Tabor
Barbara Alene Angus Wallace
Roy Elwood White
Louis A. Yurkovitch

The complete 2019-2020 Archives and History annual report, including a list of accessions is available at http://www.wvculture.org/history/annualreport/annualreport1920.pdf
The State Arts Office, in conjunction with the West Virginia Commission on the Arts, provides grants and services to arts organizations, communities, schools, and artists across the state. Funding for these programs is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts and matched by the West Virginia State Legislature. The primary function of the State Arts Office is to use these funds to award and manage grants throughout the fiscal year.

In FY2020, the State Arts Office received $4,171,426 in grant requests. From those requests, $2,314,837 in funding was awarded. These grants impacted 823,634 West Virginians, including engaging 349,115 young people and 8,210 artists. In FY2020, the State Arts Office awarded:

- $649,750 in Cultural Facilities and Capital Resources grants to 9 arts and history organizations for capital improvements to their facilities.
- $608,919 in Arts Partners grants providing support to 12 major arts organizations. These 12 organizations reached 255,568 youth in FY2020.
- $381,976 in CARES funding to help pay rent, mortgages, utilities, and salaries at arts organizations that were impacted by COVID-19 closures.
- $256,716 in Community Arts grants supporting 24 arts organizations.
- $187,908 in STEAM grants for K-12 arts and STEM integrated projects at 37 schools and arts organizations.
- $105,038 in Arts in Education grants to 12 schools and arts organizations. 22,524 youth were impacted by these grants.
- $38,500 for folk arts programs at the WV Humanities Council
- $35,000 for the Poetry Out Loud statewide competition for high school students.
- $15,269 in Professional Development grants to 9 individual artists.
- $12,000 in Cultural Facilities and Capital Resources Fast-Track grants to 2 organizations to make emergency repairs or ADA upgrades.
- $7,605 in Peer Assistant Network consultations to 11 arts organizations to assist with organizational development, strategic planning, and fundraising.
- $6,892 in Mini-Grants to 9 communities and schools that support West Virginia artists.
- $6,764 in EZ Arts Access grants supporting projects at 3 small arts organizations.
- $2,500 in Travel & Training grants to 9 individual...
The State Arts Office further increased constituent outreach in FY2020, including:

- Listening tours and grant writing workshops in Charles Town, Clarksburg, and Fayetteville
- Site visits in Beckley, Bluefield, Buckhannon, Charleston, Fort Ashby, Franklin, Hundred, Kingwood, Martinsburg, Montgomery, Moorefield, Parkersburg, Ripley, Romney, Shenandoah Junction, and Wardensville.

State Arts Office staff made 20 visits in FY2020. Of these visits, 6 were to counties designated as at-risk or distressed by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC).

The information provided by constituents during these visits, in grant applications, and in final reports allow staff to measure progress against the State Arts Office’s strategic plan. This plan runs from 2018 to 2023 and has 4 main goals:

- Promote arts in education
- Nurture the growth of the creative economy
- Ensure access, inclusion, diversity, and equity in the arts
- Encourage arts advocacy

To further these goals, the State Arts Office and the West Virginia Commission on the Arts have been reviewing and updating grant programs, policies, and procedures. The Commission drafted and adopted a new access and equity policy that will take effect in FY2021.

In FY2020, the EZ Arts and Mini Grant programs were overhauled to create a more equitable grant program that will better serve the state. The EZ Arts grant program was eliminated, and the Community Arts Mini Grant and Arts and Education Mini Grant programs were created. These grant programs now provide up to $1,000 to schools and organizations to provide arts experiences. The new grant programs broadened the eligible activities and allowed for a more streamlined application process.

In addition to grants and services, the State Arts Office reaches West Virginians through quarterly production of ArtWorks: West Virginia, a magazine-style newsletter that highlights artists and arts organizations throughout the state. In FY2020, 9,000 copies were mailed out in 3 editions. “Gallery 35: Art from the Mountain State” is a section of the newsletter that features high-quality color photographs of original work by West Virginia artists. 21 artists from 16 counties were featured in “Gallery 35” in FY2020.

Another way the State Arts Office reaches its constituents is through ArtWorks, a monthly television show highlighting artists and arts programming around the state. The show can be viewed on cable television and on YouTube. Five episodes were filmed in FY2020 and featured artists working in visual art, dance, and film throughout the state. One highlight was a conversation with Erika Klose and Kayte Kincaid about STEAM education and the STEAM Power WV Showcase held at the Culture Center.

In April 2019, the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation awarded the State Arts Office $175,000 to assist with STEAM-based projects in FY2020. The STEAM Power WV program funded 37 projects for K-12 students at schools and arts organizations. Each project was completed by students and combined STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) with the arts.

The State Arts Office also sponsored two STEAM-based professional development sessions for K-12 teachers and teaching artists were held at Oglebay Institute in Wheeling and Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg. The first statewide STEAM Power WV Showcase was held in September at the Culture Center, with arts and STEM educators from around the state convening for a day of exhibits, presentations, and networking. In June, the Benedum Foundation awarded the WVDACH an additional $175,000 for the FY2020 STEAM grant program.
teachers and a STEAM Power WV showcase to highlight successful projects. The professional development sessions were held at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg and Oglebay Institute in Wheeling and served a combined total of 73 educators. The STEAM Power WV Showcase was held in September 2019. Student groups from 18 schools and organizations exhibited their projects to other students, educators, and members of the public.

Mary Dell’Erba from the Arts Education Partnership, Nancy Daugherty from the National Endowment from the Arts, Jim Denova from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, and Carmelle Nickens from the Rural Arts Collaborative spoke to the teachers and students exhibiting. Attendees were also treated to performances from Midnight Radio, Jr., ShookStruck, and Five Guys and a Saxophone.

The arts further impact West Virginia’s students through the Save the Music Foundation. The partnership with the Save the Music Foundation is an important tool for preserving and sustaining music programs for the state’s youth. At the end of FY2020, 94 middle schools in all 55 counties had benefited from this program. The Foundation awarded matching grants to 9 schools in FY2020. Each award was worth an average of $38,000 in musical instruments and instructional materials. The schools that received FY2020 grants were:

- Western Greenbrier Middle School, Greenbrier County
- Peterstown Middle School, Monroe County
- Princeton Middle School, Mercer County
- Oceana Middle School, Wyoming County
- Poca Middle School, Putnam County
- Andrew Jackson Middle School, Kanawha County
- Madison Middle School, Boone County
- Frankfort Middle School, Mineral County
- South Middle School, Monongalia County

In October 2019, the winners of the West Virginia Juried Exhibition were announced. The State Arts Office provides funding for the exhibition and partners with the State Museum to award the funds. $33,000 in awards were provided to West Virginia artists, including three $5,000 Governor’s Awards, seven $2,000 Awards of Excellence, and eight $500 Merit Awards. In FY2020, the exhibition was displayed at the Culture Center for the first time since 2005.

In November and December 2019, the State Arts Office collected ornaments for the First Lady’s Artistree. 107 artists submitted ornaments that were displayed on an 18-foot tree in the Culture Center’s Great Hall. FY2020 saw a large increase in participation, with 38 additional artists submitting ornaments. Each ornament was photographed, and a catalog of all submissions was created. Artists who participated were invited to the Governor’s Mansion for a reception hosted by First Lady Cathy Justice. The Commerce Communications Office created a 2-minute video showing the tree being decorated and featuring close-ups and descriptions of several of the ornaments. The video was shown at the annual Joyful Night celebration at the Capitol Complex.

The State Arts Office also collected ornaments for the First Lady’s Student Ornament Competition. The theme for FY2020 was “Reindeer” and 57 K-12 classrooms submitted ornaments to the competition. These ornaments were also displayed on an 18-foot tree in the Great Hall. Winners were selected from four grade-level categories and winning classrooms were sent $100 gift certificates for art supplies. The winning schools were:

- Johnson Elementary, Harrison County
- Roosevelt Elementary, Jackson County
- Glen Fork Middle School, Wyoming County
- Huntington High School, Cabell County

In February 2020, the State Arts Office connected artists and arts organizations across the state through the annual Arts in Our Communities Conference. This free 2-day event is held at the Culture Center and features both local and national speakers. In FY2020,
keynote speakers were Pam Breaux, President and CEO of the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies and Tom Simplot, Senior Deputy Chairman at the National Endowment for the Arts. The FY2020 conference was attended by 124 people, making it the most well-attended Arts in Our Communities Conference since its creation in FY2016. Participants were asked to complete an event evaluation, and the conference programming was given a score of 4.5 out of 5. Participants particularly liked the various networking activities provided.

Arts Day at the Legislature immediately followed the Arts in Our Communities Conference. This annual event is held during the regular legislative session and helps artists and arts organizations connect with their elected officials. 35 individual artists and arts organizations displayed at the capitol, and many more attended to network with legislators and other arts professionals. At the end of February, the State Arts Office partnered with the State Museum to host the Congressional Art Competition awards at the Culture Center. Arts Office staff reviewed work submitted by students and chose three winners from each congressional district. Members of the House of Representatives then chose one of the three pieces to hang on the walls of Congress in Washington D.C. 108 students attended the awards ceremony, as well as a representative from each congressperson. At the awards ceremony, Arts Office staff led students in an alcohol ink painting workshop. Staff from the Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences led students in a stained glass workshop. The stained glass the students created will be installed in the sculpture garden at the Clay Center in FY2021.

In early March, the State Arts Office hosted the Governor’s Arts Awards at the Culture Center. The event featured performances by Barbara Nissman, the Mountain Stage Band, Kari Stafford Blankenship, Caden Glover, Liam Farley, and the Capital High School VIP Show Choir. The following awards were given to artists, arts organizations, and state legislators:

- **Lifetime Achievement** – Dr. Barbara Nissman, Greenbrier County
- **Artist of the Year** – Charly Jupiter Hamilton, Kanawha County
- **Arts in Education, Individual** – Michael McKowen, Ohio County
- **Arts in Education, Organization** – Boys and Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle, Berkeley County
- **Leadership in the Arts, Individual** – Josh Baldwin, Greenbrier County
- **Leadership in the Arts, Organization** – Marshall Artist Series, Cabell County
- **Susan S. Landis Distinguished Service to the Arts, Individual** – Jeff Pierson, Kanawha County
- **Susan S. Landis Distinguished Service to the Arts, Individual** – Oglebay Institute, Ohio County
- **Leadership in Arts Education** – Senator Patricia Rucker
- **Leadership in Arts Education** – Delegate Jeff Campbell
- **Leadership in Community Arts** – Senator Bill Hamilton
- **Leadership in Community Arts** – Delegate Vernon Criss
- **Leadership in Cultural Facilities** – Senator Glenn Jeffries
- **Leadership in Cultural Facilities** – Delegate Daniel Linville
- **Leadership in Folk Arts** – Senator Mark Maynard
- **Leadership in Folk Arts** – Delegate Mike Pushkin
- **Lifetime Achievement in the Arts** – Senator Roman Prezioso
- **Lifetime Achievement in the Arts** – Delegate Erikka Storch

In mid-March COVID-19 closures began across the state. Very few of the State Arts Office’s grants and services were affected by these closures. Several episodes of ArtWorks were not filmed, and the structure of the Poetry Out Loud state finals had to be changed.
To accommodate events that had to be postponed by these closures, extensions were given to FY2020 grant recipients to reschedule programming after the end of the fiscal year. As a result of these extensions, some FY2020 grants have not yet been completed.

In April, the National Endowment for the Arts awarded the State Arts Office a portion of its federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) funding to regrant to arts organizations affected by COVID-19 closures. An application was immediately created and provided to arts organizations across West Virginia. Organizations were able to apply for funding assistance to go towards rent, mortgage payments, utilities, and staff salaries. The West Virginia Commission on the Arts met virtually to review these applications and approved $381,976 in grant funding. Award letters were mailed out by the end of May, making West Virginia one of the first states to distribute CARES funding for the arts.

The National Endowment for the Arts also made 5 direct grants to West Virginia arts organizations to assist with COVID-19 related revenue losses. These $50,000 grants were awarded to:
- West Virginia Symphony Orchestra, Kanawha County
- Huntington Museum of Art, Cabell County
- Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Greenbrier County
- Contemporary American Theater Festival, Jefferson County
- Oglebay Institute, Ohio County

During the COVID-19 pandemic and associated closures, the arts have become increasingly more relevant. Artists and arts organizations have been finding creative ways to share their work and provide both entertainment and hope to those at home. The West Virginia State Arts Office will continue to work diligently to support these creative professionals through this crisis and beyond, using our strategic plan as a guide and searching for safe and innovative solutions to support the arts in the Mountain State.

**ARTS GRANTS DISTRIBUTED IN FY20**

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY**  
- Adam Booth, $1,281  
- Contemporary American Theater Festival, $40,590  
- Friends of Music, $15,727  
- Harriet Kirsten Lee, $2,500  
- Jefferson Arts Council, $800  
- Jefferson County Parks & Recreation, $1,000  
- Old Opera House Theatre Company, $61,353  
- Education, $7,500  
- Contemporary American Theater Festival, $40,590  
- Friends of Music, $15,727  
- Harriet Kirsten Lee, $2,500  
- Jefferson Arts Council, $800  
- Jefferson County Parks & Recreation, $1,000  
- Old Opera House Theatre Company, $61,353  
- WV Humanities Council, $38,500  
- WV Music Hall of Fame, $4,568  
- WV Symphony Orchestra, $100,244  
- WV Youth Symphony, $5,490  

**KANAWHA COUNTY**  
- Appalachian Children’s Chorus, $530  
- Charleston Ballet, $55,365  
- Charleston Chamber Music Society, $3,749  
- Charleston Music & Arts Collective, $464  
- Children’s Theatre of Charleston, $18,434  
- Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences, $89,177  
- FestivALL Charleston, $13,520  
- Friends of the Albay Arts & Conference Center, $8,901  
- Kanawha County Board of Education, $14,250  
- Kanawha Valley FOOTMAD, $13,718  
- Renee Margocce, $300  
- Ruffner Elementary, $4,125  
- Selina Cosby Midkiff, $1,092  
- WV Foundation for Architecture, $2,741  
- WV Museum of American Glass, $7,500  
- City of Mannington, $60,000  
- Fairmont Chamber Music Society, $5,225  
- Marion County Board of Education, $1,515  
- Strand Theatre Preservation Society, $2,000  
- Charles T. “Chuck” Mathena Foundation, $129,325  
- Fred Powers, $384  
- Gary Bowling’s House of Art, $10,954  
- Experience Learning, $6,200  
- Pendleton County Board of Education, $9,750  
- Alison Safrit, $2,500  
- Experience the Arts, $2,848  
- High Rock Educational Corporation, $31,338  
- Northern Pocahontas County Community Association, $1,000  
- Pocahontas County Opera House Foundation, $11,775  
- Yew Mountain Center, $9,398  
- Mylan Park Elementary, $5,307  
- North Elementary School, $2,112  
- Thomas Parker Bailey, $300  
- Three Bridges Arts Experience, $400  
- WV Professional Dance Company, $49,808  
- Youth Museum of Southern WV, $39,818  
- ArtsLink, $32,169  
- Mid-Ohio Valley Symphony Society, $17,229  
- Parkersburg Art Center, $63,298

**LEWIS COUNTY**  
- WV Museum of American Glass, $7,500  

**MARION COUNTY**  
- University of North Carolina, $52,316  
- Marion County Board of Education, $1,515  
- Strand Theatre Preservation Society, $2,000  

**MARSHALL COUNTY**  
- WV Humanities Council, $38,500  
- WV Music Hall of Fame, $4,568  
- WV Symphony Orchestra, $100,244  
- WV Youth Symphony, $5,490  

**MERCER COUNTY**  
- Marshall University, $27,000  
- Fairmont State University, $1,515  
- WV Museum of American Glass, $7,500  

**MINERAL COUNTY**  
- Friends of Ashby’s Fort, $57,400  
- Highland Arts Unlimited, $8,288  

**MONONGALIA COUNTY**  
- WV Museum of American Glass, $7,500  
- City of Buckhannon, $67,000  
- ArtsLink, $32,169  
- Mid-Ohio Valley Symphony Society, $17,229  
- Parkersburg Art Center, $63,298

**PENDLETON COUNTY**  
- Experience Learning, $6,200  
- Pendleton County Board of Education, $9,750  

**POCHONAS COUNTY**  
- 31,338  
- Northern Pocahontas County Community Association, $1,000  
- Pocahontas County Opera House Foundation, $11,775  
- Pocahontas County Arts Council, $7,500  

**PRESTON COUNTY**  
- ArtsLink, $32,169  
- Mid-Ohio Valley Symphony Society, $17,229  
- Parkersburg Art Center, $63,298

**PUTNAM COUNTY**  
- Oglebay Institute, $111,831  
- Wheeling Symphony Society, $76,259  
- Woodsdale Elementary, $1,664  
- Experience the Arts, $2,848  
- High Rock Educational Corporation, $31,338  
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**RALEIGH COUNTY**  
- WV Professional Dance Company, $49,808  
- Youth Museum of Southern WV, $39,818  

**RANDOLPH COUNTY**  
- ArtsBank, $10,782  
- Davis & Elkins College, $28,997  
- Elkins Main Street, $1,000  
- Old Brick Playhouse, $10,841  
- Randolph County Community Arts Council, $25,591  

**SUMMERS COUNTY**  
- Appalachian South Folklife Center, $10,317  

**TAYLOR COUNTY**  
- Anna Jarvis Elementary School, $2,259  

**UPSHUR COUNTY**  
- City of Buckhannon, $67,000  
- Upshur County Board of Education, $20,197  
- Hacker Valley Elementary, $3,000  
- Holly River State Park Foundation, $600  

**WETZEL COUNTY**  
- ArtsLink, $12,086  
- Hundred High School, $10,000  
- Valley High School, $20,853  
- WV Arts Presenters, $15,000  

**WOODBURY COUNTY**  
- ArtsBridge, $32,169  
- Mid-Ohio Valley Symphony Society, $17,229  
- Parkersburg Art Center, $63,298

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR

July 2019
GOVERNOR’S INTERN LUNCHEONS
MISS INTERNATIONAL PAGEANT

August 2019
APPALACHIAN STRING BAND MUSIC FESTIVAL AT CAMP CARVER
GOLDENSEAL CELEBRATES WHEELING’S 250TH

September 2019
CONSTITUTION DAY AT WV INDEPENDENCE HALL
STEAM SHOWCASE

October 2019
SAVE THE MUSIC FALL MIDDLE SCHOOL TOUR
WV MARCHING BAND INVITATIONAL
HALLOWEEN

November 2019
FIRST LADY’S HOLIDAY ORNAMENT UNVEILING
GOVERNOR’S SERVICE AWARDS
BI-ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBITION

December 2019
JOYFUL NIGHT AT THE STATE CAPITOL
ARTISTREE ORNAMENTS
January 2020
CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY
COMMEMORATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT
ALMOST HEAVEN GOVERNOR’S ART EXHIBITION 2020

February 2020
ARTS DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE
HISTORY DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE/HISTORY HEROES
CONGRESSIONAL ARTS EXHIBITION & AWARDS

March 2020
GOVERNOR’S AWARDS FOR THE ARTS
POETRY OUTLOUD VIRTUAL CONTEST

April - May 2020
NO EVENTS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

June 2020
QUILTS JUDGING AND WALL HANGING
QUILTS IN THE GREAT HALL
Despite unusual challenges and necessary precautions during 2019-2020 the State Historic Preservation Office persevered in its efforts to identify, preserve, and protect West Virginia’s historic resources. Our efforts continued to be successful, completing National Register nominations, overseeing survey and planning efforts, guiding development grant recipients and historic rehabilitation tax credit applicants, and consulting with federal and state agencies regarding their projects that could impact historic resources. We connected with individuals, non-profit organizations, businesses and government representatives and insured that historic resources were recognized for their vital contribution to our communities.

Among achievements completed this year, 11 nominations were listed in the National Register of Historic Places. 19 development grants totaling $433,785 and 9 survey and planning grants totaling $115,914 were awarded by the WV Archives and History Commission. 25 Part One historic rehabilitation tax credit applications, 17 Part Two applications totaling approximately $64 million dollars in future potential...
rehabilitation investments, and 5 Part Three applications totaling approximately $1.6 million. The SHPO also initiated an additional Historic Revitalization grant program awarded by the National Park Service (NPS). The WV Archives and History Commission approved 13 projects totaling approximately $346,000. SHPO also received $24,841 to complete an Underrepresented Community grant from the NPS for survey and National Register nomination efforts at West Virginia State University.

Our historic preservation efforts are supported by the West Virginia Legislature and the National Park Service – U.S. Department of the Interiors. The WV Legislature provides funding for the annual development grant program and legislative support for the historic rehabilitation tax credit program. The National Park Service – U.S. Department of the Interior provides an annual funding appropriation from the Historic Preservation Fund. The state development grant program requires a 50% match from the applicant. These funds provide the required match for our annual federal appropriation. (See sidebar for individual recipients.)

The SHPO also provides grant assistance to historic landmark commissions that participate in the NPS Certified Local Government Program. The federal Survey and Planning matching grants provide matching funding to assist in survey activities, National Register nomination preparation, historic structural reports, educational workshops or conferences and other activities. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, in person educational efforts were switched to virtual efforts or postponed.

As always, the SHPO continued to provide comments and consult with federal and state agencies according to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and West Virginia State Code 29-1-8a and other related regulations. Federal agencies must consider potential effects to historic resources which are listed in or considered eligible to the National Register of Historic Places. The SHPO continued to work with WV Division of Highways and Federal Highways Administration focusing on bridge replacement and road improvement projects. Other federal agencies such as USDA’s Rural Utilities Services and the FCC consulted with our office regarding expansion of broadband and cellular service in the state. Cities receiving Community Development Block Grant funds, such as Charleston, Wheeling, and Huntington, submitted rehabilitation and demolition projects for review.

Ongoing survey efforts throughout the year meet the National Park Service’s requirement to update information about historic resources throughout the state. Funded primarily through the Survey and Planning grant program, Bath, Eleanor, Philippi, and Wheeling began survey projects in FY2020. SHPO continued a multi-county survey effort in Tyler, Ritchie, Gilmer, Braxton, and Doddridge Counties. We also continued to document buildings designed by West Virginia architects focusing this year on Charles W. Bates, Frederick F. Faris and Edward Bates Franzheim from Wheeling.

These survey efforts as well as Section 106 review projects were added to our public historic resource website. Entries to the geodatabase layers updated information about archaeological sites (187) and surveys (299), architectural sites (2,931) and surveys (97), cemeteries (73) and National Register properties (12).

Eleven resources were listed in the National Register of Historic Places this year (See side bar.) Staff reviewed draft nominations prepared by sponsors or
consultants to ensure that the buildings and structures met one of the four Criteria for Evaluation. Properties must be associated with significant events or significant people, demonstrate architectural character or provide information about our history. Public notices provide an opportunity to comment about the possible listing.

We continued to provide technical assistance to homeowners, landmark commission members, government officials, and other members of the public. Our 2020 calendar was entitled The Music of Historic Places. Each month featured an historic place and showcased a West Virginia musician who shared the influence of historic places in his or her life. Our newsletter, Details, provided information about preservation efforts across West Virginia. We also received approval of our five year statewide comprehensive historic preservation plan from the National Park Service.

Despite the challenges of this unusual time, the SHPO carried out its mission identifying historic resources, providing funds for rehabilitation and repair and support the efforts of our citizens to protect its history and the resources that tell our stories.

FAYETTE COUNTY
Fayette County Commission in Fayetteville received $40,000 for the Soldiers & Sailors Building.

JEFFERSON COUNTY
Zion Baptist Church in Charles Town received $20,645 for the First Free School. Harpers Ferry-Bolivar Historic Town Foundation received $40,000 for the First Zion Baptist Church.

MERCER COUNTY
Melvin & Gail Dixon in Bluefield received $10,000 for Gem Jewelers.

MINGO COUNTY
The Town of Matewan received $40,000 for the G.W. Building on Mate Street.

MONROE COUNTY
Monroe County Historical Society in Union received $23,420 for the Old Baptist Church.

PENDLETON COUNTY
Future Generations University Corp. in Franklin received $35,870 for the Anderson House.

PRESTON COUNTY
Arthurdale Heritage in Arthurdale received $13,218 for Center Hall.

RANDOLPH COUNTY
Historic Beverly Preservation in Beverly received $13,800 for the 1841 Jail.

RITCHIE COUNTY
Glenville State College Foundation in Glenville received $9,240 for the Arbuckle House.

SUMMERS COUNTY
The City of Hinton received $40,000 for the Hinton Hardwoods Building.

TUCKER COUNTY
Alpine Heritage Preservation, Inc. in Thomas received $23,807 for the Cottrill Opera House.

WAYNE COUNTY
Housing Authority of Wayne County received $35,870 for Old Fort Gay High School.
## Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Projects

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The State Development Grant program is funded by the West Virginia Legislature. The grants are 50/50 matching grants. Nineteen grant recipients were selected, and the Archives and History Commission awarded $ total for restoration and rehabilitation of National Register properties.

**BERKELEY COUNTY**
Shenandoah Landlord LLC in Martinsburg received $50,000 for the Shenandoah Hotel.

**HAMPShIRE COUNTY**
Larry & Mona Carroll in the Romney vicinity received $27,500 for Hickory Grove.

**HARDY COUNTY**
The Town of Moorefield received $6,600 for the Robert Higgins House.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY**
The Claymont Society for Continuous Education in the Charles Town vicinity received $11,550 for Claymont Court.

**KANAWHA COUNTY**
Galanta Baile LLC in Charleston received $50,000 for 1567 Lee Street East.

**MERcer COUNTY**
Bramwell Foundation in Bramwell received $15,000 for the Pence Hotel.

**MONROE COUNTY**
The Greenbrier Historical Society in Blue Sulphur Springs received $30,000 for the Blue Sulphur Springs Pavilion.

The Sweet Springs Resort Park Foundation in Sweet Springs received $50,000 for Sweet Springs Resort.

Larry Mustain received $8,500 for Reeds Mill.

**PREston COUNTY**
Arthurdale Heritage, Inc. in Arthurdale received $19,565 for Center Hall.

**RANDOLPH COUNTY**
Randolph County Historical Society in Beverly received $7,440 for the Blackman-Bosworth Store.

Historic Beverly Preservation, Inc. in Beverly received $6,555 for the Beverly Bank.

The City of Elkins received $8,500 for the Darden Carriage House.

**RITCHIE COUNTY**
The Ritchie County Historic Landmark Commission in Cairo received $12,500 for the Bank of Cairo.

**SUMMERS COUNTY**
MountainPlex Properties, LLC in Hinton received $50,000 for the Laing, Humphries Bank Building.

**TUCKER COUNTY**
Vandalia Heritage Foundation in Thomas received $29,100 for the Davis Coal & Coke Administrative Building.

**WOOD COUNTY**
The City of Parkersburg received $36,000 for the Henry Cooper Log Cabin.

**WAYNE COUNTY**
The Town of Ceredo received $8,800 for the Z.D. Ramsdell House.
## Survey and Planning Grants

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<td>Received $17,500 for the Elm Grove Neighborhood Survey.</td>
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The State Museums of West Virginia were open for visitors from all over the world while preserving the history and culture of West Virginia through exhibitions, events, programs, educational opportunities, conservation, preservation and collections.

Key new donations to the State Museum collection included a needlework scarf and steel thimble owned by Anna Jarvis the founder of Mothers’ Day; Appalachian Dulcimer made by Raymond Epler in 1983; wool wedding dress, home grown and spun by Henrietta Cantley in 1850; flint glass stoppered conical ewer made by Wheeling Flint Glass Works, 1835-37; Eight-day tall case clock owned by Governor William A. MacCorkle, ca. 1810; and a flintlock rifle owned by Thomas Griffiths, who was at the Battle of Point Pleasant and killed by Native Americans in 1780.

The West Virginia State Museum at the State Culture Center in Charleston continued to work with artists and schools throughout West Virginia. The 2019 West Virginia Juried Exhibition returned to the State Culture Center for the first time in 14 years. The exhibition drew the most entries in decades with submissions from 34 counties and 131 pieces of art being displayed in three galleries. The second annual Governors’ Almost Heaven Art Exhibition featured 189 pieces of artwork in the west rotunda of the capitol.

The Contemporary American Theater Costume Collection from Shepherdstown was a featured exhibition as was the Quilts of Hope supporting breast and cervical research and cure in the Culture Center Great Hall.

The staff of the State Museum, Arts, Culture and
History administration, Historical preservation and Grave Creek Mound Archaeological complex completed a years-long project when remains discovered on the Buffalo Site in West Virginia were repatriated in the Monongahela National Forest. The work was completed by staff at Grave Creek who prepared the remains for re-burial and transported to the site. This was completed with the assistance of the U.S. Forestry Department and more than a dozen tribes. This was the largest repatriation of remains in eastern U.S. history.

Several new exhibitions as well as a celebration of an existing one highlighted the year at Grave Creek. The State Museum staff-built cases, completed graphics and installed new exhibits showcasing the magic of Marx Toys and the beauty of Fostoria Glass. Both important long-time Moundsville historic fibers of the community were part of a joint grand opening and reception. An exhibition currently at Grave Creek on Marble King located in Paden City was the backdrop for a program and educational activities for their 70th anniversary. An enthusiastic public learned how to play marbles from company owner Beri Fox.

The grounds at the mound received a new look when former museum buildings that had deteriorated to the point of no repair were removed from the base of the mound. One building was intruding in the mound and creating damage. The removal helped to return the site back to its originality.

The annual Appalachian String Band Festival highlighted the year at Camp Washington Carver located at Clifftop. The 2019 festival produced one of the largest crowds ever and the largest profit since its inception in 1990. The camp staff worked with FEMA to replace the water pump bridge over Mann Creek destroyed during the flooding of 2016. Major projects completed was a mapping of underground water and powerlines which resulted in identifying water leaks and damaged powerlines that created power shortages. A complete cleanup and organization of what was stored in maintenance created a safer environment for workers as well as an organized equipment room making tasks and the tools needed to perform those more accessible.

West Virginia Independence Hall received a donation of a Labelle Company nail machine installed through a 2nd floor window by crane. Former employees of Labelle helped to put the piece of equipment back together and install the machinery in the Wheeling Industry exhibit.

An unveiling of Goldenseal Magazine highlighting the yearlong celebration of Wheeling 250 and Independence Hall included a program and reception. The staff of Independence Hall was involved in many events related to the 250 celebration over the year.

Additional exhibits were updated and repaired including the Splitting of Virginia electronic map, a favorite of visitors. New updated lighting for the flag exhibition created a better visitor experience.
The Communications and Events staff coordinates and promotes agency events. This section works in partnership with the other sections of the agency, the Governor’s office, the First Lady and other state agencies. Through traditional communications like statewide media releases and contemporary social media activities, the staff provides news about the activities at each of the department’s sites.

The fall season kicked off with our agency hosting the eighth annual West Virginia Marching Band Invitational in October 2019. The event took place at the University of Charleston’s Laidley Field. Forty-two high school bands, including 36 competing bands and six exhibition bands from across the Mountain State showcased their talents. The Princeton Middle School Band opened the event with a performance of the National Anthem. Cabell Midland High School won the overall Honor Band award and the Old Gold Division Grand Championship; Paden City Jr./Sr. High School won the Blue Division Grand Championship.

In November, the department helped host the annual First Lady’s holiday ornament reveal at the Culture Center. This year’s ornament was hand-forged in the hills of Appalachia by artist-blacksmiths Matt and Tessie Wallace of Wallace Metal Works and was sold at the West Virginia State Museum Gift Shop.

Each year, in December, the department plans and presents the annual Joyful Night celebration at the State Capitol Complex. The Culture Center hosts the reception for the annual event. One of the highlights of the department’s holiday decorations are trees decorated with the ornaments from past First Lady’s Ornament Competitions. Featuring themes selected by the First Lady, the ornaments come from kindergarten through high school students from around the state.

When the COVID-19 pandemic closed offices and buildings in March, including the WVDACH, all events hosted by the department took a backseat to the health and safety of our guests and patrons. Beginning in mid-March, the work of the Communications and Events staff had to be reimagined. Our online and social media presence was increased to keep our guests engaged while our building was closed.

The first event hosted by the WVDACH’s events staff to be canceled due to COVID-19 was the annual West Virginia State Dance Festival, which takes place in the Culture Center every April and typically attracts more than 500 high school and college dance students.
each year. This would have marked the 38th year of
the event and it will continue once we are all able to
gather again.

The beloved annual Memorial Day weekend event, Vandalia Gathering, also had to be canceled and postponed until May 2021. This event brings old-time and traditional West Virginia musicians of all ages to stages around the capitol grounds to share their talents in old-time fiddle, bluegrass banjo, mandolin, old-time banjo, lap dulcimer and flat-pick guitar performances and contests. Other traditional contests include one for West Virginia bakers and another for West Virginia storytellers known as the annual Liar's Contest.

In June, the Culture Center routinely hosts the state's annual West Virginia Day celebration. The celebration was altered this year to feature a virtual event hosted by Governor Jim Justice and Department of Arts, Culture and History Curator Randall Reid-Smith to celebrate the state's 157th birthday on June 20 from the West Virginia Governor's Mansion. The ceremony included the singing of the National Anthem by Cedric Farmer from West Virginia State University and the Pledge of Allegiance led by the WV National Guard Adjutant General James Hoyer; thoughts and comments by the governor, curator and other notable West Virginians; and finally a cutting of the state birthday cake.

Also, in June, the department ordinarily welcomes eighth graders from around the state to its annual West Virginia Ambassadors Camp. If not for its cancellation, this would have marked the eighth year for this unique event, which provides students with an opportunity to experience dorm life at the University of Charleston during the four-day camp. Participants enjoy programs that teach them more about the state's government, arts and culture. We look forward to hosting this event and continuing all the department’s events once it is safe to do so.

Despite not being able to host regularly scheduled events throughout the latter half of the fiscal year 2019-2020, staff has kept busy with other projects and discovering ways to improve and expand on all events and ways to better publicize and reach new and existing visitors and guests to the department sites and events in the coming year and beyond.
Goldenseal, published by the DACH, is our state’s magazine of traditional life and is issued quarterly. During FY 2019-20, Goldenseal published 74 articles about West Virginia history, music, the arts, food, women’s and African-American history, and many other topics. The four cover stories this year paid tribute to Wheeling on its 250th anniversary (Fall 2019), Gilmer County musician Mike Morningstar (Winter 2019), the 100th anniversary of the shootout in Matewan (Spring 2020), and the 60th anniversary of the 1960 Democratic primary (Summer 2020), including firsthand accounts by a JFK and a Hubert Humphrey supporter in the state.

The Fall 2019 issue, entirely about Wheeling, is one of this year’s best highlights. Authors from the Wheeling area wrote the majority of the articles, examining the city’s 250-year history, African-American life, West Virginia Independence Hall (our state’s birthplace), the Mount de Chantal Visitation Academy and the long career of Sister Joanne Gonter at that school, a photo essay of the city, a tribute to Wheeling’s ethnic food heritage, the story of longtime podiatrist Dr. Roy Harmon, the career of a Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel worker, musician Mollie O’Brien’s music memories of Wheeling, and how historic preservation has revitalized the city’s downtown.

The Winter issue featured a wide variety of articles. In addition to the cover story about Morningstar, authors wrote about Lucinda Rose (one of only two West Virginia women to die in military service in World War I), Lewisburg’s New Year’s Day Shanghai Parade, potter Jeff Diehl, Crane’s custom muskie baits, the struggle to consolidate Ritchie County schools in the 1950s-60s, Dr. Elmer Myers of Philippi, a look at the early strip-mining battle of 1970, and an homage to Clifton E. Brooks Sr., the last-surviving Tuskegee Airman from West Virginia.

About half of the Spring issue is dedicated to the 1920 shootout in Matewan between miners and Baldwin-Felts agents that left 10 dead. This issue looks at the still-murky circumstances surrounding the shooting, the question of who fired the first shot, Jessie Maynard (the widow of both Matewan’s mayor and police chief), a re-examination of the 1987 film Matewan and Jean Battlo’s play Terror of the Tug, and a walk through Matewan today. The same issue profiles the 2019 Vandalia Gathering contest winners, Vandalia Award recipient Dwight Diller, poet Kirk Judd, Shinnston Plumbing, Fairmont’s World War II Gold Star mother May Show Maddox, and Berkeley Springs’ Star Theatre.

Finally, the Summer issue looks at the early battles against COVID-19 in West Virginia, the 1960 primary, an enigmatic relationship between slave owner Sam Cabell and his slave Mary Barnes, fond memories of a grandmother from Duhring (Mercer County), the Today Show’s 1965 broadcast of that year’s July 4 celebration in Ripley, an oral history of Elkins railroad worker and musician Philmore Kelley, a cherished plot of 55 acres of farmland near Walker (Wood County), a mountaintop wedding during World War II near Laeger (McDowell County), the struggle to integrate African-American teachers into traditionally white schools in Summers County, the devastating 1977 flood in Mingo County, the lives of a farm family in Pocahontas County, and a tribute to the late Joe DePollo and his twin brother, John, beloved accordionists in Thomas (Tucker County).

In all during FY 2019-20, Goldenseal shared stories from 27 of our state’s 55 counties:

- Barbour
- Boone
- Brooke
- Doddridge
- Gilmer
- Greenbrier
- Hancock
- Harrison
- Jackson
- Kanawha
- McDowell
- Marion
- Mercer
- Mineral
- Mingo
- Monroe
- Morgan
- Nicholas
- Ohio
- Pendleton
- Pocahontas
- Randolph
- Ritchie
- Summers
- Tucker
- Wayne
- Wood
FY2019 TOTAL EXPENDITURES: $13,831,996.82*

*Total expenditures do not include the Commission for National and Community Services aka Volunteer West Virginia.
### Archives and History Commission

**Frederick H. Armstrong**, Charleston (Kanawha County)  
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**Laura Carroll**, Wheeling (Ohio County)  
**Robert S. Conte**, White Sulphur Springs (Greenbrier County)  
**Nat DeBruin**, Huntington (Cabell County)  
**Joseph N. Geiger Jr.**, Huntington (Cabell County)  
**Darlene Hassler**, Harpers Ferry (Jefferson County)  
**Hannah Law**, Morgantown (Monongalia County)  
**Dr. Charles Ledbetter**, Scott Depot (Putnam County)  
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**Audy Perry**, Huntington (Cabell County)  
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**J. Logan Smith**, Elkins (Randolph County)  
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*EX-OFFICIO NONVOTING MEMBER*

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**Jerry Rose**, Beckley (Raleigh County)  
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**John Strickland**, Charleston (Kanawha County)  
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**Lance Schrader**, Arts Section Director

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**Jenelle Armstrong**, Registered P.E., South Charleston (Kanawha County)  
**Greg Barton**, General Public 1, Ellenboro (Ritchie County)  
**Michael Price**, General Public 2, Wheeling (Ohio County)  
**Randall Reid-Smith**, Commissioner of WVDACH, Barboursville (Cabell County)  

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**Lee Cassis**, House Appointee  
**Joe Armstrong**, Supreme Court Appointee  
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**Joseph Armstrong**, Interim Admin Director, Supreme Court Appeals  
**Joshua Spence**, Director, Governor’s Office of Technology