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# GROWTH RINGS

APPALACHIAN FOREST NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA NEWSLETTER



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Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area promotes and supports a network of partnerships based around our unique Forest Heritage. We work in 16 West Virginia counties and 2 counties in Western Maryland.

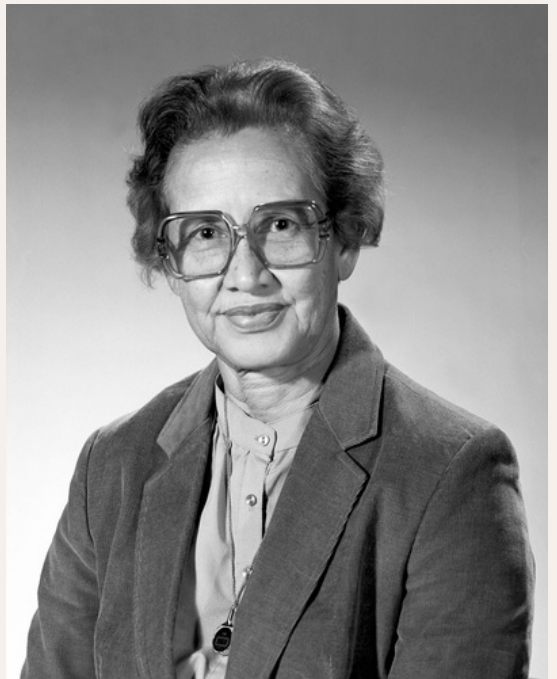
To learn more about us and the work we do, including our AmeriCorps program, visit [afnha.org](http://afnha.org).



## Happy Women's History Month

We have created a new list of educational resources with information about historic women from Garrett, Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, and Tucker counties.

**[Click here](#)** to learn more on our website!



Left: First lady Eleanor Roosevelt in Arthurdale. Right: NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson.

# AFNHA Gift Shop

We have taken our gift shop in the Appalachian Forest Discovery Center online! Here you can find all the usual items we carry such as books, t-shirts, jams, postcards, and other local products. Plus we have some brand-new items including hickory syrup! At the moment purchases are limited to in-person pickup in Elkins, but we will soon offer shipping and will add even more items.

View our inventory at [www.appalachianforestnha.org/afnha-gifts](http://www.appalachianforestnha.org/afnha-gifts)



Appalachian Forest Jams and Jellies

\$10.00



Hickory Syrup

\$15.00



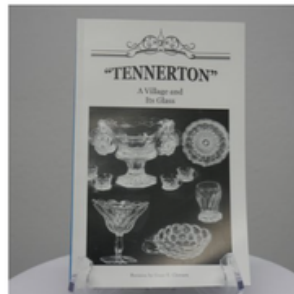
AFNHA T-Shirt

\$20.00



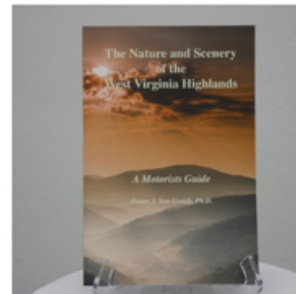
Snowshoe Story

\$10.00 ~~\$15.00~~



Tennerton Glass

\$13.50



WV Nature and Scenery

\$30.00

# Appalachian Forest Volunteers

Introducing our new Volunteer Program! AFV allows individuals to find volunteer opportunities in our region and gives organizations the ability to list ongoing needs or upcoming projects and recruit volunteers. Other benefits include access to our Volunteer Management Handbook, volunteer time tracking tools, eligibility for the President's Volunteer Service Award, and more. Stay tuned as we expand our network this year to include more organizations and volunteer opportunities.

Register as an agency to recruit volunteers, or register as an individual to follow volunteer opportunities in your area. Register now at <https://afnha.galaxydigital.com>

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

May 6 | [Red Spruce Planting](#) | Kumbrabow State Forest

May 22 | [Seneca Rocks Adventure Camp](#) | Seneca Rocks Discovery Center

April 22 | [Philippi Cemetery Cleanup](#)

Ongoing | [Transcriptionist](#) | Hardy County CVB



# AmeriCorps Applications

## Site Applications Open for the 2023-24 Term

Applications are now open to host an AmeriCorps Member for project-based positions that support asset improvement or educational stewardship related to environmental conservation and/or community/cultural heritage development. Sponsor sites must be non-profit or governmental organizations within the 16 West Virginia AFNHA counties. See our website for instructions or email Program Manager Chrissy Hall at [chrissyh@afnha.org](mailto:chrissyh@afnha.org)

## AmeriCorps Positions are still available for the 2022-23 Term

AFNHA AmeriCorps members provide a year of service, allowing an individual to benefit local communities, assets, and landscapes while gaining professional development, strengthening their own skills, and following their passions. AFNHA pairs talented individuals with partner organizations helping to fulfill our mission.

### Available Conservation, Heritage & Community Development Positions:

- ✓ AFNHA Heritage Tourism
- ✓ Arthurdale Heritage Inc.
- ✓ Beverly Heritage Center
- ✓ Monongahela National Forest: Mon Forest Towns
- ✓ Tourism Positions in Pocahontas, Mineral, Nicholas, and Hampshire Counties
- ✓ WV Railroad Museum

To learn more about our positions visit our website

<https://www.appalachianforestnha.org/positions>



# Events

Click links for more info

- March 17-19 | [School of Rock](#) | Landes Arts Center  
March 18 | [St. Patrick's Day Parade](#) | Mt. Nebo  
March 18 | [Mountain State Maple Days](#) | Statewide  
March 18-19 | [Pickens Maple Syrup Festival](#)  
March 19 | [West Virginia Free Ski Day](#) | Snowshoe Mountain Resort  
March 23 | [Celebrate Native Plants webinar](#) | Evergreen Heritage Center  
March 25 | [Mineral County STEM Festival](#) | Potomac State College  
March 26 | [Winter Farmers Market](#) | Oakland  
March 29 | [Pendleton Co EDA Roundtable](#) | Lodestar Mountain Inn  
March 31-April 4 | [Berkeley Springs Film Festival](#) | Star Theater  
April 1 | [Wild Water Weekend](#) | Webster Springs  
April 1 | [Craft and Vendor Fair](#) | Preston County Youth Center  
April 8 | [Lewisburg Chocolate Festival](#)  
April 14 | [Philippi Art Stroll](#)  
April 22 | [Main Street Arts Festival](#) | Buckhannon  
April 22 | [Earth Day at the Farm Fest](#) | Wardensville Garden Market  
April 22-23 | [Canaan Valley Half Marathon](#)  
April 27-30 | [World League FlingGolf](#) regional event | Capon Springs & Farms  
The [West Virginia Wildlife Center](#) is offering free admission until April 1st  
Live music Fridays at [Braxton County Jamboree](#)  
SAVE THE DATE: AFNHA Annual Stakeholder Meeting May 22nd in Lewisburg

## Other Regional News

Deer Park featured in [Baltimore Magazine](#)

Lost River featured in [AAA Magazine](#)



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