



Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center

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Preserving Our History and Culture For Future Generations

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Upcoming Events:

- **March 5, 2009**
History Day at the WV State Capital. WAMCC will have a table display.
- **May 16, 2009**
"Festival of Nations" sponsored by WAMCC at Weirton Millsop Community Center

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February News:

Michael Nogay Speaks About Holliday's Cove Fort

Local attorney and author, Michael Edward Nogay, recently delivered two excellent presentations about Holliday's Cove and the history of forts in our area from the year 1775 thru 1795. Dennis Jones, President of the Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center, assisted Mr. Nogay by preparing and facilitating an associated powerpoint presentation. Mr. Nogay explained the various types of reference materials available and pointed out the most reliable sources for that time period, which include the pension application records of soldiers and notes of the great revolutionary historian, Dr. Lyman Draper.

The first presentation was delivered to the Downtown Weirton Rotary Club on January 7, and the second presentation was delivered on February 14 at the Mary H. Weir Public



Michael Nogay is shown explaining the cover of his first book. Permission was courteously granted by the artist, John Buxton, to use his painting titled "A Fearful Noise" on the cover.

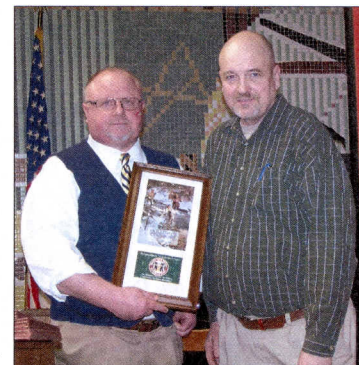
Library. Several copies of his book titled "Western Virginia's First Defense Along the Ohio River: Holliday's Cove Fort" were sold with all proceeds going to the Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center. WAMCC Vice President Pam Makricosta, who also serves as "Literacy & Lifelong Learning Coordinator" at the Mary H. Weir Public Library, organized

the February 14th event. Other WAMCC members helping at the event included Andrea Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. John Pandelios, and Paul B. Zuros. In addition to being very thankful to Mr. Nogay, the Museum is also grateful to the staff of Mary H. Weir Public Library, including Director Rik Rekowski and Asst. Director Pat Barnett.

History Preservation Award

WAMCC's first "History Preservation Award" was presented to Michael Nogay by Museum President Dennis Jones. This first "Preservation Award" is a framed copy of Mr. Nogay's first book about Holliday's Cove Fort, including the

words "In Appreciation for Helping Preserve Our History and Culture for Future Generations." Over 700 copies of the book have been sold, and Mr. Nogay has graciously donated all proceeds to Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center.



Michael Nogay (l) and Dennis Jones (r)

WAMCC's "Main Street Memories" Photo Gallery Exhibited



Above: Victor Greco (left) and Chuck Cronin (right) reminisce in front of a photo of Main Street, taken in lower Weirton during the all-time record snowstorm of Thanksgiving - 1950. Photo courtesy of Angelina Dickenson, Weirton Daily Times reporter

On February 3, the Weirton Area Museum and Culture Center exhibited a huge photo gallery titled "Main Street Memories" in the Rose Room at the Millsop Community Center. Over 40 large historic photos of Main Street in Weirton and Holliday's Cove were included in the show, as part of a presentation by the Museum for the Downtown Weirton Business and Civic Association's "Lunch & Learn" session.

At the beginning of the event, Senator Edwin J. Bowman was honored and received the DBCA's first "Downtown Champion Award" for the funding and improvements he has brought into the community.

The award was presented to Senator Bowman by DBCA President Gus Monezis and DBCA Chairman Dan Guida.

Museum President, Dennis Jones, delivered a powerpoint presentation about the formation of Weirton in year 1909 in northern Holliday's Cove and eventual incorporation of the new City of Weirton in 1947. Museum member John Pandelios spoke about the first business owners in Weirton and pointed out several locations on the historic photos.

WAMCC will be displaying its historic photo galleries at various public places throughout 2009, Weirton's 100th Anniversary.

Historic Vinyl Disc Recordings Donated to WAMCC



The above Vinyl "audiodiscs," which were donated to WAMCC by Dr. Ray S. Greco, are recordings of the Weirton General Hospital Dedication, which took place on August 14, 1953, on Weircrest, the hilltop north of downtown Weirton. The discs were recorded at speeds that varied from 78 RPM to 33 RPM from outside to inside of record.

On November 7, 2008, Dr. Raymond S. Greco donated three 78 RPM vinyl discs, which are recordings of the Weirton General Hospital dedication, on August 14, 1953. The voices of E. T. Weir (founder of Weirton), Mayor Thomas E. Millsop, Dan Sweaney (City Manager), Dr. A. R. Mansberger (Methodist Minister), and Msgr. D. P. Murphy (Catholic Priest) can be heard as they speak to the large crowd. The Weirton Steel Male Chorus,

led by William Niesslein, provided several musical selections for the event. You can also hear occasional train whistles down below along the river and airplanes flying overhead. These recordings will now be preserved in the archives of WAMCC.

Museum member Paul J. Zuros, who is a History Major at WVU, recorded the contents of the vinyl discs onto a CD for convenient listening at the Museum.

Efforts Being Made to Restore "Historic" Holliday's Cove

Last fall and early this year, the idea of locating an archway as you enter Cove Road from the east was introduced to officials and citizens of Weirton. Weirton Attorney Michael Nogay originated the "Arch" idea, and WAMCC President Dennis Jones made an illustration of the concept on a powerpoint slide (shown at right). The slide shows how it might look if the arch was installed over Cove Road trumpeting the historic importance of Holliday's Cove. The opinion of

many city leaders echoes the thought: "If you build it, they will come," meaning that area improvements, restoration of Holliday's Cove Fort, and a perhaps a new Weirton Museum could follow the arch installation.

The area of Cove Road shown at right was the site of the first toll gate of the Holliday's Cove Turnpike, surveyed in 1838. The toll gate was later used as a boundary marker between Brooke County and Hancock County in 1848.

