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"My whole thesis is that you can't understand America until you understand Appalachia." Author Jeff Biggers (The United States of Appalachia)

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Latest News

Appalachian Scholarship Fund

We have kept this program as a focus for the past two issues in order to raise awareness and highlight the need for more educational opportunities in Appalachia.

According some statistics from the Appalachian Regional Commission (2011):

**Per capita personal income in Appalachia is about 20% below the national average;*

**Per capita investment income in Appalachia is about 30% below the national average;*

**Most counties in Appalachia have lost population in the previous decade;*

**College graduation rates are lower than the national average. It is estimated that less than 12% of adults in Central Appalachia have college degrees.*

Although these numbers are showing some slight improvement, it is vital that we provide more opportunities to help our young and bright students with post high school education. Over time we would love to see the brain drain from Appalachia stop and actually see a reversal of fortunes as people move back to Appalachia and bring with them their skills and ambitions for a brighter future. There is a lot of work needed in building a diversified economy in those parts of Appalachia that need it the most. Providing educational opportunities is one key to the long term success of our most economically depressed areas.

If you are reading this, could you spare \$10 or \$20 to add to the Appalachian Scholarship Fund?

If you are an individual that would like to donate to the Scholarship Fund, you can make your check payable to Appalachian Scholarship Fund and mail to Foundation For Appalachian Advancement, P.O. Box 397, Richlands, VA 24641. We are hoping to provide 15-20 scholarships. Donations are tax deductible. We appreciate your support, and I'm sure the students that receive the scholarships will as well!

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FYI

TAKE A DAY OFF AND ENJOY THE BEST OF APPALACHIA

For many of us, we work very hard and look forward to this time of year...summer vacation. Most of us travel further south to locations like Myrtle Beach or Clearwater, Florida and everywhere in between. However, we don't have to look very far to find a place to sit by the water with a good book, friends and family. We are fortunate to have numerous lakes here in central Appalachia where we can take a long weekend, or invite others from outside of the area to come and visit and tour what we have to offer. Among these are Paintsville Lake (KY), South Holston Lake (VA), Claytor Lake (VA), Hungry Mother's Park (VA), Boone Lake (TN) and Fishtrap Lake (KY).

In Eastern Kentucky alone you can experience the scenic beauty of the mountains, horse trails, hiking trails, state parks and lakes, touring a cave or playing golf. In addition you'll find places to enjoy Appalachian arts, history, crafts, museums and live music as we celebrate our culture.

Fishtrap Lake, near Pikeville, KY is a man-made lake with plenty of amenities for lodging, boating, fishing and hiking. With so much beauty in our back yard, we don't have to travel far for a relaxing weekend filled with adventure.

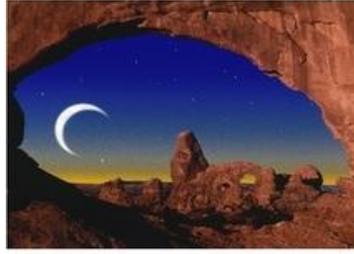


Artist's Corner

Artist of the Month—Jack Russell Rose, Author

Jack Russell Rose is a native of Southwest Virginia and is a Board member of the Appalachian Authors Guild. Mr. Rose is certainly well travelled having lived in Richmond, VA for college before serving in the USAF. Later, after leaving the military he began his career in the insurance industry that took him to Texas before finally making his way back home in the late 1980's. His experiences during his travels have served as an inspiration for his work.

Looking Down on the Moon



J Russell Rose

“After returning to Virginia, I began writing down stories based on the places we had seen and the people we had met,” Rose says on his bio page. “Texas and the Western Mountains of New Mexico and Colorado provide the backdrop for *Looking Down on the Moon* and *Missing*.”

You can find more about Mr. Rose and purchase his books online at his website www.jrussellroseauthor.com.

Writing a Book?

Appalachian Authors Guild

Writers of nearly every genre find it important to belong to a writer’s association that they are comfortable with. There are countless organizations out there, but we would like to draw attention to the Appalachian Authors Guild. Joining a writers group is helpful for meeting fellow writers and sharing best practices when it comes to starting and completing your book. This is especially true for newer writers. You can visit the AAG online at www.appalachianauthors.com.

Online

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