



## Foundation For Appalachian Advancement

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*"Logic will get you  
from A to B.  
Imagination will take  
you everywhere."-  
Albert Einstein*

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### **Latest News**

We've been spreading the word about our Coalfield Assistance Program across Southwest Virginia and well into the counties of Eastern Kentucky in a campaign to educate the public about the Foundation For Appalachian Advancement and our goals and mission throughout the region. We have received nothing but positive feedback about the need for such a program and the need for economic diversification and hope that this program will develop as a staple program for the organization well into the future.

The Board of Directors met on February 27 to discuss adding several new programs in addition to the Coalfield Assistance Program and Appalachia Streaming (highlighted in the February newsletter.) We are now accepting donations for the following programs:

**Appalachian Scholarship Fund:** The Appalachian Scholarship Fund will be available for graduating high school seniors within the area of operation for the FAA. Scholarships awards will be decided by committee based on criteria set by the committee and based on available funds.

**Mountain Gardens:** The FAA is accepting donations for Mountain Gardens, a community garden program to help provide food to needy families and regional food banks.

**Appalachian Heritage Festival:** The FAA will be working to establish an annual music festival to include artists from all across Appalachia to promote our culture and promote the live shows and recordings of its artists.

**Appalachian Writers Forum:** The FAA will be working to coordinate a writer's retreat to include guest speakers and opportunity to promote published works to the public.

**Appalachian Film Festival:** FAA will be working on an annual Appalachian film festival to promote and celebrate the work of regional filmmakers and documentarians.

**Appalachian Pathway of Arts:** The Pathway will be a multi-year project with the goal of establishing "artistic ports" for artist of all kinds to celebrate and promote their work and our Appalachian heritage. The vision of this project is to have numerous locations in "art friendly" communities where musicians, painters, writers, storytellers, etc., can share their art stretching from New York to Mississippi. It's a way for Appalachian artists to more easily find venues to share our particular regional culture. For example, having locations where artists from Central Appalachia can share their work in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and even New York. It would also be beneficial so artists from Alabama and Georgia could showcase in New York and Central Appalachia. This project will also require a significant number of volunteers from the artistic communities throughout Appalachia.

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## **FYI**

### **MIDDLE CREEK NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD**

Appalachia is home to many historical locations. It's nearly impossible to take a short drive through any part of our region without passing places of historical significance or with fascinating histories that are important to local lore.

Eastern Kentucky is home to many such places. A short drive through Floyd County on your way to Mountain Parkway is one such place. It is home to Middle Creek National Battlefield established by the Middle Creek National Battlefield Foundation that plans to develop the site to include a visitor's center, a research library, and other attractions.

The Battle of Middle Creek took place on January 10, 1862 between Confederate troops led by Brigadier General Humphrey Marshall and Union troops led by Col. James Garfield. This battle was of specific significance because it was an example of how the Civil War truly pitted brother against brother and neighbor against neighbor. It was important to President Lincoln that his home state of Kentucky remain a part of the Union and a military victory was badly needed by Union forces at this point in the war.

The victory in this battle put a spotlight on a small town college professor that led Union forces and eventually propelled James Garfield to the presidency of the United States. You can learn more about this site and its fascinating Civil War history at [www.middlecreek.org](http://www.middlecreek.org).

### **Artist's Corner**

#### **Artist of the Month—Linda Hudson Hoagland**

This month's Artist of a Month is a Tazewell County, VA native and award winning author of nice fiction books and six non-fiction books, as well as author of poetry and short stories. Linda Hudson Hoagland, a retired public school employee, and a proud mother of two, has published some amazing work. Linda also presides over the Appalachian Authors Guild. Her works include the series of Lindsay Harris Murder Mysteries, Crooked Road Stalker, and her non-fiction book Living Life For Others, the story of Tommy Jones, a mountain man out of West Virginia that lived in poverty but focused his life on helping other in need.

We recently caught up with Linda and asked her what inspired her to start writing. "From the first day I held a book in my hand I wanted my name to appear on the spine of a book," she said. "But life got in the way and after start and restart were endured many times, I realized that the years were passing me by and I had to do it or stop dreaming. The age of fifty arrived and I finally got the lead out!"

You can visit Linda online at [www.lindasbooksandangels.com](http://www.lindasbooksandangels.com) to purchase her books and see her book signing and speaking schedule. Thanks for being our Artist of the Month!

### **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](http://www.appalachianauthors.com).

### **Thoughts or Suggestions**

If you have any thoughts or suggestions on how we can best be effective in your community please touch base with us. You can email us at [info@supportappalachia.org](mailto:info@supportappalachia.org) or by visiting us online and sharing your comments through our Contact page.

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Thank you!

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