



**Bluefield Historical Society**

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Dear members,

The Bluefield Historical Society will have its annual meeting on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Peter and Patricia Taylor; 409 Monterey Hill, Bluefield, West Virginia. We encourage you to bring your favorite appetizer to our meeting. Beverages will be provided.

The Bluefield Historical Society was quite busy this past year acquitting the Kawai grand piano for the Bluefield Arts Center. We thank all our members that made this possible. We also appreciate the 36 donors that gave additional money. Our donors are Dafney Peters, Bill and Brownie Cole, Norma Mahood-Bay, Lecia Smith, Terry Whittington, David Hardin, Terry and Thelma Kelly Whittington, Joe Sanders, Jackie Karnes and Brenda Bowling, Ron and Gail Satterfield, Dickie and Julie Johnson, Peter and Patricia Taylor, John and Carol Biggs, Pete and Debbie Sarver, Debrah Ammar, Wayne, Cindy and Chas Stonestreet, Ronny Martin, Robbie Linkous, Mary Jane Ammar, Dennis and Mary Pullins, and Norris and Doris Sue Kantor.

We were able to purchase a dolly to put the piano on and a quilted cover to protect the finish. Concert Music World, Cecil Marson and several city workers helped to move the piano. Linda Whalen and Brian Tracy made an appeal for donors on WVVA. Harold Brown helped with his expert advice. Andy Lyford Piano Works in Martinsville, Virginia, tuned the piano. The band in Lewisburg played it for the Winter Warmer. David Hardin installed the Kawai grand piano plaque in the theater at the Arts Center. David Hardin and I worked diligently on this project.

Our project this past couple of years has been to publish the book, Beautiful Bluefield, in conjunction with the Bluefield Beautification Commission. This is a fundraiser for the Commission. The book costs \$55.00 and if shipped, an additional charge of \$14.00. You may call David's Downtown Restaurant at (304) 325-8145 to obtain a book or visit [www.beautifulbluefield.com](http://www.beautifulbluefield.com) to order online.

The Beautification Commission is also selling ornaments of Mitchell Stadium and the Granada Theater for \$20.00 each. If shipped, there is an additional fee of \$5.00. The Bluefield Beautification Commission will sponsor a garden tour this summer on Saturday, July 22, 2023.

Yours truly,

**Terry Whittington**

President and Bluefield Historical Society Board