



LIBRARY NEWS

WINTER 2010

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**Appalachian
Music Masters
Concert**
Saturday, March 20
7:30 P.M.
Christiansburg
High School

**Barter Youth
Theater**
March 6,
2 P.M.
Lyric Theater
Blacksburg

**Friends of the
Library
Membership
Drive**
Last week of
January
JOIN US!!

Appalachian Music Masters Concert

Presented by:
Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Foundation
Floyd Friends of the Library
Montgomery Friends of the Library

One of the distinct aspects of Appalachian culture, admired and studied worldwide is its music, and our region is blessed with many acknowledged masters of the music. On Saturday, March 20, Appalachian music lovers can hear 13 of these masters in concert at 7:30 pm at Christiansburg High School. The concert evolved from a recent recording of the legendary 5-Time World Champion Fiddler, Buddy Pendleton from Patrick County. Mr. Pendleton will be joined on stage by the 12 master musicians who helped make the recording entitled *"Buddy Pendleton & Friends – Gems From A Master Fiddler"*.

The concert will feature many well known artists who are collaborating for the first time. They include Olen Gardner, Jack Hinshelwood, John Hollandsworth, Doug Jernigan, Larry Kirkland, Tim Sauls, Sammy Shelor, Herschel Sizemore, George Smith, Jeanette Williams, Johnny Williams, and Tyler Williams. These talented and respected musicians are all are masters of their respective styles and instruments and their contributions to the Bluegrass and Old-Time music of the Appalachians can hardly be overstated. With their various talents as musicians, composers, luthiers, producers, promoters, authors and teachers, these artists have influenced thousands of aspiring musicians and music appreciators.

The recording *"Gems From A Master Fiddler"* was the brainchild of Larry Kirkland, the group's bass player. Larry played bass with Grand Ole Opry star Ernie Ashworth and ran a bluegrass festival featuring Bill Monroe for many years, so he was familiar with great fiddling when he met Buddy at the famous Galax Fiddler's Convention. It wasn't long afterwards that he approached guitarist and fiddler Jack Hinshelwood with the idea of putting together a recording project with Buddy. As Jack says, "There was no lack of enthusiasm among the musicians that were asked to join the project, which is a testament to the respect they have for Buddy's music".

The credentials of these music masters are indeed impressive. Mandolinist Herschel Sizemore has a Bluegrass Instrumental Album of the Year Award from the International Bluegrass Music Association and his instrumental tune *"Rebecca"* has become a standard in bluegrass repertoire. Banjo player Sammy Shelor, perhaps best known as the leader of the popular Lonesome River Band, was inducted into the Virginia Music Hall of Fame in 2009. Doug Jernigan, a dobro phenom, first played with Jim & Jessie McReynolds as a teenager, and is probably best known as a member of the International Steel Guitar Hall of Fame. Singer Jeanette Williams' *"Thank You For Caring"* recording with country legend George Jones went to No. 1 on Cashbox Magazine's RockyGrass chart. The accolades for the accomplishments of these musicians go on and on.

Concert continued-

The concert will feature much of the music from the recording. As Jack describes it: "A wide cross section of Appalachian music that showcases the wonderful variety present in the music. We have two hundred year-old fiddle tunes mixing with modern bluegrass standards, autoharps sharing the stage with dobros, and hornpipes taking turns with waltzes. Parlor tunes, duet vocals, four part gospel tunes, flat pick and fingerpick guitar, clawhammer and three finger style banjo – you name it, the variety is present in so many aspects." Despite this amazing variety, the songs and tunes do have one thing in common – they have withstood the test of time to become deeply embedded in the Appalachian music repertoire. Each one is a gem treasured by people who know and love Appalachian music.

The Appalachian Music Masters Concert is being presented jointly by the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Foundation, the Floyd Friends of the Library, and the Montgomery Friends of the Library. Proceeds from the concert will be shared by the three sponsoring organizations to help support the Library's mission to "*strengthen the community by providing individuals with access to information, experiences and ideas*". Tickets are \$18 in advance (through March 13) at any Library branch (Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Floyd or Shawsville) and \$20 after March 13 and at the door. For more information contact Linda Spivey at 540 382-6965, ext. 21 or visit the Library's website at www.montgomery-floyd.lib.va.us. Don't miss this truly unique and significant event in Appalachian music!!

MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS PRESIDENT

Friends of the Library are off and running as we start our new year. Our annual membership drive will be held during the last week of January. Ann Groves, our Membership Chairperson and committee will be phoning for volunteers to take a shift to staff the membership table at each library. If we do not see you at the libraries the last week in January, please renew your annual membership by filling out and mailing the form provided in this Newsletter. Thank you for your support and help!

The Friends of Montgomery County Libraries is a voluntary, non-profit organization whose purpose is to help strengthen the resources of the Library. By becoming a member, individual citizens through-out the area demonstrate their support of the libraries and its great potential for service to residents of all our communities an unparalleled means of enriching their lives.

Mark the dates. March 6th, 2 p.m. for the Barter Theater children's play at the Lyric Theater in Blacksburg.

Also, save the date and attend the Appalachian Music Masters Concert to be held on March 20th, at the Christiansburg High School. This concert will feature the best in Appalachian music by recognized masters, coming from a wide area to perform. (Please read the article and concert description in this newsletter) You will not want to miss this special evening. This promises to be a major fundraiser for the three groups who are sponsoring the event: Montgomery Friends of the Library, Floyd Friends of the Library, and the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Foundation. We always appreciate donations to offset the cost of the event, if you are interested in helping please contact me at, 382-1737.

I cannot close this message without expressing a huge thank you for all of our member volunteers who so willingly give of their time to help with all of our events, fund raisers, and programs through-out the year. We could not do it without you!!!

Carol McAlister, President

BARTER YOUTH THEATER AT LYRIC, MARCH 6TH

Sponsored by Friends of the Library, the Barter Players will present "Billy-Goat-Gruff" at 2 p.m. performance held at the Lyric Theater in Blacksburg, on Saturday, March 6th. The performance is free for children and families in our area.

The play is a musical tale of Billy, Goat, and Gruff, three goat brothers who go on an adventure to search for food before the harsh winter snow descends upon their mountain. Don't miss the best new children's musical you've seen in years! Recommended for all ages.

Friends of the Library are once again happy to bring the Barter Youth Theater to our area for a free performance for the community. Funds raised from our Garden Tour and the daily used book sales in each of our libraries, go toward funding this special event. We hope to greet you once again at the theater in March; save the date and watch for more details and reminders in poster form at the Libraries.

MONTGOMERY-FLOYD REGIONAL LIBRARY

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SPECIAL EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2010

There will be no Storytime January 18.

Storytimes at the Blacksburg Library.

Tots 15-24 months - Mondays at 9:30 a.m.
Toddlers 2-3 years - Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
Preschoolers 4-5 years – Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.
Saturday Storytimes at 11:00 a.m.

Storytimes at the Christiansburg Library.

Tots 15-24 months - Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
Toddlers 2-3 years - Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
Preschoolers 4-5 years – Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Storytimes at the Meadowbrook Public Library, Shawsville.

Toddlers 2-3 years – Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
Saturday Storytimes at 11:00 a.m.

Happy Hands Saturday at the Christiansburg Library.

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 all day.

The craft table is available all day on Saturdays at the Christiansburg Library for children to make a simple craft to take home.

Talking About Movies at the Christiansburg Library.

Monday, January 4 at 2:00 p.m.

Bring a friend to watch Leonardo DiCaprio as Frank Abagnale, a master of deception who passes himself off as a pilot, a lawyer, and a doctor – all before his 21st birthday. Tom Hanks plays the FBI agent hot on his trail.

Make and Take Paper Bag Owls

Monday, January 4 at the Jessie Peterman Library, Floyd.

Come in any time to make a paper bag owl to take home.

Make & Take Tuesday at the Christiansburg Library.

January 5, 12, 19, 26 all day.

The craft table is available all day on Tuesdays at the Christiansburg Library for children to make a simple craft to take home.

Talking about Books at the Christiansburg Library.

Wednesday, January 6 at 11:00 a.m.

This month we're discussing *The Fabric of America: How Our Borders and Boundaries Shaped Our Country and Forged Our National Identity* by Andro Linklater. Bring your ideas and comments about "the history of the United States within the prism of real estate." We'll have coffee, tea and cookies.

Talking About Books, the library's book discussion group.

Wednesday, January 6, 6:00 p.m. at the Meadowbrook Public Library, Shawsville.

We will be reading *Firefly Lane* by Kristen Hannah. Join us for coffee and great discussion. Call to reserve your copy.

Wonderful First Wednesdays

Wednesday, January 6, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Blacksburg Library

Winterful First Wednesday, join your friends at the library for a fun filled family night of snow, ice and everything in between.

We will explore books, crafts, and snow science. Come inside and enjoy the freeze!

Knits of the Round Table for Adults

Wednesday, January 6, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Gather your yarn and knitting projects for an evening of knitting and chatting. Staff member Shelley will help you with your knitting pattern questions.

Activities continued-

Blacksburg Library's Reel Fun Classics for Seniors

Wednesday, January 6, 10:00 a.m.

Join us for coffee/hot chocolate and a movie on the big screen. See one of the most memorable of all film experiences starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman!

Not Rated.

Blacksburg Library's Game On! A program for gaming enthusiasts

Friday, January 8 and January 22, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Come play Rock Band 2 on the big screen! Try your hand at Super Smash Bros. on the Wii, or play any number of board and card games! Bring your favorite game and show us how to play.

Movie Madness at the Jessie Peterman Library, Floyd.

Saturday, January 9 at 2:00 p.m.

Inventor Flint Lockwood creates a machine that makes clouds rain food, allowing the citizens of Chewandswallow to feed themselves. But when the falling food gets out of control, Flint must scramble to avert disaster. Can he regain control of the machine and put an end to the wild weather before the town is destroyed?

Annual Friends of the Library Holiday Home Tour at Glenanna

Saturday, January 9 at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 and 2:00 p.m.

Join us at lovely Glenanna, on the National Historic Register, for a peek at the decorations and the house itself. Your host will be Sam Moore and he tells wonderful stories about his family home. The Lawton House Inn will also be available for tours on Saturday following each of the Glenanna tours. Tickets are \$10 per person and each tour is limited to 10 people so sign up early. Guests are reminded to bring their ticket for admittance to the homes. If Saturday fills up completely, tours will be added on Sunday, January 10. Call the library at 745-2947 to reserve your spot.

SO, YOU WANT TO BE A BEEKEEPER?!

Now is the time to start for 2010. Get the answers to all your questions!

Saturday, January 9 - 1:00 pm, Christiansburg Library.

Saturday, January 16 - 11:00 am, Jessie Peterman Library.

Saturday, January 23- 1:00 pm, Blacksburg Library.

Saturday, January 30 - 1:00 pm, Meadowbrook Public Library.

Sponsored by the New River Valley Beekeepers Association.

EastMont Massage Therapy. Sunday, January 10, 2:00 p.m. at the Meadowbrook Public Library, Shawsville.

Massage therapist Amy Shea will talk about the history of massage and discuss the many health benefits of body work. You'll also have the opportunity to participate in an interactive presentation on basic hand and shoulder massage. Amy graduated from Blue Ridge School of Massage & Yoga and became a nationally certified massage therapist in June 2009. She currently practices from her home in Ironto as well as at Meadowbrook Center in Shawsville.

Microsoft Word Computer Class

10 a.m. -12 noon. Register at the library or by phone.

Monday, January 11 -Meadowbrook Public Library, 268-1964.

Tuesday, January 12 - Jessie Peterman Library, 745-2947.

Wednesday, January 13 - Blacksburg Library, 552-8246.

Thursday, January 14 - Christiansburg Library, 382-6965.

Make and Take a Hat

Monday, January 11 at the Jessie Peterman Library, Floyd.

Come in any time and celebrate "National Hat Day" by making a hat.

Blacksburg Library's Reel Fun Movies for Families

Monday, January 11, 6:00 p.m.

Based on a popular children's book, this animated movie tells the story of a scientist who tries to solve world hunger. Imagine everyone's surprise when it starts raining meatballs!

Rated PG.

Children's Activity Table.

January 12 -17 at the Meadowbrook Public Library, Shawsville.

Activities continued-

Floyd Holistic Healthcare Series at the Jessie Peterman Library, Floyd.

Tuesday, January 12 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m

Quantum-Biofeedback with Christine Behrens

Floyd's holistic practitioners will show off their areas of expertise every other Tuesday night for at least the next 5 months. First up is Christine Behrens, a Certified Quantum Biofeedback Touch Practitioner with 35 years of experience with alternative healing modalities. She will present a Power Point presentation and brief demonstration on Quantum Biofeedback as well as a brief discussion of the concept of energy medicine and various applications such as Quantum-Touch, Scalar-Laser cold laser treatments and other modalities such as homeopathy and Bach flower remedies.

Evening Book Talk at the Christiansburg Library.

Wednesday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Looking for a book group that meets in the evening? Try us! This month we'll discuss *Jim the Boy* by Tony Early. The book is about a ten year old North Carolina boy and the uncles who raise him. Coffee and tea are provided.

Talking About Books, the library's book discussion group.

Thursday, January 14 from 2 :00- 3:00 p.m. at the Jessie Peterman Library, Floyd.

Join us for a discussion of Garth Stein's *The Art of Racing in the Rain*. "Enzo knows he is different from other dogs: a philosopher with a nearly human soul, he has educated himself by watching television extensively and by listening very closely to the words of his master, an up-and-coming race car driver. *The Art of Racing in the Rain* is a beautifully crafted and captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life as only a dog could tell it.

Talking About Books, the library's book discussion group.

Thursday, January 14, 11:00 a.m. at the Meadowbrook Public Library, Shawsville.

We will be reading *Snowflower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See. Join us for coffee and great discussion. Call to reserve your copy.

Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Diamonds - Traditional and Alternative Burial Choices

Thursday, January 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Meadowbrook Public Library, Shawsville.

Isabel Berney, of the non-profit Funeral Consumers Alliance, will answer your questions about after-death arrangements.

This volunteer group exists as a public service to provide unbiased funeral information to consumers.

Friends of the Library at the Jessie Peterman Library, Floyd.

Thursday, January 14, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Join us for our regularly scheduled Friends of the Library meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our annual Friends of the Library Membership Drive will be Monday, January 25 – Sunday, January 31

Knit & Chat at the Christiansburg Library.

Sunday, January 17 at 2:00 p.m.

Bring yarn and needles and join in friendly chatter, how-to hints, project ideas and more on the third Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Newcomers and crotchet enthusiasts welcome.

Game On! A Program for Gaming Enthusiasts.

Tuesday, January 19, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Jessie Peterman Library

We have several new games including Monopoly Deal and Scrabble Slam. We also have Rock Band 2, Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros. Brawl, Wii Sports, and Mario Strikers Charged. Fun for the whole family.

Montgomery County Friends of the Library meet Tuesday, January 19, 3:00 p.m. at the Blacksburg Library.

Movie at Meadowbrook Public Library, Shawsville.

Tuesday, January 19, 2:00 p.m.

Based on the children's book, this animated adventure follows a scientist who tries to solve world hunger only to see things go awry as food falls from the sky in abundance. This is the most delicious event since macaroni met cheese. Rated PG.

Make and Take a Popcorn Lamb or Snowman

Tuesday, January 19, at the Jessie Peterman Library, Floyd.

Celebrate National Popcorn Day by making a lamb or snowman out of popcorn.

Movie at Meadowbrook Public Library, Shawsville.

Wednesday, January 20, 2:00 p.m.

A beautiful princess flees from her wicked stepmother and finds comfort with the seven dwarfs and love with the Prince in this enduring and magical tale. Rated G.

From the Director's Desk:

Happy New Year, Friends. At the November Board meetings, both FOL Boards approved our list of requests. Because of your generosity, we will again be able to offer wonderful programs during 2010, including crafts and the Summer Reading Program for all ages, and we'll be able to continue our subscription to the Book Page, which is free to our patrons each month. The Friends will fund a scholarship to help a staff member working on their Master's Degree in Library Science and we'll be able to contribute to the garden project at Meadowbrook. Thank you so much!

Our Foundation will have a busy spring as they kick off their campaign to build an endowment for the library. Having an endowment will help us weather the next economic downturn and keep the library system strong and healthy. They are planning dessert events at each of the libraries in March, April and May so stay tuned for more information about that, as well as the exciting concert to be held on March 20.

We are open 24/7 on the web at www.mfrl.org. Here you can see what is going on at the libraries or log into your account to renew an item, place a hold or just see what you have checked out. Maybe you want to research something in one of the many databases, download a book to your MP3 player from OverDrive or just see if we have a book or DVD in our collection. You can do it all at www.mfrl.org. Check it out and keep on reading!

—Paula Alston

Activities continued-

Mother/ Daughter Book Club

Wednesday, January 20, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the Blacksburg Library

We will be discussing: *The Whipping Boy*, by Sid Fleischman. Read the story of two boys who have nothing in common and even less reason to like one another. Girls between the ages of eight and eleven are welcome to attend with their moms or special adult friends. New members are always welcome. Limited copies of the book are available.

Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Board of Trustees will meet on Wednesday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Christiansburg Library.

FLOYD, Naturally! presents Gloria Gerritz

Thursday, January 21, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Jessie Peterman Library, Floyd.

Seed Planting Tips.

Gloria's presentation includes germination, seeds, time frames, sowing, hardening off, and potential problems. You'll learn a lot about planting and leave with seeds to sow at a more appropriate time.

Blacksburg Library's Writing Workshop,

Thursday, January 21, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Share and receive helpful writing tips! This group meets to read each other's work and offer critiques and suggestions. New participants are welcome! Facilitated by staff member and writer Amy.

Snowman Parade at the Christiansburg Library.

Saturday, January 23 at 11:00 a.m.

Children and their families are invited to come to the library dressed in white for snowmen stories, songs, and crafts. Make a carrot nose and join in the Snowman Parade.

Be(ad) Creative at the Christiansburg Library.

Sunday, January 24 at 2:00 p.m.

Adults and teens - bring your enthusiasm and creativity. We'll provide beads and supplies and help you make something uniquely beautiful.

Montgomery County Friends of the Library Membership drive will be Sunday, January 24– Saturday, January 30. Come in and join the Friends of the Library.

Make and Take a Kazoo

Monday, January 25 at the Jessie Peterman Library, Floyd.

Come in and celebrate National Kazoo Day by making your own to take home.

Activities continued-

Blacksburg Library's Reel Fun Movies for Dancers, Singers and Musicians

Monday, January 25, 6:00 p.m.

See this updated version of the 80's musical about the most gifted and talented students of the New York Academy of Performing Arts.

Rated PG.

Talking about Books, the library's book discussion group.

Monday, January 25, 11:00 a.m. at the Blacksburg Library.

Join us to discuss the book "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein. Drop in for conversation and coffee with fellow book lovers.

Floyd Holistic Healthcare Series at the Jessie Peterman Library, Floyd.

Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Ayurveda, The Science of Self-Healing with Aaron Staengl.

Aaron will explain the basic principles and theory of Ayurveda, the ancient medicinal system of India, and give some practical tools on how to understand each unique body's constitution as well as the Ayurvedic perspective on certain western and local herbs. Aaron is a Certified Practitioner by the Ayurvedic Institute in Albuquerque, NM.

A Piece of Cake

Wednesday, January 27 at the Jessie Peterman Library, Floyd.

Join us for our monthly "Piece of Cake" day. We'll have a cake to celebrate all the authors born during this month. To get a piece of the cake, patrons will have to correctly answer at least one question from a list of "Who Am I" questions.

Teen Open Mike Night

Wednesday January 27, 6:30 p.m. at the Blacksburg Library.

Back by popular demand! If you are in middle school, high school or college and would like to perform a work you have created, join us for this special night. Be sure to bring your friends and family. Work must be appropriate for all audiences and last no longer than 5 minutes.

Pokémon Club

Wednesday, January 27, 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Blacksburg Library.

Saturday, January 30, 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Jessie Peterman Library, Floyd.

Calling all Pokemon fans. Bring your trading cards and handheld devices and get ready for fun. Refreshments provided.

Improving Your Job Search Skills

Tips for Writing an Effective Resume & Preparing for an Interview

Please call 540-231-9331 to register.

Blacksburg Library

Thursday, January 28, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Thursday, February 25, 10:00 - 11:30 am

A Community Program Sponsored by Virginia Tech and the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library.

Make and Take – an Origami Craft for Children at the Blacksburg Library

Thursday, January 28, all day while supplies last!

You don't need to go to Antarctica to see penguins! All you need is a sheet of origami paper and a few minutes to make your own penguin to take home with you.

Splendid Saturdays Family Fun

Saturday, January 30, 11:00 a.m. at the Jessie Peterman Library

Join your friends at the library for a fun filled family morning. We will explore books, crafts, and more. Come inside and enjoy the fun!



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Floyd Library

"Beginning on January 12th and running every other Tuesday through July, Floyd's diverse network of holistic providers will take turns demonstrating their areas of expertise. Each session will run from 7 – 8:30 PM with time for questions included. Here's our starting line-up:

January 12th – "Quantum-Biofeedback" with Christine Behrens

January 26th – " Ayurveda, the Science of Self-Healing" with Aaron Staengl

February 9th – "The Benefits of Massage for the Elderly" with Miriam Brancato

February 23rd – Traditional Chinese Medicine (including acupuncture)" with Marcie Stout

March 9th – "Prenatal Health and Wellness with the Midwifery Model" with Sam Steffens

March 23rd – "Posture in Relationship to Health" with Shirley-Ann Burgess

April 13th – "Reflexology" with Elisha Reygle

April 27th – "Personal Training Services and What Movement and Dance Can Do" with Ilima Nawahine

May 11th – "Holistic Health Counseling" with Margaret Gray

May 25th – "Bio Craniosacral Therapy" with Laurelsong Staengl

And more to come!

All sessions will be held at the Jessie Peterman Memorial Library Community Room. Please call the library at 745-2947 for more information on any of these sessions.

So, You Want To Be A Beekeeper?

Honey bees have been in the spotlight quite a bit in the last year or two due largely to reports of Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). What is good about honey bees being in the spotlight is that people gain an opportunity to learn more about these fascinating creatures.

Beekeepers keep bees for a variety of reasons. Sideline and commercial beekeepers pursue financial gains. Hobbyists--those with just one or a few hives-- may want the honey and/or beeswax for personal use or gifts. Other reasons include benefits to fruits and flowers, as well as the challenge and satisfaction of managing hives.

Beekeepers may start out thinking "I'll just get a hive or two to pollinate my (apple trees/flower bed/vegetable garden, etc)," not realizing the doors to adventure and excitement they are opening. In early spring after installing a package or two of mail order bees, their population grows dramatically. They bring in nectar and pollen and soon build honey stores. They largely ignore human and pet traffic, and even tolerate intrusions into the hive surprisingly well.

Keeping bees is not like raising a pet. Beekeepers don't train bees; if anything, it's the other way around. The challenge is to learn what your bees are telling you with their behavior so you can help them maximize their honey production. Since bees have been producing surplus honey since, well, forever, they're pretty tolerant of both our well-guided and misguided efforts. There are several local beekeeping associations (check the web) to aid beginning beekeepers, and most beekeepers love to share experiences to help initiates get off to a good start. Also, beekeeping associations generally offer beginner classes, have lots of how-to books and videos in their libraries, and loan honey-extracting equipment to members, thereby saving considerable individual expense when it comes time to harvest that golden "food of the gods."

The New River Valley Beekeepers Association will conduct free "So, You Want to Be A Beekeeper" presentations at branches of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library in January to inform the public on beekeeping in general, and to provide those who might be interested in participating in beekeeping with specific information on getting started, as well as offering an opportunity to ask questions of local beekeepers. There might even be some honey to sample! Now is the time to start for 2010 beekeeping. We look forward to seeing you at one of these presentations.

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