

## SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE MEETS

The second annual meeting of the Appalachian Studies Conference, held at Jackson's Mill, West Virginia, March 16-18, 1979, was attended by approximately 150 individuals representing 55 institutions and groups. The speakers and various sessions incorporated as a central theme, "Land of Appalachia." Other activities included meetings concerning various academic disciplines, music, folk dancing, a reading, and films.

At the business meeting, a revised fee schedule (conference and membership--\$10; membership only--\$4; student or hardship, to include both membership and conference--\$5) was recommended and adopted. The ASC executive structure was also revised:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>
<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>One Year</i>
<i>Secretary &amp; APPALINK Editor</i>	<i>Two Years</i>
<i>Treasurer &amp; Membership Secretary</i>	<i>Three Years</i>

Officers elected for the 1979-80 year are:

<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Joan Moser</i>
<i>Secretary &amp; APPALINK Editor</i>	<i>Anne Campbell</i>
<i>Treasurer &amp; Membership Secretary</i>	<i>Polly Cheek</i>
<i>Program Coordinator</i>	<i>Martha McKinney</i>

Members were elected to the two standing committees, the Agenda Committee and the Program Committee; a listing of those individuals and their addresses appears on the last page of the newsletter.

Other business matters of interest included the following resolution:

*The Appalachian Studies Conference applauds recent decisions by the Appalachian Regional Commission to provide financial support to research and action projects of regional scholars and citizens, such as the Council on Appalachian Women, the Appalachian*

*Land Ownership Task Force, and the Appalachian Land Bank Study Group. We urge further and continued responsiveness of the Appalachian Regional Commission to independent citizen initiatives which demonstrate the rights and abilities of the people of the region to themselves define and address the region's problems.*

Also, a recommendation was made to the membership that all of the records and papers of the organization be kept in an official archives to be housed in the Special Collections Department, Hutchins Library, Berea College. A policy will be developed for a systematic approach to insure a complete collection.

### In Appreciation:

To Sharon Lord, Chairperson, and Tom Plaut, Secretary-Treasurer, in 1978-79, for skilled leadership and guidance.

To the Program Coordinating Committee: Jerry Alvey, Ron Eller, Betty Hall, Don McLeod, Scotty Wiest, and Linda Scott, who, in cooperation with the Agenda Committee: Pat Beaver, Steve Fisher, Jim Miller, Julie Redding, Leonard Roberts and Scott Rogers, created a lively and worthwhile conference.

And especially to Dennis Lindberg, whose efficiency and tactful coordination were reflected in a relaxed but smooth-running conference.

On behalf of all who made the spring "pilgrimage" to Jackson's Mill . . .

From,  
Joan Moser  
Chairperson-elect, 1979-80

## THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE PLANNED

Mark your calendars!! The Appalachian Studies Conference, hosted by the Appalachian Consortium, will be held March 21-23, 1980 at East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee.

The theme of the conference will be *APPALACHIA/AMERICA*. Speakers and various sessions are being planned to explore Appalachian developments as they relate to developments elsewhere in the nation and in the world. The Program Committee plans to offer a stimulating and enjoyable conference.

For more information, suggestions or ideas, please contact Martha McKinney, Appalachian Consortium, Inc., 202 Appalachian Street, Boone, North Carolina 28607, telephone 704-262-2064.



## PROGRAMS, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

*Title:*            *Appalachian Experience*  
*Date & Time:*   *June 4 - July 6*  
*Place:*           *Concord College, R.T. Hill, Athens, West Virginia 24712*

The workshop will include classes in Introductory Appalachian Studies supplemented by direct field experience.

*Title:*            *Appalachian Literature*  
*Date & Time:*   *June 10-16*  
*Place:*           *Appalachian Center, Loyal Jones, Berea College, Berea, Kentucky 40404*

Run in conjunction with the Workshop in Appalachian Studies. Workshop costs, books, meals are \$85.00

*Title:*            *Workshop in Appalachian Studies*  
*Date & Time:*   *June 11 - July 20*  
*Place:*           *Appalachian Center, Loyal Jones, Berea College, Berea, Kentucky 40404*

The workshop offers two courses (History and Culture of Appalachia and Appalachian Literature and the Arts) for six graduate hours credit through the University of Kentucky. Cost for each participant is \$200.00.

*Title:*            *Appalachian Folk Week*  
*Date & Time:*   *June 17-23*  
*Place:*           *Hindman Settlement School, Mike Mullins, Hindman, Kentucky 41822*

A week of traditional dancing, singing and playing sponsored by Hindman Settlement School, Kentucky Arts Commission, National Endowment for the Arts, and D.A.N.C.E., a project at Berea College. This is designed primarily for families and community leaders interested in activities they can share with groups of any age. Housing will be provided and a tuition and room and board fee charged.

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New Publication: The Highlander Center has just published a book that they believe is an important contribution to the growing list of sensitive portraits of working people in America. *In Our Blood: Four Coal Mining Families* was written by Matt Witt and features photographs by Earl Dotter. The four mining families portrayed in the book come from a variety of backgrounds, and in their combined oral and visual profiles tell the story of all coal miners. To order, please send a check or money order for \$6.95 to: IN OUR BLOOD, P.O. Box 32313, Washington, D.C. 20007.



*Title: Seminar in Appalachian Studies*  
*Date & Time: June 18-29*  
*Place: First week--Berea College, Berea, Kentucky*  
*Weekend--Hindman Settlement School*  
*Second week--University of Cincinnati*

The seminar is especially for those in urban elementary and secondary schools. Limited to 30 participants. May receive six graduate credit hours. Tuition \$300.00 (higher for out-of-state students). For further information, contact Philip Obermiller, ML #108, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio 45221, or phone 513-475-5344.

*Title: Augusta Heritage Arts Workshop*  
*Date & Time: July 2 - August 4*  
*Place: Davis & Elkins College, P.O. Box 1725, Elkins, West Virginia 26241*

A varied program of one-to-five week classes in folk art, music, dance, and folklore. Room and board is provided for a fee and there is a tuition charge.

*Title: Appalachian Writers Workshop*  
*Date & Time: August 5-17*  
*Place: Hindman Settlement School, Mike Mullins, Hindman, Kentucky 41822*

Informal sessions on the novel, short story, poetry, and essay; an evening lecture series. Costs for first week are \$50 tuition and \$50 room and board; the second week will cost \$50 for room and board. Graduate and undergraduate credit arrangements are made through the University of Kentucky.

### An Appalachian Experience

The following programs are sponsored by the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge, Inc. For additional information, contact Jim Stokeley, P.O. Box 3066, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830.

*Title: The T.V.A. Experiment*  
*Date & Time: April 10 - June 12; Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m.*  
*Place: Highland View Community Center, Oak Ridge, Tennessee*

Various guest lecturers.

*Title: Culture of the Mountaineer*  
*Date & Time: April 12 - June 7; Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m.*  
*Place: Highland View Community Center, Oak Ridge, Tennessee*

Various guest lecturers.



*Title:* Workshop on the History and Future of Norris, Tennessee  
*Date & Time:* June 2, Saturday, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
*Place:* Norris High School, Norris, Tennessee

*Title:* The Return of Richard Marius  
*Date & Time:* July 9, Monday, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
*Place:* Highland View Community Center, Oak Ridge, Tennessee

*Title:* Religion in Appalachia  
*Date & Time:* July 10 - September 11; Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m.  
*Place:* United Church Chapel, Oak Ridge, Tennessee

*Title:* The Literature of Appalachia  
*Date & Time:* July 12 - September 13; Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m.  
*Place:* Highland View Community Center, Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Features writers of the region and on September 13 a Council of the Southern Mountains Book Fair.

*Title:* Peoples of Appalachia  
*Date & Time:* July 21, Saturday  
*Place:* Hiwassee Junior College

*Title:* The Great Smokies  
*Date & Time:* August 18-19  
*Place:* Sugar Cove Back Country Campsite, Cosby, Tennessee

Featuring music and talks on natural history, human history, and conservation.

*Title:* Appalachian Experience Lecture Series  
*Date & Time:* September 13 - November 15; Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m.  
*Place:* Rose Center, Morristown, Tennessee

Academic credit available through Carson-Newman College and Walters State Community College.

## NEWSLETTER

APPALINK will be published three times a year. The deadline for the next issue is September 15. Please send announcements of upcoming events and other news items to Anne Campbell, Appalachian Studies Librarian, King Library, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky 40506.



## GRANTS AWARDED

*Appalachian Museum Folklife Project*  
*Berea College, Berea, Kentucky*

National Endowment for the Humanities Grant (\$105,000) for a series of slide/tape programs describing Appalachian lifestyles. Under the direction of Harry Segedy, funded for 18 months beginning January 1979. This is a continuation of previous grant.

*Ethnic Heritage Grant*  
*Warren Wilson College, Swannonoa, North Carolina*

U.S. Office of Education grant for a comparative culture study to promote understanding of the multiethnic character of Western North Carolina heritage.

*Oral History Project*  
*Frontier Nursing Service, Wendover, Kentucky*

The Frontier Nursing Service Oral History Project, directed by Dale Deaton, is now compiling the oral history of the life of Mary Breckinridge, the development of the Frontier Nursing Service, Leslie County and parts of Clay and Perry Counties served by the Frontier Nursing Service. Supported by grants from the Rockefeller Foundation, the Kentucky Oral History Commission, and the Leslie County Fiscal Court.

## APPALACHIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE

Membership: Our membership list includes 354 names but only 165 have paid their current dues.

If you did not attend the Jackson's Mill meeting but would like to continue receiving the newsletter, please complete the following and return it to POLLY CHEEK, P.O. BOX 502, MARS HILL, NORTH CAROLINA 28754.

NAME/AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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I am enclosing dues of \$4.00 for the 1979-1980 fiscal year (to March 1, 1980).



## COAL MINERS RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

### Become a Member

Persons or institutions interested in researching and preserving the history and culture of coal miners and coal mining communities are invited to join the Coal Miners Research Association. This is a national organization. Present members hail from Colorado, Utah, Iowa, Indiana, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, and Maryland. This is an interdisciplinary association. Included in the membership (but not restricted to) are archivists, oral historians, social scientists, humanists, folklorists, and labor, social and economic historians.

The annual membership fee for individuals is \$5.00. For institutions it is \$25.00. All members receive an Association Newsletter three times a year, are invited to attend and participate in an annual conference/workshop, and are given the opportunity to participate in any research monies received or projects sponsored by the Association. Persons or institutions interested in becoming members should send a check for the appropriate dues plus their name, address, phone number, academic affiliation (if any), and area of interest (labor history, folklore, etc.) to Roger Meade, Treasurer; Coal Miners Research Association; c/o The Ohio Historical Center; I-79 and 17th Avenue; Columbus, Ohio 43211.

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To honor the memory and achievements of Dr. W.D. Weatherford, Berea College's Appalachian Center and the Hutchins Library jointly sponsor the award of \$500 each year to the writer of the work published anywhere in the United States which best illuminates the problems, personalities and unique qualities of the Appalachian South. The books which were selected for 1978 are: John W. Hevener, author of *Which Side Are You On?* and Henry D. Shapiro, author of *Appalachia on Our Mind*. Presentation of a Special Weatherford Award to Harriette Simpson Arnow, novelist and historian, Kentucky author who has chronicled the Cumberland and painted vivid portraits of its people.

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