



Ready or Not – The Future is Here

In summer 2005, Chad Berry, phoned to invite me to run for President of the ASA. I felt honored, somewhat surprised, and a little anxious about the task at hand. Five months into my term as President, it seems like yesterday that I agreed to run—ready or not. So it goes with our organization as well. Ready or not, we have turned 30 years old. And, by putting one foot in front of the other all these years, we have accomplished a lot.

We are not just an annual conference whose presidents pass the “office” materials around in a cardboard box. We are an association with a permanent office, a journal, a web site, several awards, a conference, our own office equipment, and paid staff—we just hired a part-time staff member to assist our Executive Director this summer. Yes, folks, ASA has grown up.

Now that we’re grown up, we are taking additional steps to secure our future. We are in the midst of a long range planning process, which will result in a plan to guide our leadership in the coming years. This is a giant step forward for our organization, which has often failed to provide adequate guidance to its leaders; this has resulted in a failure to follow through on some of our most brilliant ideas, proposals and initiatives. You can read more about this planning in this issue of **Appalink**.

Thanks to all those who have participated in this process, particularly Long Range Planning Committee Chairs, Roberta Herrin and Deanna Tribe, our facilitator, Nina Gregg, and members of the committee. A special thanks, also, to members who have shared thoughts with the committee. Be prepared to respond to the plan in coming months and then to celebrate our completion of this task at our March 2008 conference.

Our 31st Annual Conference will be held March 28-30, 2008, at Marshall University in Huntington, WV. Its theme, “The Road Ahead: the Next Thirty Years of ASA,” reflects our involvement in long range planning and our coming of age, generally. The Program Committee, chaired by Chris Green, plans a forward-looking conference with lots of involvement by youth, educators, and activists.

We plan a plenary session on sustainability, which takes up one of our important planning themes and represents an area of emphasis for our organization and for our region. Kentucky author, Silas House, will offer our keynote address. I am confident that this will be a wonderful and inspirational experience for us all. As always, the program committee will try to build on the successes of their predecessors while making changes to respond to the local context and improve the conference experience as well.

A special emphasis of my presidency has been to recruit the next generation of “Appalachianologists.” To that end, I have invited young people to take on leadership roles in the association. I need your help on this, though. So, educators, bring your students to the conference and encourage them to submit their papers for our annual student paper award. Activists, artists and practitioners, please invite a newcomer to come along to the 2008 conference. (Remember that scholarships are available to defer travel and registration expenses.)

I hope to see you all in Huntington next spring as we look to the future of the ASA and the Appalachian region. Ready or not, here we come!

Shaunna Scott, President

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Journal News

The *Journal of Appalachian Studies* continues to build momentum and to move some of recent years' best scholarship on the region to press. At its March 2007 meeting, our editorial board and staff affirmed a strong commitment to publishing excellent, community-based and action research studies, as well as our commitment to expanding outreach to scholars engaged in such research.

Editor Sandra Hayslette and a subcommittee of the Board of Editors are undertaking processes this fall to aid in long-range planning: surveys and interviews with editors of other similarly-sized journals to establish some benchmarks in staffing, budgets, and processes. Opportunities for ASA members to engage in the journal's long-range planning processes will follow! Also this fall, we will welcome Ryan Sarver, a graduate intern from Marshall, who is charged with (among other things) helping collect information that may lead to changes in the *Journal's* "look."

We expect the next issue (Volume 12:2, Fall, 2006) to be out in late fall, 2007.

2007 AWARD WINNERS

2007 Cratis D. Williams/James S. Brown Service Award: Ron Lewis.

2006 Helen M. Lewis Community Service Award: Gurney Nörman.

2007 Carl A. Ross Student Paper Award: Esther White and Mzwandile Ginindza from Berea College for their paper entitled "Shifting Paradigms: The Future of Economic Development in Appalachia".

2006 Jack Spadaro e-Appalachia Award for Outstanding Website: Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition Website; <http://www.ohvec.org>.

2006 Jack Spadaro Media Arts Award: Catherine Pancake for *Black Diamonds: Mountaintop Removal & the Fight for Coalfield Justice*.

2006 Weatherford Award for Non-Fiction: Rudy Abramson and Jean Haskell for the *Encyclopedia of Appalachia*.

2006 Weatherford Award for Fiction and Poetry: Dot Jackson for *Refuge*.

A Look Back: Conference 2007

By all accounts, the 2007 meeting at Maryville College was a success—heck, the balmy weather and blooming dogwoods and redbuds didn't hurt! Almost 700 people attended the conference, making it the largest in the thirty-year history of the ASA. I'm happy to report that we disbursed 154 scholarships (up from 102 in 2006) to participants, our largest number to date. Thanks go to Cassie Robinson and her Scholarship Committee, to Carol Baugh and Deanna Tribe of the Silent Auction, and to Mary Thomas for administering all those checks. We disbursed over \$20,000 in scholarship funds, with major donors being the Appalachian Regional Commission, University Studies at the University of Tennessee, and the Tennessee Arts Commission. We thank everyone who donated an auction item or bid on one. **Such an increase in scholarships now means that the ASA supports 1 in 4 participants** (up from 1 in 5 from previous years) **with financial assistance to attend the Appalachian Studies Conference.** This is something about which we can all cheer.

Almost one-third of attendees completed an evaluation of the Conference, and 85 percent strongly agreed or agreed that "the conference met my expectations"; 86 percent strongly agreed or agreed that "the conference presented a broad perspective on Appalachia"; 85 percent of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that "the conference presented a broad perspective on Appalachia"; and 84 percent strongly agreed or agreed that "I will apply information from the conference back home." Respondents also seemed to like the program, the online information and forms, the Conference setting, and the Turning Points sessions. I want to thank all of the people who worked tirelessly to make 2007 a successful Conference year—especially the 70+ volunteers who gave their time freely and joyfully. Most of all, however, I want to thank Program Chair Kathie Shiba and Local Arrangements Chair Susan Ambler for their incredible work. Please thank them the next time you see them. I will see you next year in Huntington.

Chad Berry, President, 2006-2007

Harry Caudill Award

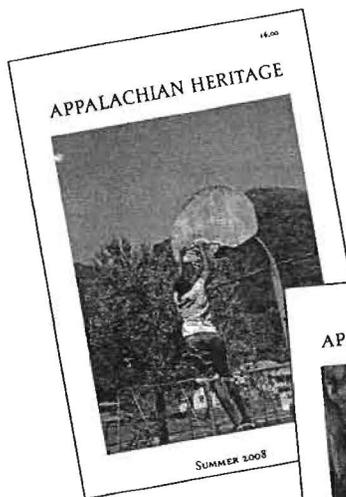
George Loveland's *Under the Workers' Caps* won the Harry Caudill Award in 2006. The Caudill Award is made by Bookworm & Silverfish in Wytheville, VA to honor investigative journalism for which Caudill was known. The Award is given every two years.

Submissions for the 2008 Harry Caudill Award are now being accepted. The Award will be announced after January 1, 2009. Submissions must be published works about Appalachian culture, people or issues. The winner is awarded a \$2000 certificate for books at Bookworm & Silverfish. Submissions for the Award must be received by October 1, 2008. Submissions and questions can be addressed to Jim Presgraves at Bookworm & Silverfish, PO Box 639, Wytheville, VA 24382; telephone 276-686-5813; bookworm@naxs.com.

"*Appalachian Heritage* is truly indispensable for readers and writers and literary folk in general who enjoy fine writing and are interested in the land and people of the Appalachian mountain region." —Gurney Norman

"Without *Appalachian Heritage*, I probably never would have worked up the courage to submit my work.... The publication of my story in your magazine let me know that my writing had some merit." —Silas House

TWO NEW SPECIAL ISSUES OF APPALACHIAN HERITAGE



A celebration of African American Appalachian artists, the Summer 2008 issue of *Appalachian Heritage* features work from Crystal Wilkinson, Frank X Walker, bell hooks, doris davenport, and Glennis Redmond. This issue showcases many photographs that demonstrate and commemorate the culture and rich history of African Americans in our region. William H. Turner is Guest Editor.



Don West, highly-acclaimed poet and activist, along with his wife Connie West, a gifted artist, take the spotlight in the Fall 2008 issue of *Appalachian Heritage*. The brilliant portraits painted by Connie are featured alongside the works of her husband. Each painting, as preserved by Wess Harris, stands out in wonderful color. Other contributors include R. T. Smith, Sidney Saylor Farr, Jeff Biggers, and the late George Garrett.

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CALL FOR OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Your nominations are needed for ASA Officers and Steering Committee members. The ASA bylaws call for the annual nomination and election of officers. Any member of the association may nominate a fellow member to serve. The association is seeking nominations for the following elected positions:

The Vice President/President Elect (2008 – 2011) chairs the nominating committee and negotiates for conference support at future sites. The vice president also becomes president the following year (2009 – 2010). The president of ASA presides at all meetings, directs fund raising, serves as spokesperson, and serves on the Steering Committee for one year (2010 – 2011) after his or her term. The president usually resides in the sub-region in which the upcoming conference will be held (2010).

The Program Vice Chairperson/Chairperson Elect (2008 – 2011) assists the chairperson, helps organize the next conference, and becomes chairperson the following year (2009 – 2010). The program chairperson and his or her committee oversee the operation of the annual conference in cooperation with the local arrangements chair and committee. Following his or her term, the program chairperson serves one year (2010 – 2011) on the Program Committee.

The Secretary/Appalink Editor (2008 – 2011) records the minutes of all meetings of the Association and the Steering Committee and maintains a copy of the Association by-laws, articles of incorporation, and *Robert's Rules of Order*. The secretary is also responsible for the publication of *Appalink*.

The Treasurer (2008 – 2011) provides financial oversight of Association funds, accounts, and policy through the administrative office of the Association located at Marshall University. The administrative office has custody of all of the funds of the association; keeps account of receipts and expenditures; and makes disbursements in accordance with the budget adopted by the Steering Committee (disbursements of \$500 or more are made with the advice and consent of the treasurer). The administrative office provides the treasurer with an annual audit and a full financial statement at least annually. The treasurer presents this statement and an assessment of the financial condition of the association at each annual meeting of the association and at other times when requested by the Steering Committee. The treasurer examines the books, provides reports to the Steering Committee, and maintains IRS documents with the assistance of the administrative office.

Three At-Large Members of the Steering Committee (2008 – 2010) are elected by the membership for two-year terms. There are six at-large members on the Steering committee, with three being elected each year. The Steering Committee members

transact any necessary business, form standing committees, and approve the annual budget. The Steering Committee meets at least twice a year.

Four Program Committee Members (2009 Conference) help prepare the call for participation, review submitted abstracts, and compile the 2009 conference program. The Program Committee includes four at-large members who serve for one year (2008 – 2009) and are elected by the ASA membership.

HOW TO MAKE A NOMINATION

- 1) Make sure the nominee is willing to serve and understands the commitment involved.
- 2) Write a one-paragraph biography (please limit to 100 words) of the nominee that includes his or her involvement in Appalachian studies and our Association. This paragraph will be included in the spring Appalink which includes the ballot.
- 3) Send your nomination/s to ASA Vice President:
Carol Baugh
Sinclair Community College
Appalachian Outreach and Studies
444 Third Street
Dayton, OH 45402
(937) 512-2126
carol.baugh@sinclair.edu
- 4) The deadline for accepting nominations is November 16, 2007.

2008 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Please join us at Appalachian Studies Association's
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And take a walk down

The Road Ahead

The Next Thirty Years of Appalachian Studies

March 28-30, 2008

Marshall University
Huntington, West Virginia

Friday Keynote Speaker: Silas House

Saturday Plenary Session: *Mountain Top Removal & Sustainable Development*

<http://www.appalachianstudies.org/conference>

The 2008 ASA conference highlights how people (citizens, professionals, students, scholars, educators, artists, activists, etc.) are responding to the "next generation" of challenge and change in Appalachia. At the core of social change rests a tension between innovation & continuity, theory & action, and initiative & democracy. You are invited to help build "**the road ahead**" in Appalachia by organizing a panel, submitting a research paper, putting together a roundtable discussion, developing a workshop, creating a poster, or producing a display table. The final report of the ASA's Long Range Planning Committee will be presented at this conference as well. So please join us in a conversation about the future of our region and ASA itself.

Announcements:

Music Fellowship Available

The Berea College Appalachian Music Fellowship Program is accepting proposals from graduate students, faculty, public school teachers, and/or performers for a period of one to three months in order to conduct research in Berea's collection of non-commercial traditional music and to promote the preservation of and access to that music. The fellowships must be taken up between January and August 2008. Fellows are expected to be in residence during the term of the fellowship. Deadline for proposals: November 1, 2007. For additional information see Berea's Appalachian Music Fellowship Web Page: <http://www.berea.edu/hutchinslibrary/specialcollections/amfp.asp>. Proposals or inquires should be sent

to Harry Rice, Special Collections & Archives, Berea College, Berea, KY 40404, harry_rice@bera.edu

Poetry Recognized

The Appalachian Writers Association (AWA) named Marianne Worthington's poetry collection, "Larger Bodies than Mine," the 2007 Poetry Appalachian Book of the Year. Worthington is a University of the Cumberlands communication arts associate professor and book review editor for "Now & Then: the Appalachian Magazine." Worthington's book was chosen as part of the Finishing Line Press' new Women's Voices Series.

CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

CARL A. ROSS STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

The Carl A. Ross Appalachian Student Paper Competition is open to students in two categories: middle/high school and undergraduate/graduate students. The authors of the winning papers will receive \$100 each. Costs of attending the conference are the winners' responsibility. We encourage you to apply for a scholarship. All papers must adhere to guidelines for scholarly research. To submit a paper for consideration for the 2008 competition, e-mail a Microsoft Word copy of the paper by December 8, 2007, to William Schumann (address below).

Middle/high school papers should be 12-15 pages in length; undergraduate/graduate papers should be 20-30 pages in length. Students submitting papers must be enrolled in courses at the time of the conference. To verify their student status, students can submit one of the following to the mailing address below by December 15, 2007: a copy of a schedule of classes or transcripts indicating enrollment for the spring 2008 term; a letter from a faculty advisor verifying the student's status for the spring 2008 term, which should include the faculty member's email address, phone number, and mailing address.

Students who wish to present their papers at the conference must also submit a *Proposal for Participation* following the guidelines above, available at www.appalachianstudies.org. Questions should be addressed to William Schumann, Emory & Henry College, Post Office Box 947, Emory, VA 24327, FAX 276.944.6170 or email at weschumann@ehc.edu.

CRATIS D. WILLIAMS/JAMES S. BROWN SERVICE AWARD

The Cratis D. Williams/James S. Brown Service Award is given to an individual who has made exemplary contributions to Appalachia and/or the ASA. There is a two-step nomination process: Nominations should include a statement regarding the individual's specific contributions to the region or the individual's c.v./résumé. Following a review the Committee will request additional information about one or more finalists before selecting the award recipient. Send nomination materials to Emily Satterwhite, Assistant Professor of Humanities, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies (0227), 344 Lane Hall, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0227 or by e-mail to esatter@vt.edu before January 12, 2008.

HELEN M. LEWIS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Helen M. Lewis Community Service award is given to an individual or an organization that has made exemplary contributions

to Appalachia through involvement with and service to its people and communities. Nominations should include a statement regarding the individual or organization's specific contributions to the region or its people, accompanied by at least two letters of support. Send nomination materials to Patricia Beaver, Director, Center for Appalachian Studies, Appalachian State University, University Hall, Boone, NC 28608 or to beaverpd@appstate.edu before February 1, 2008.

JACK SPADARO DOCUMENTARY AWARD

The award's name honors the activist and whistleblower, Jack Spadaro, who has spent his entire professional career working within the coal mining industry for the betterment of the Appalachian community. One award is given annually to recognize the best film, video, radio, television, or other media presentation on Appalachia or its people. Nominations should be made to Jack Wright at Ohio University School of Film, 378 Lindley Hall, Athens, OH 45701 or jwright@ohio.edu before February 1, 2008. Technical and submission requirements are detailed at: <http://www.appalachianstudies.org/association/awards/>.

THE e-APPALACHIA AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING WEBSITE

The e-Appalachia Award is given annually in recognition of an outstanding website that provides insight on Appalachia and its people, or provides a vital community service to Appalachians. Nominations should be made to Gene Hyde, Website Committee Chair, at wehyde@radford.edu before February 1, 2008.

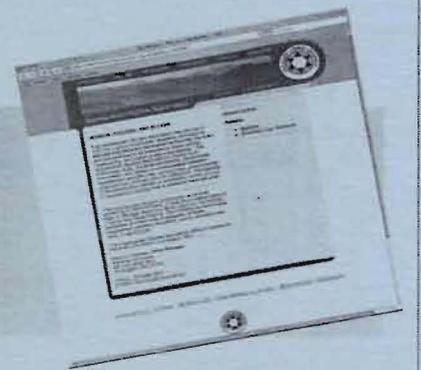
WEATHERFORD AWARDS

The ASA and Berea College annually present the Weatherford Awards to honor published works that "best illuminate the challenges, personalities, and unique qualities of the Appalachian South." Two awards are given, one in nonfiction and a second in fiction & poetry. The award honors Willis D. Weatherford Jr. and Sr. for their contributions to the region. The late Alfred Perrin began the award in 1970. The only requirement is that the subject matter of the books be Appalachian or that they be set in Appalachia. All nominations for the Weatherford Awards must be made by December 31, 2007, and all entries must be originally published in 2007. The nomination and **seven copies** of each book should be sent to Chad Berry, Director, Appalachian Center, CPO 2166, 205 North Main Street, Berea College, Berea, KY 40404.

For more details on any of these awards, please visit our website at www.appalachianstudies.org

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