

DOORS OPEN!

==== MAY 1, 2010 10 AM-4 PM

It's YOUR history, EXPLORE it!

OFFICIAL EVENT GUIDE

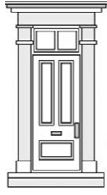
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The Heritage Alliance of Northeast Tennessee
and Southwest Virginia

About the Program

The concept of the Doors Open program originated in France, as a way to expose citizens to the culture that surrounded them on a daily basis. Our Doors Open event, held in conjunction with National Preservation Month, opens some of our region's local historic sites, free of charge, for a day of learning and enjoyment by the community. Make sure to visit any of these sites and experience the rich history and heritage our region has to offer.

About the Heritage Alliance

The Heritage Alliance of Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia is dedicated to the preservation of the architectural, historical, and cultural heritage of our region and to providing educational experiences related to history and heritage for a wide range of audiences. Headquartered in Jonesborough, the Heritage Alliance is the sole provider of these types of services in a ten county region.



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Participating Museums and Historic Sites

THE DICKSON-WILLIAMS MANSION

108 NORTH IRISH STREET, GREENEVILLE

Completed in 1821 by Irish Immigrant William Dickson, this historic home once served as a command center during the civil war. Having changed hands several times, it has served as an academy, tobacco factory, an inn, and a hospital.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AT THE GRAY FOSSIL SITE EXIT 13 OFF I-26, GRAY

The ETSU Natural History Museum at the Gray Fossil Site contains fossilized remains of an entire ecosystem of plants and animals. You'll come face to face with a variety of interesting creatures, including the world's largest collection of fossil tapirs and the world's only near complete fossil red panda!

FIELDS-PENN 1860 HOUSE MUSEUM CORNER OF MAIN & CUMMINGS ST, ABINGDON

Step into the world of nineteenth-century family life in Southwest Virginia. Completed in 1860, the Fields-Penn House features period furnishings, an herb and kitchen garden, and the William King Regional Arts Center's collection of decorative arts and material culture of the region.

THE MUSEUM AT MOUNTAIN HOME

BUILDING 34 (CLOCK TOWER),
VETERAN'S AFFAIRS CAMPUS, JOHNSON CITY

The Museum tells the story of the history of health care in South Central Appalachia. Major exhibits include the office of Dr. A.J. Willis, who was a local family physician, early radiology, patent medicines, early life at the Veteran's Affairs complex, and more.

NATHANAEL GREENE MUSEUM

101 WEST MCKEE STREET, GREENEVILLE

The story of Greene County history is told through interesting galleries and displays on early agriculture, the Civil War, and the lives of Greene County residents. Make sure to stop in and discover the recently renovated galleries!

**NETHERLAND INN HOUSE MUSUEM
AND BOATYARD COMPLEX**

2144 NETHERLAND INN ROAD, KINGSPORT

The nation's only registered historical site which was both a stage stop and a boatyard, the restored Netherland Inn and section of the Old Boatyard depict an intimate study of a way of life that is intriguing part of America's heritage. A visit to this historic landmark will include a tour of the historic inn, recently reconstructed bank barn, and the flatboat on the banks of the river.

OAK HILL SCHOOL

212 EAST SABIN DRIVE, JONESBOROUGH

This restored one-room school house once served the Knob Creek community from 1886-1952 and was moved to this site once it was threatened by development. It is now operated by the Heritage Alliance. Stop in and see how the past and the present have been combined to create an award winning heritage education program

OLD DEERY INN

MAIN STREET, BLOUNTVILLE

This two story Dutch clapboard structure was constructed in 1796 and served as a major way-station for the Old Stage Road. In 1801 the building was expanded to serve a variety of needs including a tavern, mercantile and hotel accommodations.

**PRESIDENT ANDREW JOHNSON
MUSEUM AND LIBRARY**

THE CAMPUS OF TUSCULUM COLLEGE
ROUTE 107, GREENEVILLE

Housed in the 1841 Academic Building known as "Old College" on the campus of Historic Tusculum College, the museum houses the archives and exhibits on the "oldest college in Tennessee" and memorabilia of President Johnson and his family.

THE REECE MUSEUM

ON THE CAMPUS OF ETSU, JOHNSON CITY

Initiated as a 1920s history project, the museum and its collections grew as a part of the university's library. Housed in the former Art Department building, the museum showcases an amazing collection of art and items highlighting the history of our region

ROCKY MOUNT LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM 200 HYDER HILL ROAD, PINEY FLATS
Rocky Mount Living History Museum invites you to become part of the happenings of the year 1791, in the former capital of the Southwest Territory, through the first person interpretation of daily lifestyles, domestic and work skills, food, clothing, furnishings and games. Free guided tours of the site will be held at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL HISTORY CENTER ADJACENT TO SULLIVAN CO. COURTHOUSE
BLOUNTVILLE

Based in Historic Blountville, the Sullivan County Regional History center allows visitors the opportunity to delve into a wide array of historical records and documents, on topics ranging from the Civil War to family genealogy.

TIPTON HAYNES STATE HISTORIC SITE SOUTH ROAN STREET, JOHNSON CITY
Home of Colonel John Tipton, this Tennessee State Historic Site chronicles the experiences of early settlement through the Civil War. Eleven buildings tell the story of how two different families weathered the trails of war and celebrated the joys of victory, and highlights how each impacted the region.

TUSCULUM COLLEGE HISTORIC DISTRICT ROUTE 107, GREENEVILLE
Founded in 1794, Tusculum College is the oldest college in Tennessee. The wooded 140-acre Tusculum College campus has eight buildings and the Tusculum Arch that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Two guided tours will depart from the President Andrew Johnson Museum at 11 am and 2 pm.

UNICOI COUNTY HERITAGE MUSEUM OLD ERWIN HIGHWAY, ERWIN
Built in 1903 as a home for the Superintendent of the Erwin Fish Hatchery, this home was restored in the 1980s as a local museum and community events venue. Today, the home showcases period décor and local history, giving visitors a glimpse of Erwin's rich past.

WILLIAM KING REGIONAL ARTS CENTER 415 ACADEMY DRIVE, ABINGDON
Located in a rehabilitated 1913 school, the museum showcases the fine art of the region and of the world in its galleries. It also hosts exhibitions of material culture and decorative arts through a research project which works to promote our region's cultural legacy.