

Celebrate the History, Ideas and Values of our Nation's Constitution

Constitution Day, Week (and Month!)

Schedule of Events

September 2011

September 1	<p>John Marshall and the Legalization of the Constitution: lecture by Columbia University history professor Jean Edward Smith at 7 p.m. in the Don Morris Room at the Memorial Student Center on the Huntington campus of Marshall University. Part of the Amicus Curiae: Lectures on Constitutional Democracy series continuing through the fall with scholars from around the country. https://sites.google.com/a/gapps.marshall.edu/dms/colalectures to the website where the Marshall University's "Amicus Curiae Lecture Series on Constitutional Democracy" will be broadcast on September 1, 2011 at 7 p.m.</p>
September 1-6	<p>Travelling Vietnam War Memorial: Parkersburg City Park</p>
September 8	<p>Declaration of Commitment / 9/11 Remembrance event 1:00 PM Cultural Center Charleston Recognition of 9-11 through recommitment to civic literacy, patriotism and respect for the Constitution. This 30 minute program will feature school performances, remarks from a 9/11 volunteer, and the signing of a declaration of commitment reaffirming our dedication to the ideas and values of our Constitution. A Declaration of Commitment will remain at the Cultural Center for all West Virginians to sign.</p>
September 11	<p>10 Year Anniversary All West Virginians are encouraged to remember those who lost their lives and reaffirm the values of our constitution through community service. Contact local officials for details of county observances.</p>
September 11	<p>National Day of Service and Remembrance: CITO—Cache in Trash Out</p> <p>Cache In Trash Out (CITO) National Day of Service 2011 service project will focus on litter clean-up; together we can make an enormous positive impact. AmeriCorps members across the state are partnering with Explore (a program from the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts), Volunteer West Virginia, and WVREAP to promote and participate in CITO, an ongoing environmental initiative supported by the worldwide geocaching community. Since 2002, geocachers around the world have been dedicated to improving parks and other cache-friendly places. Through these volunteer efforts, we help preserve the natural beauty of our outdoor resources!</p> <p>Litter cleanup sites are listed below: Rich Mountain Battlefield, Randolph County</p>

	<p>Ice Mountain Conservancy, Hampshire County Thomas Tucker Windfarms, Tucker County Logan County Mall, Logan County Charleston (location TBD), Kanawha County Huntington (location TBD), Cabell County Parkersburg (location TBD), Wood County</p> <p>Contact: Robin Taylor 304-558-2440</p>
September 11	<p>National Day of Service and Remembrance:</p> <p>To mark the 10th anniversary of the September 11 terror attacks, volunteers will create and deliver thank you gifts to fire departments, emergency medical services and police stations as a way to remember the responders that served on that day and in the following weeks and months and to remember and recognize the hard work of the first responders in our community. All materials for gifts and maps will be provided. Groups and individuals must provide their own transportation. RSVP by Sept. 8.</p> <p>1:00 Canaan United Methodist church (401 Roane St, Charleston) Kanawha county</p> <p>Contact: Heather Foster, 303-558-0111, Heather.R.Foster@wv.gov</p>
September 14	<p>Democracy at Risk: 7 pm, Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies at Shepherd University, Shephardstown, Jefferson County</p> <p>Bob Edgar, CEO of Common Cause, will present a lecture titled <i>Democracy at Risk</i>, in which he will address the challenges posed to the political process by the Supreme Court's 2010 decision on the case of <i>Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission</i>. Edgars' talk, the seventh annual Tom E. Moses Memorial Lecture on the U.S. Constitution, will be presented as part of the observance of Constitution Day at Shepherd University. A discussion and reception will follow. The program is free and open to the public.</p>
September 14	<p>John Marshall Birthday Cake on the Plaza 11:00 AM Marshall University Our founding Supreme court justice will be celebrated at the University named for him. The Marshall Fife and Drum Corp will perform.</p>
September 14	<p>Constitution Day lecture Noon, Lugar Courtroom, WVU College of Law</p> <p>The secession of the South resulted in a new government, the Confederate State of America, which President Lincoln refused to recognize. Recognition by Great Britain, however, would have ended the Civil War in favor of the south.</p>

	<p>Meanwhile, the Lincoln administration created the new state of West Virginia, a secession within a secession. Author and professor Roger Billings will use the Civil War as a spring board for discussion of international law as it applies to secession today. Contact: Brian Caudill, brian.caudill@mail.wvu.edu.</p>
September 15	<p>Constitution Bowl Resource Center, Eastern WV Community & Technical College, Moorefield Ben Franklin will moderate a trivia contest that will focus on events leading to the Constitutional Convention and adoption of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, 1777 – 1791. Students may compete as teams or individuals.</p>
September 16	<p>Constitution Day: This year we celebrate the 224th anniversary of the signing of our nation’s founding document. Revered around the world, the U.S. Constitution is an historic achievement with which all Americans should be familiar. On this day, read the Constitution or the Bill of Rights together with family, friends, co-workers, and others and discuss its meaning for today’s world. Reflect on our responsibilities as citizens and recognize the many role models of good citizenship in our communities. Contact local officials for details of county observances.</p>
September 16	<p>Federal Courts: Guardian of the Constitution 10:00 AM Robert C. Byrd Courthouse, Charleston The public is invited to reflect on the importance of the Constitution in the beautiful Ceremonial Courtroom of the Robert C. Byrd Courthouse, Charleston. Ring the bells of freedom provided by the Daughters of the American Revolution.</p>
September 16	<p>Constitution Day Celebration Huntington High School League Of Women Voters of The Huntington Area will present the Constitution as a living document and review the progression of changes in voting rights laws that today give everyone over the age of 18 the right, and responsibility, to vote. Contact: Helen Gibbins 304-736-3287</p>
September 20	<p>The Causes of the Civil War: A Primer 7 p.m. O'Hurley's General Store, Shepherdstown The causes of the American Civil War are varied and complex. Mark Snell, director of the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War at Shepherd University, will discuss the major sectional issues that led to the Civil War, from the nation’s founding through the tumultuous decade of the 1850s to the election of Abraham Lincoln.</p>
September 21	<p>Openness: from the routine business of state and local government to national security issues Panel Discussion BE5, Marshall University, 4:00 PM Panelists will include: David Herzog, University of Missouri; Ed Dawkins, Herald Post-Dispatch; Ted Boettner, WV Center of Budget and Policy; Joseph Thornton,</p>

	WV Dept of Military Affairs and Public Safety.
September 21	<p>Not in Our Town: Light in the Darkness 10 pm on PBS</p> <p><i>Not In Our Town: Light in the Darkness</i> is a one-hour documentary about a town coming together to take action after anti-immigrant violence devastates the community. In 2008, a series of attacks against Latino residents of Patchogue, New York culminate with the murder of Marcelo Lucero, an Ecuadorian immigrant who had lived in the Long Island village for 13 years.</p> <p>Over a two-year period, the story follows Mayor Paul Pontieri, the victim's brother, Joselo Lucero, and Patchogue residents as they openly address the underlying causes of the violence, work to heal divisions, and begin taking steps to ensure everyone in their village will be safe and respected.</p> <p>Community groups can find information on sponsoring local screenings plus discussion guides at: http://www.niot.org/LightInTheDarkness</p> <p>The City of Clarksburg is planning activities along with the screening.</p>
September 22	<p>Robert C. Byrd Forum on Civic Responsibility FEB Exp Theatre, Marshall University, 12:45 – 2:00 pm</p> <p>Dr. Stephen J. Kopp is this year's feature speaker. A reception will follow.</p>
September 23	<p>Judge Dan O-Hanlon Constitution Week and John Marshall Celebration Essay competition Reception, Marshall University John Marshall Room, 4:30 – 6:30 pm</p>
September 26	<p>Civility in Practice: 7:00 PM Vienna Library, Wood county League of Women Voters</p> <p>Everyone bemoans the lack of civility these days, but few are ready to be a part of the solution rather than part of the problem. Join the discussion on what we mean by civility and how we can begin to dialogue with those with whom we deeply disagree. Leave with a deeper understanding of a current topic and with strategies to address difficult situations.</p>
September 28 - 29	<p>Civic Life Institute: Connecting People to Public Issues presented by the WV Center for Civic Life and Eastern WV Community Foundation</p> <p>In this skill building interactive two day workshop, learn a process to move from community dialogue to action; master how to moderate community discussions of public issues; network with others around West Virginia issues such as prescription drug abuse, WV's drop out challenge, increasing fitness and nutrition, and building strong, safe neighborhoods.</p>

	<p>For more info: Eastern WV Community Foundation, 304-264-0353 www.ewvcf/N.E.T.Workshops.html</p>
September 30 deadline	<p>Youth in Government Model UN HI-Y Clubs</p> <p>These experiential programs are among the best civic education experiences available for youth, but most schools in West Virginia don't offer them. An adult advisor needs to be willing to work with students through the annual process and attend final assemblies in which months of learning culminate in active participation in roles in state government or representing countries at the UN. New programs may have a later deadline.</p> <p>For more info: Charlie Myers at HI-Y Leadership center, Charlie@hi-y.org, 304-675-5899</p>
October 11	<p>Originalism and the Rule of Law Ideal: 7:00 PM Don Morris Room at the Memorial Student Center on the Huntington campus of Marshall University Lecture by Dr. Johnathan O'Neil Associate Professor of History at Georgia Southern University . Part of the Amicus Curiae Lecture Series on Constitutional Democracy</p>
October 18	<p>Home for Liberty Part of the J.R. Clifford project, this dramatization of the founding of West Virginia will be produced by community members in Charleston.</p>