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## NEWSLETTER

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## MOUNTAINS OF MUSIC HOMECOMING

The Crooked Road is a celebrated year-round destination for traditional music lovers. On June 12th-20th, The Crooked Road invites you to "come home" for their first-ever region-wide festival. Concerts celebrating old-time, bluegrass, gospel, traditional singing and dance, and many other styles will be presented in over 30 different communities where this musical heritage lives and breathes.

Come for the evening concerts and stay for a wide variety of cultural experiences, including community meals, exhibits, history walks, artisan demonstrations, outdoor adventures, scenic drives, workshops, educational opportunities and much more. Below showcases the many events offered throughout this 8 day festival in Patrick County. So make your plans today to spend time celebrating the heritage of the area.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015

Stuart Farmer's Market  
 Quilt Exhibit @ Quilted Colors  
 Hot Fun in the Summertime Music Festival  
 Willis Gap Music Jam  
 Reynolds Homestead @ Fairy Stone

### SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015

Fairy Stone Hunt  
 Quilt Exhibit @ Quilted Colors  
 Hot Fun in the Summertime Music Festival  
 Old-Time Gospel Music Night  
 Town Under the Lake

### SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2015

Quilt Exhibit @ Quilted Colors  
 Water Buffalo Tour and Tasting  
 Stanburn Winery Tour  
 Tour of Historic John D. Hooker Home  
 Bushels & Barrels Sidewalk Art Tour  
 Guided Hike @ Fairy Stone  
 Bushels & Barrels Food Crawl  
 Old Time Gospel Night

### MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015

Quilt Exhibit @ Quilted Colors  
 Water Buffalo Tour and Tasting  
 Monday Market @ Fairy Stone  
 Crooked Road Main Event

### TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2015

Quilt Exhibit @ Quilted Colors  
 Covered Bridge Quilted Wall Workshop  
 Water Buffalo Farm Tour & Tasting  
 Tour of Historic John D. Hooker Home  
 Spillway Paddle  
 Stuart Farmer's Market  
 Music @ Tin Pen Alley  
 Canoeing with Ghosts

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015

Fairy Stone Hunt  
 Quilt Exhibit @ Quilted Colors  
 Water Buffalo Farm Tour & Tasting  
 Fairy Stone Workshop  
 Living History @ Laurel Hill

### THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015

Pancake Days at Stuart Baptist Church  
 Quilt Exhibit @ Quilted Colors  
 Water Buffalo Farm Tour & Tasting  
 Tour of Historic John D. Hooker Home  
 Guided Hike @ Fairy Stone  
 Chamber of Commerce Block Party  
 Documentary Film, "Broadcast," A Man & His Dream

### FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015

Stuart Farmers Market  
 Bushels & Barrels Sustainability Workshop  
 Quilt Exhibit @ Quilted Colors  
 Water Buffalo Farm Tour & Tasting  
 Willis Gap Community Jam

### SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015

Quilt Exhibit @ Quilted Colors  
 Virginia Covered Bridge Festival  
 Bushels & Barrels Food, Wine & Beer Festival  
 Front Porch Bluegrass Jamboree  
 Town Under the Lake

**For times, locations, and a brief description of the Mountains of Music Homecoming Events listed above, please refer to pages 3-6.**

## MAY EVENTS

Saturday, May 9th, 8:00am-12:00noon. [Master Gardeners' Annual \(and Perennial\) Plant Sale](#)

Saturday, May 16th, [Strawberry Festival](#)

Friday, May 22nd, 5:30-10:00pm. [Memorial Weekend at Dominion Valley Park.](#)

Saturday, May 23rd, 4:00-10:00pm. Memorial Weekend at Dominion Valley Park.

Sunday, May 24th, 10:30am– 12:00noon. Memorial Weekend at Dominion Valley Park

Friday, May 29th, 5:30pm. [Chamber Block Party](#)

Saturday, May 30th, 6:00pm. [Murder Mystery "Hollywood"](#).

## STARS AMONG US



### PEPPER MARTIN



Pepper Martin is a self-taught artist who paints portraits, landscapes, and whimsical illustrations. She teaches budding artists in Stuart and surrounding areas. Although initially she began teaching with the thought that she would only do it for a little while, Pepper quickly realized that she loved it. "It is so rewarding to see a woman take time for herself, be creative, and thoroughly enjoy her evening" states Pepper. Although she has several projects in development, and has set some big goals for herself, she consciously tries to just enjoy the ride and be grateful to be doing something that she loves so much. "It took me a while to get to this point in life, but once you are actively pursuing your calling, there is a peace and radiance that you feel that makes each day rewarding." You can see more of Pepper's art at [www.peppermartin.com](http://www.peppermartin.com) or on Facebook at Peppermartinartist.



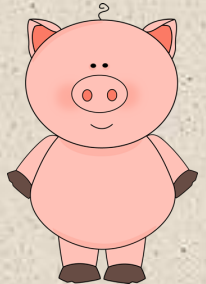
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## WHAT'S COOKIN'?

### Orange Glazed Pork Chops

1 (4 oz) jar orange marmalade  
2 Tbsp orange juice  
2 Tbsp mustard  
1 Tbsp soy sauce  
1/2 tsp minced garlic

1/4 tsp red pepper flakes  
4 porch chops  
1 tsp vegetable oil  
1/2 tsp salt  
1/4 tsp pepper



In small bowl, combine orange marmalade, orange juice, mustard, soy sauce, minced garlic and pepper flakes, set aside. In large skillet, brown pork chops in oil on both sides, sprinkle with salt & pepper. Cook uncovered 10 minutes or until done. Remove and keep warm. Add marmalade mixture to skillet and bring to boil. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered for 3 to 4 minutes or until thickened. Spoon sauce over pork chops.

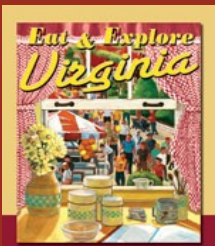
Recipe by The Country Canner

This recipe and more can be seen in the *\*Eat & Explore Virginia Cookbook*. The Cookbook is available for purchase at the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce office located at 103-B Stonewall Court in Stuart, VA. Or by calling 276.694.6012

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.

Milton Berle





## **CULTURAL EVENTS**

### **During Mountains of Music Homecoming**

#### **BUSHELS & BARRELS SIDEWALK ART SHOW**

Patrick County Chamber of Commerce  
103-B Stonewall Court  
Stuart, VA  
Sunday, June 14th, 3:00-8:00pm.  
Local artisans showcase their art and offer easels for painting & drawing for children. Arts work for sale.

#### **BUSHELS & BARRELS SUSTAINABLY WORKSHOP**

Reynolds Homestead  
463 Homestead Lane, Critz, VA  
Friday, June 19, 2015, 8:00am-5:00pm  
10 Sessions on Beekeeping, Orchards, Composting, Herbal Medicine Cabinet, and more.

#### **CANOING WITH GHOSTS**

Fairy Stone State Park, Shelter #4  
967 Fairystone Lake Drive  
Stuart, VA  
Tuesday, June 16th, 7:30-9:30pm  
A guided canoe tour of Fairy Stone Lake featuring history and ghost stories of the Fayerdale. Hear stories of the old iron ore mining boomtown or Fayerdale, over which the lake now flows. The trip ends with a short hike to an old cemetery and ghostly tale

#### **CHAMBER BLOCK PARTY**

Patrick County Chamber of Commerce  
103-B Stonewall Court  
Stuart  
Thursday, June 18th, 5:30pm until  
Music, Fun and entertainment. Wine and Food also available.  
Free

#### **COVERED BRIDGE QUILTED WALL HANGING WORKSHOP**

Quilted Colors  
107 Main Street  
Stuart, VA  
Tuesday, June 16th  
10:00am-3:00pm.  
Create a quilted wall hanging featuring the covered bridge of Patrick County by using traditional quilting techniques.

#### **DINNER & A DOCUMENTARY FILM "BROADCAST: A MAN AND HIS DREAM"**

Historic Star Theatre  
Patrick Avenue  
Stuart, VA  
Thursday, June 18th  
Dinner at 5:30pm, Film at 7:00pm  
First-hand account of Ralph Epperson starting WPAQ Radio Station in Mt. Airy, NC in 1948.

#### **FAIRSTONE HUNT**

Fairy Stone State Park  
967 Fairystone Lake Drive  
Stuart, VA  
Saturday, June 13th, Wednesday, June 17th  
9:00-10:30am.  
Learn the legend behind naturally occurring stone cross formations and travel to the special location in the park to search for your own "Fairy Stone." The story surrounding these "tears of Fairies will delight your imagination and motivate your treasure hunt for the perfect keepsake.

#### **FAIRSTONE WORKSHOP**

Fairy Stone State Park, Shelter #4  
967 Fairystone Lake Drive  
Stuart, VA  
Wednesday, June 17th, 11:00am-12:00noon  
Clean and craft your newly found raw Fairy Stone into a special keepsake

#### **GUIDED HIKE AT FAIRY STONE STATE PARK**

Fairy Stone State Park  
967 Fairystone Lake Drive  
Stuart, VA  
Sunday June 14th  
Thursday, June 18th  
4:00pm.  
A guided hike to learn about local history and folklore of the Civilian Conservation Corps built parks.

#### **LIVING HISTORY AT LAUREL HILL**

Laurel Hill  
1091 Ararat Highway  
Ararat, VA  
Wednesday, June 17th, 11:00am-3:00pm  
Tour the birthplace of Confederate General JEB Stuart.  
Themed food and refreshments available.

#### **LOCAL FOOD CELEBRATION**

Patrick County Chamber of Commerce  
103-B Stonewall Court  
Stuart, VA  
Sunday, June 14th, 6:00-8:00pm  
Purchase dinner tickets to sample foods served in five of Patrick County's local restaurants.



## **CULTURAL EVENTS**

### **During Mountains of Music Homecoming**

#### **MONDAY MARKET AT FAIRY STONE**

Fairy Stone State Park  
967 Fairystone Lake Drive  
Stuart, VA  
Monday, June 15th, 5:00-7:00pm.  
Bring a lawn chair, bring a picnic, and kick back and enjoy local blues entertainer Les Moore. Get fresh produce from the garden as well as baked goods, honey, eggs & more. Corn hole tournament kicks off the market. Hot dog vendor on site also.

#### **OLD DOMINION CLOGGERS WORKSHOP**

Patrick County High School  
215 Cougar Lane  
Stuart, VA 24171  
Monday, June 15th, 6:00pm  
Flat-footing and clogging workshop for beginners/basics. Group exhibition and performance during the main music event.

#### **PANCAKE DAYS AT STUART BAPTIST**

Stuart Baptist Church  
108 W. Blue Ridge Street  
Stuart, VA  
Thursday June 18th, 7:00am-2:00pm  
Serving homemade buttermilk pancakes, sausage, gravy, apple butter, coffee, juice, and water.

#### **QUILT EXHIBIT @ QUILTED COLORS**

107 N. Main Street  
Stuart, VA  
Friday, June 12th & Saturday, June 13th,  
9:00am-5:00pm.  
Celebrate the art and heritage of quilting. Hand made quilts and other quilted items will be on display at Quilted Colors

#### **SPILLWAY PADDLE**

Fairy Stone State Park, Shelter #4  
967 Fairystone Lake Drive  
Stuart, VA  
Tuesday, June 16th, 1:00-2:00pm  
A guided canoe/paddleboard trip down scenic Fairy Stone Lake to the earthen dam and spillway

#### **STANBURN WINERY TOUR**

158 Conner Drive  
Stuart, VA  
Sunday, June 14th, 12noon-5:00pm.  
Tour the vineyard and winery and learn about the process of both. Tastings of their award winning wines. Art display in the tank and barrel room by Steven White.

#### **STUART FARMERS MARKET**

Patrick Avenue  
Stuart, VA 24171  
Friday, June 12th, 8:00am-12:00noon  
Tuesday, June 16th, 3:00-6:00pm  
15 local farmers offer fresh produce, peaches, eggs, apples, beef, chicken, lamb & pork. Baked items, handmade crafts, soaps and gift items also available.

#### **TOWN UNDER THE LAKE**

Fairy Stone State Park  
967 Fairystone Lake Drive  
Stuart, VA  
Saturday, June 13th & 20th  
7:30-9:30pm.  
A guided canoe tour to learn the history of the old iron ore mining boomtown of Fayerdale, over which the lake now flows.

#### **TOUR OF HISTORIC JOHN D. HOOKER HOME**

108 Chestnut Street  
Stuart, VA  
Sunday, June 14th, Tuesday, June 16th, Thursday, June 18th, 10:00am-6:00pm.  
Tour of this completely restored 1902 Colonial style home, originally know as the Judge John D. Hooker home. Enjoy a yard filled with large maples, flowers and gardens, and live gospel music on the porch.

#### **WATER BUFFALO FARM TOUR & TASTING**

Mulberry Farm  
127 Rye Cove Creek Rd  
Stuart, VA  
Sunday, June 14th thru Friday, June 19th  
11:00am-4:00pm.  
Short tour of Mulberry Farms, including interactions with some of their animals. Try a sample of some of their sausages and patties.



## **MUSIC**

### **During Mountains of Music Homecoming**

#### **BLUEGRASS GOSPEL CONCERT**

Stuart Rotary Building  
Woodland Drive  
Stuart, VA

Saturday, June 13th, 4:00-8:00pm

Local musicians provide the sounds of bluegrass gospel music and the Disaster Relief Food Ministry will have short order food available for purchase.

#### **BUSHEL & BARRELS LOCAL FOOD WINE, AND BEER FESTIVAL**

Reynolds Homestead  
163 Homestead Lane  
Critz, VA

Saturday, June 20th, 11:00am-7:00pm

Four bands performing, local artisans, food vendors, produce from local farmers, and wine.

#### **CROOKED ROAD MAIN EVENT**

Patrick County High School  
215 Cougar Lane  
Stuart, VA 24171

Monday, June 15th, 7:00pm

Tickets: \$20-\$30

Enjoy the sounds of Kenny & Amanda Smith, the Mountain Stream Old Time Trio, and the Old Dominion Cloggers.

#### **FRONT PORCH BLUEGRASS JAMBOREE**

7958 Jeb Stuart Hwy.  
Vesta, VA 24177

June 20th, 2:00-5:00pm

Enjoy old-time bluegrass music, flat-footing and dance. Browse the country store for locally grown produce and locally made food products.

#### **HOT FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME**

Wayside Park Rd  
Stuart, VA

Thursday & Friday, June 11th & 12th, 6:00pm until

Saturday, June 13th 1:00pm until

Showcasing original beach music, rhythm and blues, artists, craftsman, dancing, games and more.

#### **OLD-TIME GOSPEL MUSIC NIGHT**

Fairy Stone Baptist Church  
82 Fairystone Church Loop  
Stuart, VA

Sunday, June 14th, 6:00-7:00pm.

A concert with church members and their friends performing various old time bluegrass and southern gospel songs. Vocals & instruments.

#### **REYNOLDS HOMESTEAD @ FAIRY STONE**

Fairy Stone State Park  
967 Fairystone Lake Drive  
Stuart VA

Friday, June 12th, 7:00-9:00pm.

Reynolds Homestead presents a live concert at Fairy Stone State Park, featuring 2 Young 2 Old Bluegrass Band.

#### **TIN PEN ALLEY**

511 West Blue Ridge Street  
Stuart, VA 24171

Tuesday, June 16th, 6:00pm

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the sounds of C.C. Coates Band, enjoy local wines and beer, and food specials provided by The Boondock Grill. 50/50 drawing held for a local charity.

#### **VIRGINIA COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL**

Bob White Covered Bridge  
1028 Elamsville Rd  
Stuart, VA

AND

Jack's Creek Covered Bridge  
1274 Jack's Creek Road  
Woolwine, VA

Saturday, June 20th, 10:00am-4:00pm

A celebration of local heritage of the covered bridges in Woolwine. Live musical entertainment, horse & wagon rides, arts crafts, food, children's activities, a duck race, bridge tours, historical displays, and enactments. A 5K race kicks off the event.

#### **WILLIS GAP MUSIC JAM**

Willis Gap Community Center  
144 The Hollow Rd  
Ararat, VA

Friday, June 12th & 19th, 7:00-10:00pm

Bring your instruments and enjoy folks of all ages, playing, singing, and dancing. Concessions are available and a 50/50 drawing is held.