

Orange Oracle

An Electronic Update from the Orange County Historical Society

Call for Volunteers: *Library Committee*

With the recent addition of new library shelving, we are re-establishing a team to act as stewards of our research library.

Duties:

1. Organization- improve public accessibility.
2. Maintenance- ensure materials are relevant.

Time: to be determined by the Committee.

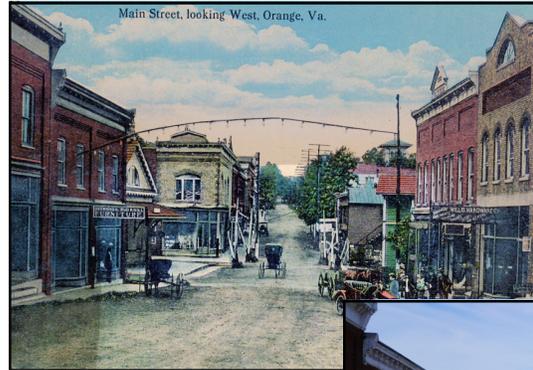
Duration: Appointed by the President for terms up to three years or less, per your availability

If you are interested, please email:
OCHistVolunteers@gmail.com

May Program: *"Waverley" gardens*



Mark down Sunday, May 29, at 6 pm for a rare opportunity to see the magnificent gardens at "Waverley" in Somerset. Although the original garden dates back to the late 1920s, the new more expan-



The Orange County Historical Society is looking for memories of the past and visions for the future of the Town of Orange. It's all part of the town's 150th anniversary this year.



Main Street circa 1915 and today

Memories and Visions

The auditorium at the research center has been converted into a temporary TV studio. Various shakers and movers in town have been invited to share their memories and visions of their community on camera. Each of these "interviews" will be lightly edited and posted on the society's YouTube channel. To access these oral histories, please go to orangecovahist.org and click on the "Memories and Visions" tab or follow this link:
<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLELacNdIrBA34TLADKavmxInCMT1vFOTc>

In addition, these interviews will be included in a time capsule that will be sealed during the town's 150th birthday celebration on June 11. For a complete listing of a schedule of activities on that day, go to the town's 150th web site: townoforangeva150.com.

Also on June 11, the TV studio will move to a room at the Orange School of Performing Arts on Main Street to record

sive garden was developed in 2004. Owner Charlotte Tieken and landscape architect, Charles Stick will invite Historical Society members to learn about and stroll through the “rooms” of this local gem. Bring a picnic, a lawn chair, and some walking shoes.

“Waverley” is the first drive on the left once you turn onto Scuffletown Road (Rt. 609) from Route 20 in Somerset. The 911 address is 13434 Waverly Drive. Come down the drive past the barns, park in the horse paddock on the left, and walk in to the gardens from there. For those who have difficulty walking, there are a few spaces to park closer to the front entrance to the house. Rain, thunder and lightning cancel.



Know someone who might like to receive the *Oracle*?

Send us their email address!

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Interested in Orange County history?

Become a Society Member!

Want to help?

Become a volunteer!

Click here-

<https://www.orangecovahist.org/about-us.html>

the memories and visions of walk-ins. If you call Orange your hometown and want to share your memories of the past and visions for the future of our community, this is your chance.

The TV studio moves again on June 19th to the Visitor’s Center (train station) to be closer to the Juneteenth celebration and park dedication slated for that day. Once again walk-ins will be welcome to share their memories and visions, particularly as they pertain to Mill Street and the African American neighborhood.

Finally, a full length documentary about the history of the Town of Orange will be released later this year. It will feature numerous “little known facts” about our community’s past as well as archival photographs that researchers have discovered over the past few months. Stay tuned!



Galen Greenlaw of OEI Events helped set up the OCHS TV studio

OCHS Mission Statement

The Orange County Historical Society is a research, archival, and educational organization dedicated to the discovery, preservation, and dissemination of the history of the people, places, organizations, and events of Orange County, Virginia, and the surrounding area.