

EXPLORATIONS TENT (Tentative schedule subject to change)

11:30 AM Scales to Tales

Scales to Tales provides festival goers an up-close view of the region's wildlife. "Scales and Tales" is an educational program using non-releasable birds of prey and reptiles native to Maryland. Featured at the aviary are many birds that have been injured or have been raised in captivity and could not survive in the wild. This one-of-a-kind program allows visitors the opportunity to view wildlife firsthand and hear how the animals became part of the program.

1:00 PM Mountain Ridge Oral History

Join Mountain Ridge High School students enrolled in Historical Research Methods, as they discuss their most recent project, Frostburg's Bicentennial. Featuring Frostburg's history, students will share their project, describing the process they used in creating this documentation and discuss plans for this year's project.

1:45 PM Kelly-Springfield Film Discussion

Cumberland resident Andrew Sparber is embarking on a two year project to document and produce a film capturing the history of Kelly-Springfield Tire. For decades, Kelly-Springfield brought state of the art industry to Cumberland and provided jobs to the region's residents. Key to the film's success will be interviews conducted with former employees and management. Come learn about this ambitious project through a discussion of the manufacturer's history in western Maryland.

2:30 PM Frostburg's African-American History

Lynn Bowman, an assistant professor of English and speech at Allegany College of Maryland, has written the first history of Brownsville, a Frostburg neighborhood that was once home to a substantial African-American community but has since disappeared. A Frostburg resident, Bowman recounts the rise and demise of this community in her book, *Being Black in Brownsville: Echoes of a "Forgotten" Frostburg*. Her self-published 177-page monograph stems from months of research that included consulting county property deeds and census records and travel to Annapolis and Baltimore for a review of newspaper dispatches and state archives. Bowman also interviewed Frostburg residents descended from Brownsville inhabitants, who supplied many of the photographs reproduced in her book.

3:15 PM Making Maryland's Baskets

In Maryland, we are losing our basket-making traditions and cultures tied to Native Americans, the lives of watermen, the immigrants of Western Maryland, and the manufacturing of baskets in the Northeast. Our state history of basket making is not well-known, yet scarcely, a home in Maryland is without a basket of some kind. Over the next two years, basket weaver and researcher Kathleen Beauchesne, Executive Director of the Center for Research in Basketry will lead a series of events and symposia in four different geographic regions of Maryland; this multi-pronged basketry project centers on research, fieldwork and participant observation building a body of knowledge for each participant organization through a sequence of cultural activities. Come hear about the project and learn about the multiple basket types found in mountain Maryland and the surrounding region.

4:00 PM Wild Brews

Gabriel Echeverri offers a workshop/lecture instructing the general public in the brewing of a number of beverages, the ingredients of which can be found in the woods and wilds locally. These beverages have been traditional staples of Appalachian do it yourself fare for quite a long time. In addition to hearing instruction and stories about the history of Appalachian home brewing traditions, participants will have the chance to taste a number of different concoctions and possibly gain hands on experience with the actual crafting of beverages.

