

# Hometown Roots

Stories of the  
Laurel Highlands

## Sandyvale Historic Speaker Series 2016 Schedule

With the fragmentation of families today, where grandparents, aunts and uncles often live in other states, the traditional role of storytelling in families that used to fall to those relatives at family gatherings, and holiday celebrations is often lost. Children are growing up in cities and towns that their extended families don't reside in, consequently they know little about the history. Local residents sometimes have little knowledge of local history because schools don't have the time to teach it.

Sandyvale's Historic Speaker Series tries to fill this gap. We provide the children in this area information about the role Johnstown has played in historic events. Establishing a pride of place in their hometown, in those who came before them and the roles they played in our nation's history.

The 2016 summer schedule for the historic speaker series is listed below along with some photographs of prior sessions held on the grounds and in the greenhouse of Sandyvale Memorial Gardens & Conservancy:

- ❖ **June 21<sup>st</sup> 10am-11am – Underground Railroad During the Civil War** - Presenter: Barbara Zaborowski, Dean for Learning Resources & Special Assistant to the President, Penn Highlands Community College
- ❖ **July 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30am-11:30am – Crafts & Trades in Colonial Times** – Presenter: Gary Burkett, Somerset Historical Society focusing on Blacksmithing & Coopering (*woodworking*)
- ❖ **July – Date to be Determined - Clara Barton & The American Red Cross** - Presenter: Red Cross Emergency Services of Cambria & Somerset Counties Representative
- ❖ **August – Date to be Determined - Women in the Civil War**

