

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. Residents sometimes have little knowledge of previous local history or don't have time to teach it.

Sandyvale's Historic Speaker Series tries to fill this gap. We provide children and adults 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, 80 Hickory Street, Johnstown, PA 15902. **Attendance is free and open to the public.**

- ❖ **June 21st 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 12th 10:30am-11:30am – Crafts & Trades in Colonial Times** – Presenter: Gary Burkett, Somerset Historical Society focusing on Blacksmithing & Coopering (*woodworking*)
- ❖ **August 2nd 10am-11am - Women in the Civil War** - Presenter: Christine Beisel and Amy Minor, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Mary Campbell Ladies Auxiliary #16
- ❖ **August 16th 10am-11am – The 1889 Flood Story and the Beginning of the Red Cross** - Presenter: Doug Bosley, National Park Service

