

Blair Community Center and Museum

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The Friends of Blair Mountain are happy to announce that we are building up the Blair Community Center and Museum in preparation for its opening in late July. Below is a list of items that could help us create a community space that will aid our struggle to preserve Blair Mountain and the fight for social, labor and environmental justice in central Appalachia.

This space will house the Friends of Blair Mountain office, a small heritage museum, a craft-shop of local made goods, a Blair Mountain historical archive, and a small library centered on Appalachian studies. The majority of the space will be used for community events and socializing space (hence the need for chairs, couches, coffee tables, etc., — trying to make it a comfortable space for community members to spend time).

If you have any items you would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate it. Please contact us at friendsofblairmountain@gmail.com. Please forward this on to anyone who may be interested in helping out! For more information, see <http://www.friendsofblairmountain.org/>.

See below for specific needs.

Equipment Needed

INSIDE

Coffee pot
Vacuum
Printer/Scanner
Electrical Cord
Power Strips
Office Chairs
Office supplies
Desks

Bathroom supplies
Book donations (history, nature field guides for Appalachia)
Bookshelves
Toaster oven
Microwave
Refrigerator
Screen projector for movies and lectures
Couches
Recliner chairs
Coffee table

OUTSIDE

Weed eater
Lawn mower
Grills
Basketball backboard and rim
Picnic tables
Basketball
Horseshoes
Perennial flowers

FOR MUSEUM

Glass Display Case x 2
Shelves and stands for selling crafts, pictures, postcards

BIG ASK (for projects later down the road)

MAC computers x 2
PC (Dell, HP, etc.) x 1
Speakers (sound system)
Digital camera for community use
Copy machine

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