

The Gravy Infusion

News, activities, and doings from the Loyal Jones Appalachian Center



Main Sharing

Books, Books and More Books!



We've been extra busy lately getting Appalachian books into the hands of people and places who will use them. Our Appalachian Writer in Residence, Jacinda Townsend, used funding from her grant to send multiple books to Berea College creative writing student. We mailed these books last Wednesday.

We are also assisting 54 public library systems throughout eastern Kentucky add to their Appalachian literature collections. We feel deeply fortunate to have the opportunity to do this important work and are grateful for the support of the University Press of Kentucky and West Virginia University Press.

“Where there are mountains, there will be wind and mist, and where there is all that, a motion and imagination will do the rest and tales will be made and remade, like a transplant giving new life to literature.”

Lee Pennington

Kentucky Author

1962 Berea Graduate and author of 1300 published poems

Watch his Berea Convocation Speech in 1996 [HERE](#)

LJAC Update for the Fall



In compliance with the Berea College's new safety guidelines responding to COVID 19, the Loyal Jones Appalachian Center will not be open to the general public this fall. This was not an easy decision to make, and we will miss seeing our Gallery filled with visitors playing the Dolly Parton pinball machine, browsing through the exhibits, and asking meaningful questions. However, we are committed to finding safe ways to continue our mission to educate and connect. Among our adaptations, we will update our window display exhibit, host virtual Dinner on the Grounds, and continue sending out bi-weekly issues of the *Gravy Infusion*.

Summer Solstice

This Saturday, **June 20th** is Midsummer, marking the longest day of the year. Let us treasure this time of warmth and light by waking up in the morning to appreciate the sunrise, soak up some vitamin D, and pass on a love and appreciation for nature to future generations. May the orange daylilies in your yard and roadsides grow tall and open wide.



Powell County, Kentucky
Photograph by Heather Dent

We are curious to know what your current favorite Appalachian books, music, and movies are! Please take a few moments to fill out this quick [survey](#). Next week we will announce the top results . . .