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Friends Barbara Collins, Pat LaLand, and Sally Honenberger at an Arts Center exhibit reception, 2010. Photo courtesy of the Arts Center of Orange.

first met Pat LaLand when my husband and I moved to Orange in 2013. While transplanting flowers in our back-

yard, I heard voices in the next yard over, peered over the fence, and introduced myself. Pat gave me a welcoming and engaging smile, and we quickly got to know each other. She gave me a copy of an article she wrote in 2011 for a publication I had not yet heard of called OC Magazine. The article was about Victorian gardens and featured our backyard. She invited me to tea and to visit our neighborhood book club, which I later learned she organized. We found that we shared more than the back alley and we began a friendship that I very much enjoyed.

Pat, who passed away in May at the age of 88, was an extraordinary woman. Among her numerous ventures, she wrote about many people and subjects for various publications, including this one. It is about time someone wrote about her.

Who was Pat LaLand? During my interviews with Pat's family and friends, the picture of this talented, fiercely independent, and strong-willed woman came to life. Pat was a woman with a variety of passions whose works improved the lives of so many in Orange County by highlighting its rich history and being an advocate for the arts.

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Pat in Egypt on one of the many trips she took with her grandson, 2004. Photo courtesy of the LaLand family.

We were both transplants, I from the suburbs of Philadelphia and Pat from it seems everywhere. The hometowns of Pat's friends I interviewed about her also vary – some are native to Orange and one from as far away as New Zealand. The origins of her friends are symbolic of the people of Orange County, an interesting and eclectic mix.

Pat was born and raised in Seattle and graduated from the University of Washington with a BA in liberal arts, concentrating in speech pathology. After college, she flew the friendly skies as a stewardess. She and her husband George, an Army officer, had two children, Geoff and Denise. They lived in Germany and several places in the United States before George was assigned to Virginia and deployed for his second tour of duty in Vietnam. Pat was soon employed with Colonial Williamsburg, but before she could tell her husband about her new job, George was killed in action. In fact, her letter telling him came back marked "deceased." Pat was left with their young children to raise alone. Tragedy struck again when her teenage daughter was killed in an auto accident, but Pat's tenacious spirit helped her carry on. Years later, she said, "Life leads to unexpected tests and pleasures."

Pat enjoyed a 17-year career at Colonial Williamsburg, where she developed a love of Virginia history and writing before moving on to other historic sites. Her love of history and adventure brought her to Orange in 1989 to take a position as assistant director of James Madison's Montpelier. This was an exciting time of discovery, challenge, and change for Montpelier under the National Trust for Historic





Pat dressed in Colonial garb in Williamsburg, 1970s. Photo courtesy of the LaLand family.

#### Preservation.

Her son Geoff related that Pat fell in love with Orange and her new community. "She developed roots here," he said. She would live in Orange longer than anywhere else – more than 20 years. "Orange gave her a home," said her friend and neighbor Martha Jeen Jacobson.

After her stint at Montpelier, Pat decided to pursue writing full-time. In addition to OC Magazine, she wrote for the Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star, Southern Accents, House Beautiful, Garden Design, and Better Homes and Gardens. She was recognized for her writing with awards from the National Federation of Press Women and the Virginia Press Women. Her last article was for the Free Lance-Star in 2015 commemorating the 275th anniversary of Orange County.

In addition to writing, Pat's passions included photography, traveling, gardening, reading, and all things historical, and she wrote about them all in her columns. Topics included the history of everything from cheese-making, lighting, wallpaper, and Colonial cooking to churches and other historic buildings in the county.

Pat served on the boards of several non-profits in the county. As a member of the Orange County Tourism Roundtable, she compiled a booklet on area history for the Bike Virginia participants who cycled through Orange. This led to her book Orange County Chronicles: Stories from a Historic Virginia County for which she won the Virginia Press Women's first place prize for nonfiction writing.

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Pat and George's wedding, 1954. Photo courtesy of the LaLand family.



Judy Peterson and Laura Thompson posing with Pat's book at the Arts Center in Orange, 2018. Photo by Barbara Wimble.

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One of her friends was Duff Green, a member of a four-generation newspaper family who worked for more than 60 years as a writer and chief photographer for the Orange County Review. Duff was an inspiration to Pat, and said that "Pat often called me to pick my brain on the history of the Potomac Fredericksburg & Piedmont Railroad and to borrow pictures." They enjoyed talking together about local history and several other subjects.

Duff's wife Mary was in the Orange Garden Club with Pat and also admired her: "Pat had a lot of know-how and was always on the scene. She did not like a lot of chit-chat at meetings and took the club's work of planting flowers and trees and decorating nursing homes for Christmas seriously."

Pat was instrumental in organizing the beautiful annual Art and Flower exhibit held at the Arts Center in Orange. She also facilitated an annual meeting there between the Dolley Madison, Lake of the Woods, Madison, Orange, and Rapid Ann garden clubs to coordinate their schedules.

Martha Jeen said that Pat worked tirelessly to bring the arts to the community. She was a board member of Four County Players in Barboursville, Central Virginia's longest running community theater. Pat was proud of the projects she worked on to improve the functioning of the theater and never missed a show.

Pat was an active member of the photogra-

phy club that met at the Arts Center, where she exhibited her own work. I found it challenging to find pictures of Pat, because she was always behind the camera, not the subject!

She served on the board of the Arts Center for years and hired Laura Thompson, the current Executive Director. Laura recalled her interview with Pat, who was poised with her clipboard with her prepared questions. Laura was nervous and intimidated by Pat's direct and no-nonsense interview style, but Laura got the job and enjoyed many years associating with Pat. "Pat was all business...You had to prove yourself to her, she did not suffer fools," Laura said. "She was one to get it done and move on." As her son said, "She had the family trait of 'stick-to-itiveness.""

Along with her friend Sally Honenberger, Pat headed a program for writers at the Arts Center and worked on their newsletter and grant applications. Her friend Judy Peterson said that Pat was always generous with her writing expertise helping her friends with their book projects.

Pat was a fearless traveler who journeyed to every continent except Antarctica. Alyson Sparks, a longtime neighbor and friend, said, "Pat enjoyed the world." In 2010, she went (by herself) on her last overseas trip, a kayaking excursion in Mongolia. When she arrived, Pat found that she was the only woman in a group of nine. But that did not faze Pat!

Martha Jeen related that Pat was,



Pensive Pat sitting on a rock, 1980s. Photo courtesy of the LaLand family.

"always ready to go and do and to have a 'cuppa' with her friends." Pat was famous for inviting her friends to tea and have her talented cat Charlie entertain and "play" the baby grand piano. Charlie would walk up and down the keys on command. When I look over the fence between our yards, I wish that I could have one last cuppa with Pat and enjoy one last conversation with her in her front parlor. We miss Pat, but her good works for Orange County and her distinctive writing will live on for generations to come, and she will continue to be an inspiration to many.



Alyson Sparks at Dogwood Village, 2018. Photo by Barbara Wimble.

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His first novel, The Lincoln Deception, about the John Wilkes Booth Conspiracy, was called the best historical novel of 2013 by Bloomberg View. Sequels include The Wilson Deception, set at the Paris Peace Conference in 1919, and The Babe Ruth Deception, who follows the Babe's first two years with the Yankees.

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In late September, Donna and Eddie Patrick hosted a book signing for author Sherman Shifflett at their Louisa restaurant, Smokin' Eddie's.



Author Sherman Shifflett reminisced with Evalyn Brown, a friend of his sister Chellie, who stopped by during a book signing at the Fabric Hut and Gift Gallery last month.

# Recollections -On and Off the Mountain

By Pat Wilson Correspondent

eorge Harvey Shifflett always claimed his family was "evicted" and "treated shabbily," a grudge he held against federal and state authorities for the rest of his life. Born in 1904 and the youngest of seven children of Daniel and Melvina Shifflett, Harvey, as he was called, grew up

on a farm in Rockingham County in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains. He endured a strict father, tolerated hard work, obtained only a basic education and survived the Depression. What he couldn't prevent was eminent domain. In 1933, his parents' farmland was taken and home burned as part of the New Deal project to create the Shenandoah National Park.

In a recently published book, Remembering a Blue Ridge Mountain Father, retired Louisa educator and administrator, Sherman Shifflett recounts his father's life on and off the mountain. Both poignant and humorous recollections tell of a family's struggles in the early decades of the 20th century. Self-sufficiency meant raising livestock and hunting for meat, canning and drying fruits and vegetables, and stashing any little money in jars instead of trusting banks. Trips to Harrisonburg to buy food staples were rare, but often included selling surplus farm products and, if possible, buying shoes. Sherman's father knew the meaning of "hand-me-downs."

"The Skyline Drive goes right through my grandfather's farm," said Sherman. "It caused a lot of bitterness among the people and my father said that state authorities torched the house almost before he was out of sight. Grandfather lost 250 acres and was paid \$3,053, which might have been a fair price back then."



A symbolic chimney erected in Rockingham County as part of the Blue Ridge Heritage Project bears the name of Daniel Shifflett, Sherman Shifflett's grandfather who was displaced by the creation of the Shenandoah National Park.

Harvey and his wife Nelie along with their younger children and his parents relocated to Colesville in Albemarle County. Sherman was born there, and remembers his father working for an orchard owner along with enjoying hunting and fishing. But, the feeling of resentment never faded.

"He missed the mountains. After he retired, frequently on Sunday afternoons we'd take him to the Skyline Drive and drop him off near the area of the old family farm. He would sit on a rock all day and just whittle – until we picked him up," Sherman wrote.

Known for his ability to tell stories, flattering or not, about his own life, Sherman's unique perspective on his father's years permeates the book's anecdotes. For instance, Harvey passed his work ethic on to his children. The chores of Sherman's youth included working in the family's extensive garden and feeding chickens. He related incidents about the rooster Big Boy and his father's admonition to the hens that "an egg a day keeps the ax away."

His father kept hounds, a variety of coon dogs, blue ticks and Black and Tans. The book contains numerous hunting stories, a passion of Harvey's and a source of meat, including squirrel, duck and rabbit. Once, Sherman asked his father if he'd ever gone bear hunting. He replied, "Yes." The follow up question was "Did you have any luck?" His father replied, "Shore did. I did not see a single bear all day."

Sherman's humor, like his father's, is also apparent when he writes about discipline. Harvey did not hesitate to apply the paddle or a belt to his children's backsides. Restricting television

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Remembering a Blue Ridge Mountain Father recounts the life of George Harvey Shifflett through the recollections of Sherman Shifflett with help from his siblings. Photo courtesy of Sherman Shifflett.



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Daniel and Melvina Shifflett farmed land in the Blue Ridge Mountains.



A 1930s photograph shows Nelie Florence and George Harvey Shifflett with three of their children, Ed, Beulah and Ferrell. An aunt is in the background.

> All photos courtesy of Sherman Shifflett



Sherman Shifflett is pictured in the late 1940s with his sisters, Chellie and Nancy.

or telephone time was not an option since the family had neither. Grounding wouldn't work, because they didn't have a car. Teachers and other authoritative adults were always right and were unconditionally to be respected

Above all, Sherman used the term "a good man" to describe his father. The book lists some of the man's homespun advice. "The only time you look down on someone is when you are trying to help them up." "Give more than you take." "You can't travel the road of life by looking in the rear-view mirror."

Several of his philosophical expressions centered on animals. "About as useless as putting a milk pail under a bull." "As happy as a pig in slop." "If a jackass kicks me once, it's his fault. If he kicks me twice, it's my fault."

In 2018, Sherman and two brothers visited the Elkton site established by the Blue Ridge Heritage Project in Rockingham County which honored property owners who were displaced by the park. His grandfather's name is listed on the brass plaque attached to a symbolic stone chimney.

Although the author claims he never intended to write a book, Friends and family urged him to preserve Shifflett history. So, Sherman began compiling anecdotes from his personal memories and those of his siblings. After a Richmond-based syndicated reporter included him in a story about the Blue Ridge Heritage Project, Sherman heard similar requests from numerous acquaintances and former students from across the country. His book is the result of a three-year effort to compile, organize and write, plus accumulate photographs.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree from East Tennessee State University in 1966, Sherman was drafted into the army, served two years then returned to the Charlottesville area. He never intended to teach, but a long-term substituting opportunity at Louisa County High School led to a 31-year career, first as a business then visiting teacher, and later as vocational director, and eventually an assistant principal. He also coached cross country and track. Sherman earned a master's degree from the University of Virginia.

Active in the community, Sherman is serving his fourth term as the Mineral district school board representative. He was involved in the Mineral Historical Foundation, as well as served on the Industrial Development Authority and the Louisa County Parks and Recreation Advisory Council. A strong supporter of the Louisa Education Foundation, Sherman is the school board's liaison.

And, what's next? Sherman is gathering information for a second book focusing on his mother's side of the family.

Copies of the book can be purchased at the Fabric Hut or by contacting the author at sherwood@firstva.com



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