



**Sandscrest news, May 2025** -- *Two giant, hanging baskets are soon to be planted with geraniums and sweet potato vine. We're taking our chances on a late frost...*



#### **Rooms are cool – but cozier than ever**

Individual air-conditioning units that supplement the main house's central air were tucked into each of the bedroom windows just a few days ago. We're ready for summer!

At the same time, however, we've cozied up all the bedrooms in this building. Each now boasts a large rug to provide a soft burst of color and texture atop our original hardwood floors, many of which go back to 1847.

Some of the carpets are in the classic, oriental style. Others are fully contemporary – a reminder that Sandscrest Conference & Retreat Center is both historic and alive with activity.

#### **May and June teas are booking quickly**

While our May 21 tea is already at capacity, there are still a handful of spots open for our Tuesday, **May 6** event. We are also taking reservations for a Wednesday, **June 18** tea.

Call us at 304-277-3022 to reserve a seat. The cost of each tea – a multi-course, meal-sized event -- is \$35 per person. Tea time is always from 1-3 p.m. Future dates will post here and on Facebook.



**More history is posted at [sandscrest.com](http://sandscrest.com)**

The latest installment of our book-length history is now live on our website at [sandscrest.com](http://sandscrest.com). Newsletter subscribers will receive a link by email.

This section includes two touching, first-person accounts from the Sandscrest Farm era (1920-1962). A treat for the serious Sandscrest lover, the accounts share small details of farm life – from the construction of a “fire-proof” house to what a commercial milking schedule looked like in the 1950s.

A final, sixth section about the Sandscrest Conference & Retreat Center era – 1952 to the present – will be released in coming weeks.

A reminder: Staff will also share images and stories from the overall work at noon Tuesday, July 22 at the Ohio County Public Library in downtown Wheeling. This event is part of the library’s popular Lunch With Books series.

**Summer and fall openings still available**

May’s calendar is already full with multiple day and overnight events. There’s still room in the schedule for summer and fall bookings, however. If we can host your next lunch meeting or other special gathering, please give Director Cheryl Harshman a call at 304-277-3022 or contact her by email at [sandscrest-director@wvdiocese.org](mailto:sandscrest-director@wvdiocese.org).

### **Hand-me-downs welcome**

If you are downsizing or spring cleaning, consider Sandscrest as a possible outlet for your extra stuff. We are currently looking for:

- classic or contemporary art for guestroom walls
- wingback and/or slipper-style chairs for main house guestrooms
- quilts of any size or color
- vintage or new pillowcases with embroidered trim
- 5x7 indoor/outdoor rugs for guest house rooms
- china tea cups and saucers.

If you are interested in donating any such items or supporting the Sandscrest ministry in some other way, please contact Director Cheryl Harshman at [sandscrest.director@wvdiocese.org](mailto:sandscrest.director@wvdiocese.org) or (304) 277-3022.

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