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## Arts in Ellijay

*Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association  
Dedicated to promoting the arts in Ellijay*

*"Nashville Mandolin Ensemble is a fabulous listening experience. The beauty of their collective sound shimmers as it seemingly rains down upon you." -- Mark O'Connor*

### Nashville Mandolin Ensemble Brings Bach, Beatles and Bluegrass to Ellijay

Awesome, fabulous, magical are music critics' descriptions of the B.E.S.T. choice for February 4. The Nashville Mandolin Ensemble has performed on TNN, CBS, PBS and at numerous festivals throughout the nation. They won the Indie Award for Best Acoustic Instrumental Recording, as well as Best Recording at the Nashville Music Awards for *All the Rage*.

The theme of the show, *Bach, Beatles and Bluegrass* exemplifies the diversity of these remarkable musicians. It is also the title of their most re-



cent recording. Through its array of mandolins, mandola, mandocello, violin, guitar and bass, NME commands expressive range and variety.

Tickets for the Nashville Mandolin Ensemble cost from \$15 to \$30.

They can be purchased at the GAHA office or by phone, 635-5605.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Ellijay Elementary auditorium on McCutchen Street.

### Davis Brothers Take the Stage January 21

Ellijay's version of the Smothers Brothers will take the stage at the CoffeeHouse on January 21 at 7 p.m. Victor and Larry Davis, the Davis Brothers, weave comedy into their classic country show. Accomplished musicians and entertainers, they have performed together for forty plus years.

"Music has been a part of our family. Our dad played the fiddle. Most of our siblings played an instrument," says Larry. "I play the guitar in a Chet Atkins style. My brother plays the electric bass."

Their great great grandfather moved here in 1830. Four of the six siblings still live in Gil-

mer. Some of their children and grandchildren are here as well.

The CoffeeHouse is held in GAHA's Hawthorne Room at no charge to the public. Coffee and desserts will be served. Donations are gladly accepted.





*Pre-registration is required. Make sure to sign up for your favorite class now.*

*The prices in parentheses reflect the 10% discount for members.*

## Winter Classes Starting Soon

**Drawing for Elementary and Middle School students.** Taught by Tim Rollins, this 4 week class will be held on Mondays, starting January 9th from 4:00-5:30 p.m. \$30 (\$27)

**Pen and Ink Drawing for Adults.** Taught by Alan Young, this 5 week class will be held on Mondays, starting January 16th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. \$85 (\$76.50)

**Oil painting.** Taught by Tim Rollins, this 6 week class will be held on Tuesdays, starting January 10th from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$180 (\$162). A supply list is available at GAHA.

**Beginning Guitar Classes.** Taught by Jim Pittman, this class is for ages 13 to adult. Music will be traditional acoustic music of this region. Classes will be held on Tuesdays, starting January 31st from 7:00p.m.-8:00p.m. and last 6 weeks. \$48 (\$43.20).

**Drama for Elementary and Middle School Students.** Taught by Patti Vick-Lee, who has a solid background in theatre. This class will be 4 weeks long. Classes will be on Thursdays, starting January 12th. \$35 (\$31.50)

**Sculpture Classes.** Taught by Julia Evatt, this 6 week

class will be on Thursdays, starting January 19th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. \$90 (\$81) plus \$15.00 for clay

**Drawing for High School Students.** Taught by Chris Farmer, this 4 week class will be on Fridays starting January 13th. from 4:00-5:30 p.m. \$22.50 (\$20.25) All supplies are included.

**Beginning Oil Painting.** Taught by Luci Mullinax, this 5 week class will be on Tuesdays, beginning Jan 17th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. A supply list will be available at the GAHA office. \$85 (\$76.50).

## Bicycle Raffle Benefits Gilmer High Arts Program

When your organization operates on a shoestring budget, but you get a request for a very worthy cause, what do you do? GAHA board member, Beverly Martarella responded to a request for funds for a potter's wheel

from the Gilmer High arts department by donating a bicycle for a raffle. Tickets for the mountain bike have been sold at various GAHA events and the Gilmer County Bank.

Mickey Moskovitz held the winning ticket,

which was drawn the week before Christmas. The raffle raised \$170.00, according to Beverly.

GAHA sponsors a show each March during Art Education month, displaying art created by Gilmer County Students.

## First Ever GAHA Wine Tasting Set for April 29

Puzzled by the variety of wines and what you might like? GAHA's first ever, wine tasting should remove some of the mystery of choosing wine.

Both local and international wines will be on the

menu. The event will be held at the GAHA building on Saturday, April 29. Times are to be announced. Seating is limited to the first 100 reservations.

*"Wine is laughter for your soul and a companion for your meal"*



## Committee's Challenge: Preserving Gilmer's Heritage

"GAHA's Historical Heritage Committee is looking for input: suggestions, contributions and volunteers," said the new chair, Beth Pigott, "but not necessarily in that order." Their initial meeting for 2006 will be Thursday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m. in GAHA's Hawthorne Room.

The two main topics will be how to preserve

the county's rich cultural heritage and how to utilize the museum, which is located in the annex. Six lighted display cases have been donated. Clampitt's Electrical, has volunteered to rewire them. Then they must be reassembled and painted. "They are the bare bones, a starting place for our first museum," said Beth

She also announced that George Burnett has agreed to teach several photography classes on composition in preparation for a photography contest of buildings in Gilmer County. The contest will be held in early April. Winning photographs will become part of the museum collection, recording the architectural heritage of the area.



*Gilmer County Court House*

*"We have an opportunity to create a space that will represent Gilmer accurately and with respect. My desire is that we will be up to that challenge," said Beth Pigott.*

## Get-away Packages Hot Items at Auction

"Please mark May 20, 2006 on your calendar for our annual auction. It is a fun evening and the prizes are outstanding," says Linda Killingsworth, auction

co-chair. "We are planning to have some very special get-away packages, but we need your help."

If you own a condominium and can donate a

week for a tax deduction, or if you have a connection to a hotel, bed and breakfast or resort, please call us at 635-5605.

## Members Only, Theme of Upcoming Gallery Show

"The gallery exhibit for January is going to be quite different," says Beverly Martarella, board member in charge of the gallery. "It is going to be a Members Only show. The talent among our membership is outstanding. Whether you are a professional, amateur, or hobbyist; if you are interested in exhibiting your work, we will display it."

Many hobby painters, potters, or those that have taken classes would like to see their work professionally exhibited and now they have a chance.

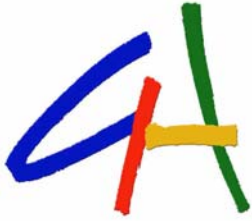
To participate in the show, you must be a current member of GAHA. If you are contributing a two-dimensional piece, it needs to have a wire hanger (not an

"alligator"). Three dimensional pieces can be displayed on pedestals or be free-standing.

Please contact Beverly through the gallery as soon as possible, as she expects this to be a very popular event and space is limited.



*Beatrice  
By Julia Evatt*



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## **GAHA's First CoffeeHouse Declared a Success**

*By Clifford S. Lancey*

The Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association's first Coffeehouse turned out to be a wonderful success. GAHA has recently moved into new quarters in the old Masonic Lodge building across from ETC in downtown Ellijay. The new digs are spacious and comfortable, and GAHA wanted to celebrate by offering the community an evening of desserts, refreshments and live music. A number of GAHA supporters put together a table full of delectable sweets and hors d'oeuvres. And a ragtag group of musicians, from whom nothing

much had been expected, performed with surprising charm. Recently returned from a tour of Dan Worley's basement, the threesome of Junior Partin, Mr. Worley, and Cliff Lancey offered up a set of bluegrass vocals followed by a set of rock classics. With Mr. Lancey demonstrating once again that Yankees don't play banjo, the group managed to stay close enough to satisfy the obviously entertainment-starved audience. It was clear from everyone's enjoyment of the evening that the time may be right for a little more evening entertainment in down-

town Ellijay. GAHA did a great job in putting together this evening of fun, food and music.

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