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Duplicate Bridge Added to Classes at GAHA

"Ever feel as if you aren't very good at keeping in touch with friends? Fix that problem by learning to play bridge," says Melba Gandy, Instructor. "It's a great way to ensure that friends get together for a fun time," she continues.

Beginner Duplicate Bridge classes will be held at GAHA on **Tuesdays, beginning February 1** from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. It is not necessary for you to know anything about the game. The series will include a lesson each week at the same time for ten weeks. All materials will be furnished. At the end of the series, you will understand the game and be able to competently bid and play hands. To compete in

duplicate bridge, however, a second intermediate series may be necessary. If you already play bridge, but simply want a refresher, you may attend (but will not be expected to participate in) the lessons for only a materials fee. The class fee is \$55.

"If you are looking for a class that will leave you coming back for more, look no further than Becky Wallace's one- and two-day Watercolor Workshops," says Tammy. "Becky teaches students who have never picked up a paintbrush, as well as those with more experience."

Watercolor classes are taught in a step-by-step method teaching color mixing, theory, and techniques,



and you go home with a completed painting. Beginners are welcome, and each class stands alone. One-day class will be held **January 18, February 22, and March 7**. The fee is \$55 for each class. Two day classes will be held on **February 8 & 9 and March 21 & 22**. The two day fee is \$105. Class hours are from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Bring a potluck dish to share with your classmates for lunch. Call GAHA or visit our website for photos of class projects for Becky's upcoming classes.

Why not bring your art project in progress and join instructor **Mark Menendez** for a complimentary lesson from 10 am to 12 noon. Mark has been teaching at GAHA for over three years and has a loyal following. He is a very talented artist and gifted instructor.

Members receive 10% off class fees. All classes are held at GAHA unless otherwise noted. Advance registration is required. Please give us a call at 706-635-5605 to sign up!

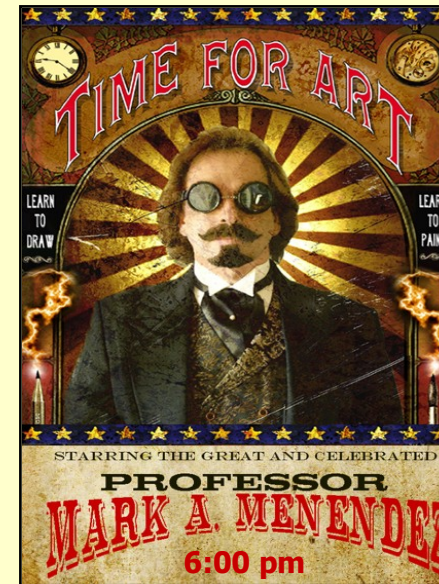
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Arts in Ellijay

Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association
Dedicated to Promoting Arts and Heritage in Gilmer County

Join us at the Art Show & Coffeehouse on January 14



On Friday, January 14, Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association invites you to attend the featured artist show of Mark Menendez, followed by our coffeehouse event with the local bluegrass band, *The Hoyles*.

"Mark Menendez has created an alias persona to promote his belief that each person, no matter what age, possesses the gift of drawing and painting," says Tammy Williams, GAHA Director. "He will use these tools to offer a film presentation and painting demonstration. Following, in Mark's own words, is a glimpse into this event," she continues.

Time-traveling Professor Mark Menendez, by virtue of his invention, the amazing electro-

magnetic, steam-powered multi terrain vehicle, the *Time Carriage* will arrive precisely at 6:00 pm, direct from his home in Valleytown, North Carolina, circa 1896 and share many of his secrets for the cost of one nickel admittance! The Professor is a frequent voyager through time to seek out and learn from the world's greatest artists! Recently, the Professor has visited the Renaissance, where he met with none other than Leonardo da Vinci! He obtained many secrets and desires to share them with you. Many of the Professor's unique Victorian inventions will be on display.

"The Professor is inspired by the works of Jules Verne and H. G. Wells, as well as popular time travels films of our age," says Mark. "*Time for Art* offers the whole family sound art principles and instruction in a fun and entertaining manner," he continues.

"Immediately afterwards, refreshments will be available as folks prepare to take a seat for the 7:00 pm coffeehouse featuring the talented local band, *The Hoyles*," says Tammy.

The Hoyles have been performing bluegrass together as a family band for more than twenty-five years. Founding members of the band include Eddie (banjo, vocals), Lisa (upright bass, vocals)

and Al (guitar, mandolin, and vocals). With Eddie's hard driving Scruggs-style banjo, Lisa's traditional bass, and Al's smooth rhythm, audiences have a hard time keeping their feet still. *The Hoyles* blend together their rich acoustic instruments as they reach a tight family harmony scarcely achieved by any means other than years of playing and singing together. Audiences get a feel for that high lonesome sound that is so prominent in bluegrass music as they listen to *The Hoyles'* performance. Their love for traditional bluegrass music is evident to all who listen and watch them perform.

"No reservations are needed," says Tammy. "Just be prepared to come out and have some fun!"



Eddie, Lisa, and Al perform live bluegrass music at 7:00 pm

Masquerade in the Mountains Casino Night Planned February 26



"Plans are well underway for our February 26 Casino Night," says Phil Forest, GAHA Board Member and Chairman for this event.

While last year's event combined wine tasting with fun and games, the two events have been separated this year to provide more time for each.

As was the case last year, February's Casino Night will center on a Mardi Gras theme with wine, beer and heavy hors

d'oeuvres to complement the gaming.

As guests check in, they will receive gaming chips in exchange for their tickets. Additional chips will be available for purchase during the evening. Games will include Blackjack, Texas Hold'Em Poker, Craps and Roulette.

"Neophytes need not be concerned," says Phil. "The dealers are professionals and will gladly explain the rules," he continues. Around 10 pm, winning players will be able to use their chips to bid on prizes.

"There will also be a surprise raffle to add to the evening's excitement," he adds.

The doors will open at 6:30 pm with play beginning at 7:00 pm. Ticket prices are not yet firm, but we expect they will be about \$50 and will go on sale in early January.

"For those of you who attended last year, you will remember seeing folks in costumes, dressed to the nines, or just dressed for a casual night out," says Tammy Williams, Director. "Attire is entirely your choice, but we may have an extra coin or two for folks in costume as an added incentive," she says.

Volunteers will be needed to help decorate prior to the event and clean up afterwards, check

folks in, and sell additional gaming and raffle tickets.

"If there's anyone who has done this in the past, I would certainly appreciate it if you will volunteer," says Phil Forest. You may contact Phil directly at 706-698-3255 for more information or to sign up and help!

Mark Your Calendars!

**Saturday, February 26
6:30 to 10:30 pm**

Gilmer Pioneer Tool Exhibit on Display at GAHA through March 31



"The Heritage Museum has a brand new exhibit on display," says Gary Hyde, Museum Director and Board Member. "We are excited to feature the Gilmer Pioneer Tools exhibit," Gary continues.

This exhibit, which showcases vintage mid to late 1800 tools, imple-

ments, and household items, will be on display through March 31. In addition, the exhibit provides information from the traveling display of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Home & Museum in Mansfield, Missouri entitled "Laura Ingalls Wilder: The Journey of a Pioneer Family."

Items on display are from the personal collection of Mark Hyde of Ellijay who has been collecting "Little House" related material since childhood. A large portion of Hyde's tools were collected by a member of an original pioneer family of Gilmer County, Mr. Howard Perry. Mr. Hyde, a teacher and pioneer history buff, brings the tools' uses to life in the GAHA exhibit by labeling many of the implements with quotes from the Wilder books. Fans of the "Little House" books will find these reference quotes very familiar as they view antique replicas of Pa's fiddle, Mary's trunk, Almanzo's oxen yoke, and

many other related items found in Wilder's books.

"Don't miss this unique opportunity to view this special exhibit," says Tammy Williams, Director. "GAHA is always looking for opportunities to bring arts and heritage to our community. We offer about four different museum exhibits each year," she continues.

As an educational tool for children touring the exhibit, lesson plans and other activities will be available for download at www.gilmerarts.org. Admission is free. For more information, call GAHA at 706-635-5605.

GAHA Brings Art to Life in May with Southwest Gallery Exhibit



Sedona, Arizona - Photography by Camille Day

Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association strives to bring our community the best of artistic, cultural and performing events, and 2011 will bring even more! "Check out the line-up so far this year," says Camille Day, GAHA President and Board Member. "There's something for everyone!"

We not only have our exciting exhibit and show in January featuring Mark Menendez, we also have our wonderful yearly events planned such as our annual *Out of the Woods* Southern Appalachian Artists Guild Show. A reception is planned March 4 at 5 pm. The show, which runs

through April 15, has become a yearly event for talented artists who are members of SAAG to showcase their work.

Simultaneously, GAHA will also host student art in the Hawthorne Room.

"Don't miss this unique opportunity to view some amazing talent by our younger school age artists in the community," says Camille.

The student art reception is planned March 11 at 3:30 pm, and art will be on display through April 15.

In May, we have something a little different planned. This past fall, five local artists: Camille Day,

Marsha Savage, Wanda Crane, Denise Champion and Virginia Dault, made the trek to Sedona, Arizona for a month of painting and inspiration in the land of the red rocks.

Although they hoped to be inspired artistically, they experienced far more spiritually than they ever expected. Other unique experiences included friendships formed with artists from the Southwest and the Sedona Arts Festival, encounters with local wildlife, excursions to the Grand Canyon and Jerome, the search for vortexes, and many days of "extreme painting" to round out the adventure!

"If you asked each of the artists who took this trip, all would say it was an "art-changing" if not a life-changing experience," says Camille.

The "Sedona Five," as they like to call themselves, will be sharing their paintings, journals, memorabilia, and recollections in a special

show at the GAHA Gallery May 13 through 31. The opening reception is planned May 13 at 5 pm. Come meet the artists, see a special exhibition of their work, and hear some of their adventures first hand at *Sedona: A Journey of Art and Spirit*.

On June 10, GAHA will once again host our popular Juried Flower Show and Art Show held in conjunction with the Garden Club of Ellijay's Standard Flower Show. The reception will be from 5 pm to 7 pm. Awards will be given, and art will be on display through July 15.

Please contact the GAHA office if you have taken a trip and would like to showcase your art or photography that reflects this experience.

"We always welcome ways of facilitating our members sharing their life experiences with others through art," says Camille.

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