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Arts in Ellijay

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

Irish or Not, Celebrate St. Patrick's Day Twice This Year

The legendary Irish Rovers will perform in Ellijay on March 25th at the Ellijay Elementary Auditorium during their six week St. Patrick's Day tour, which will take them all over the United States and Canada.

This performance is supported in part by the Grassroots Program of the Georgia Council for the Arts through the appropriation of the Georgia General Assembly and in partnership with the Blue Ridge Mountain Arts Association.

The Rovers have been entertaining crowds for over 40 years. They continue to delight audiences all over the world with their exciting stage shows.

Their timeless ability to deliver rollicking, rousing performances of good cheer will have you singing and clapping along.

Since 1966, the Irish Rovers have recorded several number one hits



including their signature song "The Unicorn". In the late 70's and early 80's they starred in their own television series in Canada.

The Irish Rovers are still passionate about performing and delivering a great show to their fans.

Tickets range from \$15.00 to \$30.00 and can be purchased through the GAHA office or by calling 706-635-5605.

Party With a Purpose

Party with a Purpose is the theme of this year's annual benefit auction. The auction will be both silent and live, as in the past few years. May 20th will find the David Hawthorne Room decorated with a purpose to raise money for GAHA. Table centerpieces will be filled with party essentials and will be auctioned off at the end of the

evening. The party and silent auction will begin at 6:00 p.m. This is Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association's biggest fundraiser, and we hope you will put it on your calendar.

The auction committee is accumulating some wonderful donations for the auction, including trips, art work, jewelry and other tempting items.

Merle Howell will be catering the event this year, so you can look forward to some scrumptious food.

Tickets will be on sale to members in advance at \$20 per person. To purchase tickets, donate items or to volunteer, please call Amy at 635-5605.

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March/April Classes Announced



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

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

Drama for Elementary and Middle School Students

Any child who has a desire for drama should take this fun filled class taught by Patti Vick-Lee. The 4 week class will be held on Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. starting February 23. \$35 (\$31.50)

Beginning Watercolor Class

This 6 week class on the basics of watercolor is taught by the award winning, Barbara Edwards. Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. starting April 4th. \$75.00 (\$67.50)

Pen and Ink Taught by Alan Young, this 5 week class will be held on Monday's from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. starting March 27. \$85 (\$76.50)

The Art of Chinese

Cooking Four weeks, four meals for only \$80.00 (\$72.00) This class includes all supplies. Beverly Martarella will share recipes and techniques learned from a Chinese chef. First class is Wednesday, March 29 from 6:00 pm until dinner is over.

Hypertufa Based on the old fashioned English trough garden, Linda Ragland and Judith Williams will teach this class on Wednesday, April 26 from 10a.m. to 2p.m. The cost is \$30 (\$27) All supplies will be included.



The Gallery Celebrates Student Art Month

Please join us Wednesday, March 8th for a reception from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in a gallery filled with the art of Gilmer students. This year's coordinator, Abby Cagle, is very excited that the main gallery will house

the student art until March 27.

"You can see the kid's enthusiasm and joy in creating," said Cagle. And we say, "Why should parents be the only ones to see all this talent!"

Coming Attractions

- Art Sale at BEST Series
- Fiber/textile show in April
- Abstract Art in May
- June is Art in the Garden Month

The gallery needs donated easels for displays and classes. Call for pickup or drop off.

First Annual Wine Tasting set for April 29

Be one of the lucky 100 to purchase tickets for the First Annual GAHA Wine Tasting. Join us at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of wine, music, food, and fun.

Appalachian Beverage will provide the opportunity

to taste up to 24 boutique wines from all regions of the world.

This is an opportunity to not only taste some great new wines, but also to learn about them in comparison to many we do know.

Tickets are \$35.00 per person and members save 10%.

This is a fundraising event and is tax deductible. Contact the GAHA office now to reserve your space.



Write-On

By George McClellan

The focus of Write On is to provide a forum for Gilmer County's aspiring writers to read their works, listen to the works of others and share their experiences with anybody willing to read them.

At least four members of the group are published: one with three books of her own poetry; one who has

published two novels; a magazine interviewer and movie critic; and one who publishes weekly articles in the local *Times-Courier* newspaper. Some of the members, locally born, are published from time to time on items of local historical interest; on life in Gilmer County as far back as the 1930's.

Another aspect of the group is to promote the writing skills of

Gilmer High School students. Write-On sponsors an essay contest each year in June. Essays submitted in the past have nearly all been of professional quality in thought, grammar and context.

A steady cadre of regulars come to the monthly meetings, including writers from Pickens and Murray Counties to participate in the group's activities.

Write on meets every second Thursday in the comfortable ambience of The Book Nook in East Ellijay in the Village Crossing shopping center. Starting time is 7:00 p.m.

Ellijay to Host Woodturning Art Show

A large group of woodturners from across the nation will gather in Ellijay on April 25, 26 and 27. The group was invited by local woodturner, Terry Daniel. The focus of the event is to share ideas

and to swap skills. A juried art sale/auction will be held on the last day. Several nationally known woodturners will be giving demos at this event and there will be pieces of their work in the auction.

Beginners to advanced wood workers are welcome. This is a free event with the exception of the auction. Call Terry at 636-3841 for details.

Gabrielle Cornett to Perform March 4

Gabrielle Cornett will be the featured artist, Saturday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the third GAHA free concert. Ms. Cornett is an accomplished pianist and singer having studied at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. She currently teaches music for the Chatsworth Public Schools.

Besides playing for the Ellijay First Methodist Church, she performs at the Cohutta Lodge on the weekends.

Her talent and versatility will be showcased with show tunes, cabaret music, and pops.

Coffee and desserts will be served. Donations are gladly accepted.



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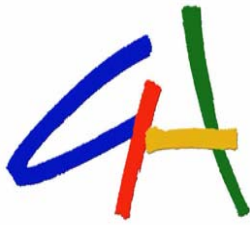
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GAHA would like to recognize Alan Young and The Village Frame Shop for framing our posters for the 2005/2006 B.E.S.T. Series.

A special thanks goes out to the Pat-A-Cake Bakery for supplying GAHA with a tray of delicious desserts for our CoffeeHouse nights. These contribution are much appreciated.

Earth Day

Celebrate the 8th annual Earth Day April 22, at the Lion's Club fair-grounds from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be free food and T-shirts for volunteers, children's activities, a yard sale and a recycling center. For information, call 706-273-CARE or visit www.ellijayearthday.com

