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Arts in Ellijay

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

Comedian Carl Hurley Scheduled for 2006 Finale

Have you laughed `till your sides hurt? If so, you were probably watching America's Funniest Professor, Dr. Carl Hurley CPAE.

Dr. Hurley will be performing at the next B.E.S.T. production, May 6 2006. As usual, the performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Ellijay Elementary Auditorium. Tickets have been selling well. At this point only a limited number of tickets are available and can be purchased at the GAHA office or by calling 706-635-5605.

Dr. Hurley is coming home to the mountains.

Hurley spreads an infectious form of fun that is often outrageous yet always good-natured ~~and clean.



Dr. Carl Hurley CPAE

He grew up in the Appalachian region of Eastern Kentucky.

Several years ago, he left his position as a professor at Eastern Kentucky University to become a full time speaker and entertainer.

Drawing from his roots in the tradition of such other American humorists as Andy Griffith and Garrison Keillor, Dr. Hurley delights audiences with his singular sense of the absurd.

GAHA Wine Tasting

On Saturday night, April 29, GAHA will host it's first Wine Tasting. According to board member Rusty Coleman, this will become an annual event.

At this tasting, 24 different wines will be offered for sampling. All wines are distributed by Unique World Wines and can be purchased locally at Appalachian Beverage.



Professionals from both of these companies will be on hand to help explain about the different wines. At a tasting, about one ounce of wine is poured. "You can then experience the aroma or bouquet of the wine in addition to the taste," adds Coleman.

"We see this as a great opportunity to have a fun and festive evening. There

will be great food and live entertainment", said Rusty. The GAHA Wine Tasting will begin at 7:00 pm on Saturday April 29th at the GAHA building just off the square at 207 Dalton Street. Call the office at 706-635-5605 to reserve your seat, as only 100 are available.

Spring and Summer 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.

Taught by Patti Vick-Lee and Penny Dalton. This 4 week class is held on Thursdays starting May 11 and runs through June 1st. The class is after school from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$35.00 (31.50)

Drama Camp

Taught by Penny Dalton. This is a 2 week Summer Camp for children ages 8 to 13. The camp will be Monday through Friday July 10-14 and July 17-21 from 10:00 am to 1:00 p.m. A

small play will be performed for the parents at the end of the 2 week camp. \$60.00 (54.00)

Kids sculpture

Taught by Kathi Traywick. This 5 week class will be on Mondays starting June 5 and the last class will be held on Friday, July 7th in light of the 4th of July holiday. In this class, children will enjoy explorations in clay. Fossil tiles, windchimes and animals are just some of the fun things that the children will make. \$35.00 (31.50) + \$15.00 for clay.

Sculpture for adults

Back by popular demand

Julia Evatt will teach this 6 week class on Thursdays starting May 4 through June 8. \$90.00 (81.00) + \$15.00 for clay.

GAHA Art Show Great Source of Mother's Day Gifts

Gilmer Arts and Heritage is pleased to announce the opening of the Spring show in the gallery. The show contains items by local fiber and textile artists including Bill Alexander, who has pieces on permanent display throughout the country as well as Turner Field.

Regina Hines who has recently accepted a comm-

ission from Neiman Marcus is also featured. Hines brings her ever-popular kudzu baskets and has a new line of jewelry which incorporates waxed linen and beads.

For those of you with mothers of more traditional taste, Lisa Malham has submitted bright and colorful hand-painted silk scarves

If Mom would just like a day out, bring her by the gallery to see displays of locally done needlework.

The show runs during GAHA's Wine Tasting on April 29 and closes in time for the annual Auction on May 20.

You Are Invited to "A Party With a Purpose"

The menu is set, the auctioneer is in good voice, the donations are arriving daily, and the auction committee is hard at work bringing Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association's biggest fundraiser to Gilmer County.

The only thing missing is your name on the guest list

for the May 20th event. Tickets are for sale in advance of the auction for \$20.00 per person. To purchase tickets, donate items, or to volunteer please call Amy at 635-5605.

The party and auction start at 6:00 pm at the

GAHA building just off the square at 207 Dalton Street.

Heritage Committee Seeks Old Photos

Old photographs of Gilmer and Ellijay are being sought by the Heritage Museum committee announced Beth Pigott, chair of the committee. "We are looking for photographs of downtown Ellijay taken around 1900 and any others taken in Gilmer county. We will reproduce the photograph and return the original to the owner."

Some of the old photographs will be incorporated into the timeline which will be painted on the walls by Gayla Pankey. Others will be framed by

Alan Young for a wall exhibit. Leslie Thomas is developing the information for the timeline.

The display cases have been wired by Clampitt Electric as a contribution to GAHA and Tim Hilburn has retrofitted them. Volunteers have been putting a crackle finish on them. Parisian's of Town center contributed the cases. Lowe's furnished the paint.

The photography contest which was announced in January will not be held. Instead, the committee decided to utilize the old

photographs for the museum.

Committee members Morris Parks, Ruth Caudell, Dot Logan and Diane Nealey are soliciting items for the display cases. "Some items will be on permanent display while others will be temporary," says Beth. "If you have something you are willing to contribute that represents the history of Gilmer, please contact Beth or one of the committee members by calling GAHA at 706-635-5605."

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The Best of the Best

GAHA's Vice President, Joe Ragland recognized two of Gilmer's top Band students at the Irish Rovers concert on March 25th.

Jesse Loughman and Susan Cerna were com-

mended for their outstanding achievements in musical art.

Loughman is a Junior and a two year drum major. He is the only tenor saxophone at GHS.

Cerna, a Senior, is the

flute section leader and the Vice President of the Band. Cerna also organizes all music for the band.

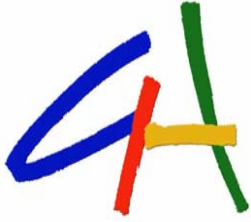
GAHA is pleased to highlight the achievements of these students.

Become Active in the Visual Arts

As the scope of the visual arts department broadens, it is time to ask for help. Please join Beverly Martarella on May 16 at 7:00 pm at the GAHA gallery to find out how you can participate in the following activities:

- Artist studio tour
- Schedule featured artists at BEST series
- Increasing foot traffic to the gallery
- Gift Basket Brigade
- Publicity and promotion
- Arts Alive! co-hosted with DEMA to highlight artists in local businesses.

If you have any questions please contact Beverly through the GAHA office at 706-635-5606.



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Many thanks to Gary Holland, retired Dawsonville firefighter, for the generous donation in memory of his wife, Sharon. The makings of hundreds of gift baskets will insure that Sharon's hobby will touch many lives in Gilmer County.

The visual arts department would like to thank Mitz "tool belt diva" Bazzell for her donation of four custom-made easels.

GAHA would like to extend a special thank you to Genie Bearden who so graciously maintains the GAHA website. Genie does a wonderful job keeping the information on the website up to date and accurate so that the latest information is always available to the public. Thank you Genie for all that you do.