

July/August 2007

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Arts in Ellijay

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

Join us for a Picnic by the River



Join Ray Ritchie, Greg Brooks, Jamie Mason, John Watson and Roger Watson on July 20 at the ETC Pavilion.

Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association's favored Picnic by the River events are off to a terrific start. Our first picnic in June was a sell-out with every table under the pavilion full.

On Friday, July 20, we will hold our second picnic event featuring the music of Blue Ridge Grass.

These fine musicians, with a long history in bluegrass music, are playing

some of the most distinctive music in the industry.

The event is held at the ETC Pavilion. Gates open at 5:00 p.m. with table judging for the most decorated table at 5:45 p.m. The band begins at 6:30 p.m. Dining is at your leisure. Pack your own picnic basket with your favorite foods. Tables, which seat eight comfortably, are \$50 for GAHA members and \$58 for non-members. Bring your own chair for \$6 or \$7, respectively.

To reserve your table, contact our office at (706) 635-5605.



Beverly Rogers (left) and Cathy Harrison designed the winning table at the June Picnic by the River with a stunning African theme.

Attic Sale Date Scheduled for August 10 and 11

"Please, clean out your cupboards, your attic, your basement for our Attic Sale," asks Janet Elder, cochair for this GAHA fundraiser. The sale date has been moved to August 10 and 11, Friday and Saturday. "We will begin accepting items for the sale on Monday, August 6," adds the other co-chair Bette Mead, "and can take donations through Thursday morning."

"No clothes or large ap-

pliances, but we can use just about anything in your home or garage," adds Janet. Items that sell well are collectibles, china, books, linens, children's toys, furniture, antiques, housewares, and hobby items. Men's items sell well too, perhaps because they don't part with them too often.

The Attic Sale is the first in a series of three fundraisers which GAHA depends upon for operational ex-

penses. Last year, the sale raised enough money to keep GAHA open for a month. "We hope this year will exceed last year's sale," said Janet.

In addition to donations, which are tax deductible, Bette and Janet need helpers on Saturday, August 4 at 8 a.m. to set up the tables and to move things down from the attic. They are also seeking volunteers to mark and display the contributions

Monday through Thursday and people to sell on Friday and Saturday.

If you are willing and able to volunteer for this fun project, call Janet Elder at (706) 698-5361 or Bette Mead at (706) 635-6594. Remember to ask for your tax donation form when you drop off items for the sale.

Native American Artifacts Exhibit Opens in Museum July 16

Native American artifacts, thousands of years old and gathered in Gilmer County, will be on display in the Heritage Museum beginning July 16. "Gary Hyde, local expert on Native American history, has assembled an outstanding collection of artifacts which will be the core of the display," announced Beth Pigott, Museum Chair.

Hyde had already loaned to the museum two mountings of points (arrowheads

and spearheads). Other than the five points he created to represent the Paleo period, which lasted from 12,000 to 8,000 B.C., all the points in the point display are original to Gilmer.

"We plan to hold a formal opening of the exhibit in conjunction with the dedication of the new Ft. Hetzel monument in East Ellijay," said Pigott. "When they set their date, we will inform our



members by email." Ft. Hetzel was built as a collection site for the forced removal of the Cherokees. It was located in what is now East Ellijay.

Demonstrations of flint napping, pump drilling, and Indian traditional archery will be part of the Heritage Museum's opening ceremonies for the Native American exhibit. The exhibit will be open through October.

Hyde has created a quiz for children who visit the museum. "The museum's goal is to educate the public about Gilmer history," said Pigott. "The reception to our first two displays, Housewares Through the Ages and Music in the Mountains, has been very positive. Locals and newcomers both seem to enjoy the Museum and the exhibits."

From the President

Who would have thought we would be where we are today? As much as we've grown, this organization has tremendous growth potential. Our facilities are excellent, plus we have access to a theatre with very good acoustics and an outdoor pavilion by a beautiful river.

We want to hear from you, to know what you think we should offer. Email me at bpigot@aol.com or leave

a note at the GAHA office. We want your input.

This is a volunteer organization with one part time staff person. We also need your help. Please consider volunteering by checking one of the boxes on the membership/sponsor form.

Thank you for being a part of GAHA. The many activities which we schedule are self-supporting, provided we sell enough tickets. But we need your membership

and sponsorship to cover operational expenses for our office and building. We need your castoffs for our Attic Sale and your enthusiastic participation at the Auction, which will be in September.

You have an excellent board with six new directors who will bring new perspectives to our meetings. Two are natives of Gilmer, an artist and a musician. One is a transplanted attorney.

Another is known for his support of our veterans. Rounding out the group are one of the best chefs around and a former owner of the local ice cream parlor.

Let us know when we succeed, as well as where we can improve.

Beth Pigott

Welcome to the 2007/2008 GAHA Board of Directors

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** New board members*

Have You Ever Tried Hanging a Spoon from your Nose?



Some things are more difficult than they appear. . Running an organization like Gilmer Arts and Heritage requires participation from many people. GAHA is a 501-c-3 non-profit organization. We depend on members like you, financially and as volunteers. We hope you will renew at a higher level than last year and volunteer by checking one of the "I will help" boxes.

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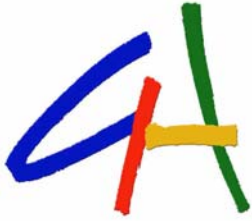
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Summer Classes at GAHA - Call (706) 635-5605

Fun, Fast and Furious Acrylics- Rosemary Harris will have you painting even if you can't draw. Learn to paint what you see, not what you think you see—color, composition and perspective.

There are five classes, beginning on Wednesday July 11, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The fee is \$80 and a \$35 supply fee.

Make a Cup and a Bank Clay Class (ages 8+) - Artist Kathy Traywick will pre-throw a mold for a cup and a bank. During the class you will make a unique face for your clay design and end up with a beautiful custom made cup and savings bank. This class is

scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, July 16 and 17 or Monday and Tuesday, July 23 and 24 from 9:30 am to noon. The class fee is \$25 with a supply fee of \$5.

Summer Drama Camp (ages 8 to 12) - Join Penny Dalton for two fun filled weeks of drama camp. Each child will learn the basics of drama by taking part in fun activities and games. Some of the activities are puppet characters, improv, and acting out short skits. The camp is July 9-13 and 16-20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. The cost of the summer camp is \$45 and a snack fee of \$7.

Beginner/Intermediate Watercolor - Joy Lyons will share her watercolor techniques and help you learn to create your own work of art. There are four classes in this series. The fee is \$75 with a supply fee of \$15. Classes will be held on Tuesdays, beginning August 7 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. There are four classes in this series.

Begining/Intermediate Quilting - Connie Dodson has studied with many quilt masters around the country and is pleased to share her talent and techniques of thirty years with anyone interested in quilting. This series of

eight classes will help make the quilting process fun and easy. The fee is \$85, and you will begin designing and sewing your very own quilt. A supply list from the instructor is necessary to purchase your materials, and you will need a sewing machine. Classes will be held on Mondays, beginning July 9, from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.

Next CoffeeHouse on August 18

For those of you who attended our last CoffeeHouse, you know what a fun evening of music and fellowship is in store for you at the GAHA CoffeeHouse events!

Our next one is Saturday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hawthorne Room of the GAHA building. Coffee and desserts will be served. This is a community event, and

everyone is welcome!

“We are excited to host the CoffeeHouse events and hope to entertain you with a wide variety of local talent. If you haven't attended before,

now's your chance,” says Kelly McBride, chairperson.