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

A Long Way Back to Perform at Picnic by the River August 22

Saturday, August 22, Gilmer Arts and Heritage will host our second Picnic by the River of the season featuring local band *A Long Way Back*.

The band was initially formed years ago, coming together with different backgrounds and musical styles with one goal, "to have fun playing music as often as we could, anywhere we could," says local attorney and band member Cliff Lancey.

"We all go way back, thus our name, playing a variety of music from the 60s and 70s rock, country, blues, easy listening, folk and awesome bluegrass. Our aim musically is to have something for everybody," he adds.

Band members are Cliff Lancey, lead guitar, slide guitar and vocals; Proctor Berry,

bass and vocals; Gene Rutkowski, drums; Dan Worley, rhythm guitar and vocals; Daryl Lee, vocals; Mike Wofford, blue harp; and Jr. Partin, lead guitar and vocals.

For reservations, call GAHA at 706-635-5605. Tables are \$60 for members, \$70 for non-members or bring a lawn chair for just \$10 each.

The river events are held at the ETC Pavilion on Legion Road. The picnic tables are under a covered pavilion with a stage area for the band and restroom facilities.

Gates open at 5:30 pm. Tables will be judged at 7:00 pm with a prize awarded for all around favorite table. Following any announcements, the band will begin performing and continue until around 10:00 pm.



"A Long Way Back" band will perform August 22 at the ETC Pavilion for the upcoming Picnic by the River event.

"*A Long Way Back* is a very popular band among Gilmer locals, and we anticipate choice tables going quickly," says Gin Roberts, chairperson.

"Come early, stay late,

have fun," says Gin. "And don't forget to mark your calendars for our last river event on Saturday, September 12."

Donations Needed for Attic Sale on September 11 & 12

Here's the perfect reason for going through those treasures accumulating in your attic, basement, garage, and maybe even storage closets.

"It's GAHA's annual Attic Sale on September 11 and 12," says co-chair Katherine Meyer, "and we'll be accepting your donations for the sale from now until Friday, September 4. Except for clothing and large appliances like televisions, we take just about anything."

The attic sale is the first of

several fundraising events. It is probably second only to the spring auction in terms of the money raised for the organization. In the past, items that sold well were books, linens, antiques, house wares, and children's toys.

The two-day event will open on Friday, September 11 from 9 am to 4 pm and on Saturday, September 12 from 8 am to 1 pm.

"And don't forget the men's items," adds co-chair Beth Lipscomb. "I would ask

you gentlemen to take a hard look at that fishing rod you haven't used in years."

GAHA is also looking for volunteers to help mark and set up the displays of contributed items beginning the weekend before the Attic Sale and during the following week, and also for volunteers to help sell items on Friday and Saturday. If you would like to help, please contact Katherine Meyer at 706-276-3363 (evenings), Beth Lipscomb at 706-636-3694, or

GAHA at 706-635-5605.

Donated items also are tax deductible, so be sure to ask for a tax donation form when you drop the items off at GAHA. GAHA will be accepting items until September 4 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 to 11 am and 2 to 4 pm. If you cannot drop off during those hours, just give us a call to make special arrangements.

Welcome to Our New Board of Directors

GAHA welcomed five new members elected to its Board on June 19 at the annual meeting. These five join seven returning members, and together, bring a wide range of talent and experience to the organization.

"I think we've got a great group with a lot of enthusiasm" said a smiling John Mahan, who begins his second year as President. "That was definitely evident at our first Board meeting, which we held on a Saturday morning. When you can get through a long agenda, make decisions, have fun, and it's a Saturday, you know it's going to be a good year."

So with that, meet our new members. The group (except for Shay Lykins) is pictured here after their Saturday meeting.

Beth Lipscomb worked 33 years as a nurse and moved here from Mississippi where she was an active supporter of the local theatre and art museum.

Shay Lykins is a dentist at Lykins Family Dentistry in Ellijay, an active volunteer,

and busy mother with three children under five.

Katherine Meyer is County Nurse Manager of the Gilmer County Health Department and was a member and President of the Gilmer Arts Council (now GAHA) in the late 1970s.

Jack Nunn is an Associate Broker with Metro Brokers GMAC Real Estate and is active in many organizations, including the Chamber and the Lions Club.

Sam Rise is now retired but has 27 years in real estate and enjoys having her own llama farm.

Seven members are returning.

John Mahan, President, is an attorney with a real estate law practice in Ellijay. He and wife Sidney lived in the Atlanta area until 2005 when they "escaped to beautiful Gilmer county."

Tiffany Beattie, Treasurer, is a native of Gilmer County and has worked at Gilmer County Bank for ten years.

Trish Ledford, Secretary, has lived in Ellijay for



Left to right: Trish Ledford, Camille Day, Mary Beth Shephard, Katherine Meyer, John Mahan, Sam Rise, Linda Killingsworth, Tiffany Beattie, Beth Lipscomb, Jack Nunn and Brian Barrentine

over 18 years, many of which she spent as an active supporter of GAHA. She and husband Keith are looking forward to their baby due in November.

Brian Barrentine directs the choral department at Gilmer High School and is an actor who has appeared in a number of stage productions.

Camille (Candy) Day is GAHA's Gallery Director and the Better Hometown Program Manager for the City of Ellijay.

Linda Killingsworth is a

retired teacher and native of Charleston and has been involved in GAHA activities for many years.

Mary Beth Shepard was the director of the Cobb Justice Foundation before retiring and moving to Ellijay in 2001.

GAHA owes a debt of gratitude to Board members rotating off this year for their dedicated service and continuing support. Thank you Al Congdon, Beth Pigott, Sandy Lyons, Gin Roberts and Carol Moore. GAHA is a better organization because of you!

Tools of North Georgia Exhibit on Display in Heritage Museum



A small sampling of tools on display in the exhibit.

If you haven't stopped by to view what's new at GAHA, be sure and stop by to see our latest exhibit in the Heritage

Museum. *Tools of North Georgia* will be on display through October 23, 2009.

"This is a wonderful exhibit featuring a wide variety of tools from work and the farm," says Beth Pigott, museum chairperson. "You will want to see the dairy items from Mack Logan's grandfather, B.C. Logan Dairy. We even have one of the original milk jugs that was delivered by one of his helpers."

Exhibitors also include

Pat Stells who is showing items from her grandfather's farm; Jack Dale with a portion of his extensive woodworking tools, and Gary Hyde with a display from smithy tools to farming tools. Others with displays include Sam Sartain, with his grandfather's smithy tools, Jack Nunn, Robert Wilson, and Herman Clark.

The museum is located in the annex of the Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association building at 207 Dalton Street,

across from ETC. The next exhibit begins November 1 and will feature Indian artifacts from Gary Hyde and his associates. If you have any suggestions for exhibits, please contact Beth Pigott at 706-635-5605.

The public is invited to come by GAHA on Monday through Friday, from 9 until 4:30 pm. GAHA is closed on Wednesday.

The GAHA 2009/2010 Membership Drive is On...Smile!

Last year, Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association encouraged new and returning members to “get drawn in.” This year, Member Chairperson, Sam Rise, invites you to smile if the arts and heritage of your community make you happy!

July 1, 2009 marked the start of the 2009/2010 membership season at GAHA. If your address is highlighted in yellow, please stop by GAHA or mail your membership fee as soon as possible. Our address is 207 Dalton Street, Ellijay, GA 30540. Membership forms, which include

benefits of membership, are available on our website at www.gilmerarts.org.

“Our goal this year is to increase our membership with 50 new members and 10 new sponsors. And yes, you can help,” says Sam Rise. “Here comes the challenge and the prize.”

A \$75 gift certificate towards any GAHA event will be awarded to the current member who brings in the most revenue in new members and sponsors through November 10, 2009. In addition, the current member who brings in the highest number

of new members and sponsors will receive a free membership for next year (up to a \$35 value).

To participate, simply make sure new members write your name at the bottom of the application or mention it to the office staff. We’ll do the rest and announce the winners at the Sock Hop GAHA will be hosting on November 13 at the American Legion Hall.

“Have fun and tell everyone you know about the fun things we do at GAHA,” encourages Sam.

Let’s keep the smile of



GAHA going! Share with others and invite them to join our wonderful organization.

Thank you!

Sam Rise
Membership Chairperson

Upcoming Gallery Events

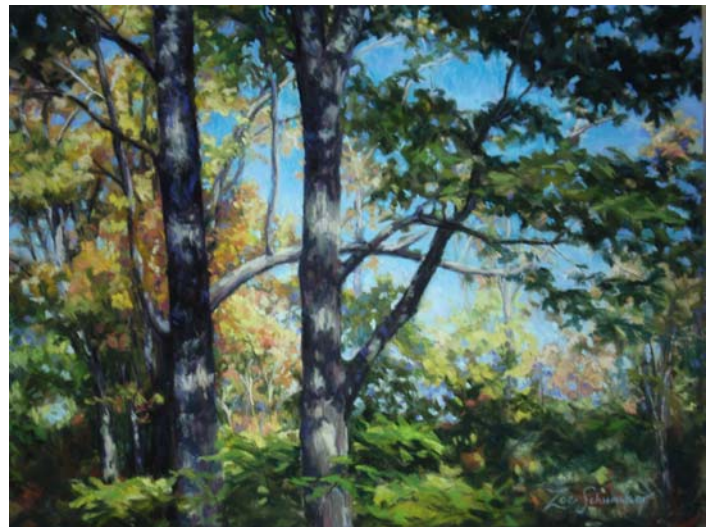
The Gallery at GAHA shopping. has quite a lineup of events planned through the end of the year!

Beginning the first of August, the Gallery is hosting the Mountain Artists Group out of Jasper, Georgia. Many of the artists represented in this show also belong to GAHA, and the artwork is representative of the fine talent in our mountain area. The show is free to the public and will be on display through August 31.

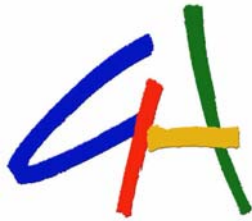
In September and October, the Gallery will present the Harvest Show which will showcase all GAHA artists’ work just in time for the tourist season! GAHA artists are encouraged to help us fill up the Gallery just in time for those crowds to see their wonderful works of art. This will be a great time to come by and do some early holiday

In November and December, GAHA will host a regional juried art show, which will become one of two presented during the year. This juried show will be judged by local artist, Libby Mathews, from Rabun County who is famous for her lovely paintings of Lake Rabun as well as her works inspired from trips to Italy, France and the American West. The Call for Entries will include a wide area, and the artwork should be a stunning display of talent in both two and three-dimensional work.

“Put a visit to the GAHA Gallery on your list of things to do this fall...you won’t be disappointed!” says Camille Day, Gallery Chairperson.



“Leaf Shadows” by Zoe Schumaker was awarded first prize in the recent “Poetry of Flowers Juried Art Show” held by GAHA in conjunction with the Garden Club of Ellijay.



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