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# Arts in Ellijay

*Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association  
Dedicated to promoting arts and Heritage in Gilmer County*

## Enjoy Bluegrass Sound at August 30 Picnic by the River

The Griggs Brothers will be performing bluegrass music at the upcoming GAHA Picnic by the River Saturday, August 30. The band is comprised of two brothers: Caleb, who is sixteen, and a student at Fannin County High School and Josh, who is 20, and a recent graduate of Toccoa Falls Junior College.

"These young men are wonderful musicians who have a bright future. Gilmer Arts and Heritage is proud to seek out new talent and support artists with such an incredible

gift as these two brothers," says Gin Roberts, Chairperson of the Picnic by the River series.

"They play acoustic guitar, mandolin and banjo," says Gin. "They have a pure clear North Georgia sound that is a delight to hear."

Please call GAHA at 706-635-5605 with your plans to attend. Bring a basket of food, decorate your table and be ready to have a great time.

This picnic is held at the ETC Pavilion on Legion Road next to the Coosawattee River. You may reserve a table for



*Caleb and Josh Griggs of The Griggs Brothers*

\$60 or bring a chair for \$10. The gate opens at 5 pm. Table judging is at 6:15 pm, and the music starts at 6:30 pm. It is sure to be another fun evening!

## Donations Needed for Attic Sale on September 12 & 13

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

"It's GAHA's annual Attic Sale on September 12 and 13," says Chair Mary Beth Shepard, "and we'll be accepting your donations for the sale on Wednesday, September 3 and Friday, September 5. Except for clothing and large appliances like tele-

visions, we take just about anything."

The attic sale is the first of several fundraising events for this season. 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.

"And don't forget the men's items," adds Mary Beth, "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 Monday, September 8 through Thursday, September 11 and for volunteers to help sell on Friday and Saturday. If you would like to help, please contact Mary Beth at 706-636-5049 or call 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. GAHA will be accepting items Wednesday, September 3 from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm (extended hours) and on Friday, September 5 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. If you cannot drop off during those hours, just give us a call to make special arrangements.

## A Hole in One for GAHA at the Coosawattee River Resort



*Karen Boyer, Trish Franklin, and Sidney Mahan*

Ever have an idea that you knew was a good one but could not carry out by yourself? When I learned that Coosawattee River Resort planned to redesign its putt-putt course and was inviting individuals and groups to decorate the various holes, I knew that GAHA should participate.

In the first place, GAHA was in the middle of their annual membership drive, so this was one more way to attract the interest of po-

tential members. Secondly, CRR is a big place, and GAHA is a big deal in Ellijay. The two sort of went together—in my mind anyway.

After obtaining the requisite approval, GAHA was assigned to Hole Number 16, hereafter referred to as #16. A group of people was identified to design and create #16 because yours truly is not an artist and this project had become an artistic endeavor. You see,

each hole was being decorated with creativity and pizzazz. One hole, claimed by a local restaurant, features an egg sizzling in a frying pan; another has a bridge that you can actually walk on; another has “fish” swimming in a “lake”; and still another has a dog doing its business next to a fire hydrant. The competitive spirit is truly at work here!

Sidney Mahan, the true artist among us, has owned and operated a business that catered to the artistic whims of its customers. Trish Franklin, the photographer among us, is a rising member of the Board of Directors at GAHA. As for myself, I am the organizer and gofer among us. As a team, we rolled up our sleeves and went to work.

One characteristic we share is a strong interest and commitment to GAHA; each of us has been a member since moving to Gilmer County. We met, brainstormed, and agreed on the initial stage of a plan in rather short order. The main goal was to present the thespian, musical, arts and heritage aspects that

GAHA represents.

When we gathered at #16 to decorate, Sidney showed up with thespian masks, various stencils and paint supplies, and a special barrier for the hole. We went to work painting, hammering posts into the ground, attaching masks, tying metallic ribbons, and coming up with additional ideas-----already. A special tube will be affixed to the post used to record scores that will contain membership brochures and applications.

Find a way to visit the putt-putt course behind the recreation center at Coosawattee River Resort to observe #16. We believe it is worth your while.

*Written by Karen Boyer  
GAHA Member & Volunteer*



*Coosawattee River Resort  
GAHA 16th Hole*

## A House Divided Exhibit on Display at Heritage Museum

Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association is proud to debut its latest Heritage Museum exhibit on the War Between the States, "A House Divided."

Beth Pigott, Chairperson of the Heritage Museum Committee, has been organizing the effort to bring to

the museum a collection of artifacts, historical documents, books, pictures, and other items depicting the Civil War.

"What is interesting is that in Gilmer County, a divided house was not uncommon, with family members splitting between the

Union and the Confederate armies," says Beth.

"The exhibit reflects this, and we very much appreciate Gilmer residents Gary Hyde, Joe Carver, and Nathan McArthur who have loaned us items for this exhibit."

The exhibit is on display

through October. Everyone is invited to come by. For office hours or for more information, please contact GAHA at 706-635-5605.

## Gallery Spotlight Features Artist Lynnmarie Dwyer



*Sculpture by Lynnmarie from mingling clay and metal objects.*

Lynnmarie Dwyer is a sculptor who loves combining the unexpected. Her work exhibits feature metal objects that dance with her clay in ways that make you smile and wonder and sometimes laugh. Lynnmarie has been an artist since her teen years.

Always drawn to the creative, she has worked with many materials until she settled in for a love affair with clay. She loves the natural, fragile and organic movement clay offers and loves to balance it with its extreme opposite.

A recent metal-smithing

fascination has her combining metal creations with her clay sculpture resulting in mixed-media that really catches your eye.

"I feel like I've been an artist my whole life," says Lynnmarie. "There isn't a time I can remember when I wasn't creating something."

Her commissioned work incorporates objects that are special to you with sculpture that delivers significant symbolism to the individual. The results are powerful and provide you with an original piece of artwork.

Lynnmarie is a member of Gilmer Arts and Heritage

Association and currently has sculptures on display in the GAHA gallery. She is also the current resident clay artist at the Blue Ridge Mountains Arts Association and offers classes and workshops for children and adults throughout the year.

For more information about Lynnmarie Dwyer and her wonderful works of art, please visit her website at [www.lynnedwyer.com](http://www.lynnedwyer.com) or stop by the gallery at 207 Dalton Street.

## Join GAHA - Keep those Newsletters Coming!

Thank you everyone for sending in those memberships, and a special welcome to all those joining for the first time.

If you have lost track of time or your renewal letter, however, or haven't yet filled out that membership paper, then consider this a reminder. The membership season runs from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Member benefits include notices of upcoming events and classes, discounts on certain events and classes, and invitations to GAHA functions. Membership fees can also be tax deductible.

GAHA tote bags are available for memberships at the Friends or Patrons level.

Your newsletter is a member benefit too, so you'll need to be a member to keep getting it. If your address is highlighted, it means this is your last issue. We hope it won't be, so fill out those memberships soon. We can take the information over the phone for those wishing to pay by credit card, or the form can be printed from the website at [www.gilmerarts.org](http://www.gilmerarts.org) or picked up at GAHA. How easy is that?

A final note — member-

ship makes you a part of a vital organization that serves the community in the arts, theatre, music, and in preserving its heritage.

"The heritage part is becoming more important all the time, and we have wonderful people who share their treasures and history with us," says Heritage Committee Chair Beth Pigott.

"Our members are a part of that because they help support our Museum."

We couldn't do it without you! So come and **"GET DRAWN IN."**



*Past President Beth Pigott and Office Manager Tammy Bravo with GAHA Tote Bag.*

## Exciting New Classes Planned for Fall

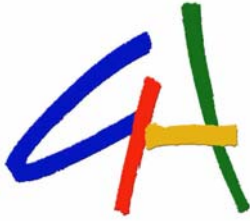
We are lining up our fall classes and are delighted to have several of our well known artists returning and welcoming a few new ones as well!

Mark Menendez will be continuing his art classes on Fridays, Jody Huneycutt has another photography class coming up and Jim Pittman will once again be offering

his annual guitar class. Katie Mayfield will be bringing Kindermusik to the little ones, and we have several new classes in the making!

Visit our website at

[www.gilmerarts.org](http://www.gilmerarts.org) to view upcoming fall classes. Members receive 10% off all class fees!



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