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Arts in Ellijay

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



Kick Off the B.E.S.T. Season with Us

The kickoff party for the B.E.S.T. series will be held at the GAHA building at 207 Dalton Street on Friday, September 22, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.. This is the event where you, as members, get first choice from 6 to 7 pm. on your seats for the B.E.S.T. series performances. Sponsors can pre-select their seats prior to this event.

Non-members may purchase tickets from 7 to 8, announces Joe Ragland, president of GAHA's Board of Directors. "For the first time we are opening the event to the public in celebration of B.E.S.T.'s 15th anniversary," he says. "Members are invited to bring their non-member friends to the party."

Refreshments will be served at the party, under

the organization of Linda Killingsworth. Nancy Layman and Carol Moore are chairing the arrangements for the evening.

Bringing Ellijay Sensational Talent has been the goal of the B.E.S.T. series for 15 years. David Hawthorne, chair of the 2006-07 series, announces the upcoming season.

The Atlanta Sacred Chorale, an a cappella chorus of 45 vocalists, will entertain us with sacred and secular music for our Christmas concert on December 2. Performing February 3, are Three On A String, a musical comedy trio of excellent guitarists.

The Lovell Sisters, three Georgia sisters who have performed on PBS and the Garrison Keiller show, *Prairie Home*

Companion, will bring their show to Ellijay on March 17.

The Blackwood Brothers have added a strong tenor and two female vocalists and changed their names to the Blackwoods. The popular gospel group will round out the B.E.S.T. series on May 12.

Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$40. "Very attractive prices for great shows," says Hawthorne. "We hope you will come to the kickoff party and bring your neighbors with you."

Organize, Clean Up, & Donate for Annual Attic Sale

Donations for our annual Attic Sale will be accepted beginning Monday September 11, at our GAHA office. Items in demand are antiques, linens, furniture (no mattresses or box springs), toys, baby items, lamps, books, garden items and tools. All

items are welcome with the exception of clothing, large appliances, computers, computer accessories or printers.

The Attic Sale will be open to members only on Thursday, September 14, from 6 to 8 pm. It will be open to

the public on Friday from 9 to 5 pm. and Saturday 9-1 pm. If you would like to help during the Attic Sale, please call Edna McClellan, 706-698-5825, chairperson for the Attic Sale.





Seeking Actors for *The Odd Couple*

An open call for auditions for Neil Simon's delightful comedy, *The Odd Couple*, will be held in the David Hawthorne Room at GAHA. Audition hours are 5 to 9 pm on Friday, September 1 and 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday, September 2.

"We are looking for eight actors, two females and six males," says Producer Carol B. Moore, chair of the GAHA Community Theatre.

Rehearsals begin Sep-

tember 10 and will average four times a week with Sheryl Stansky as the director. The dress rehearsal is set for October 19. Performance dates are October 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 7:00 pm.

Simon wove a comedic classic about the obsessive compulsive habits of the incorrigible Oscar and fastidious Felix, a truly odd couple who struggle to share an apartment. "If you know someone who has a gift for comedy, please encourage

them to audition," says Moore. "We are going to have fun and enjoy bringing fun to Gilmer."

Opus 3 will perform at the Picnic by the River, Tuesday, September 26, at the ETC Pavilion.

OPUS 3 to Entertain at ETC Pavilion

Opus 3 will entertain us at the season finale of Picnic by the River, Tuesday, September 26, at the ETC Pavilion on Legion Road.

Alan Dean on piano, Maurice Brown on bass and Bob Tewksbury on drums make up Opus 3, a jazz group with a tremendous

following.

The gate will open at 5:30 pm for people to begin decorating their tables.

Judging will be held at 6:00 pm with a prize for the most creative as well as the most attractive tables. The band will begin at 6:30 pm.

Tickets for tables or indi-

vidual seats can be purchased at the GAHA office.

Kelly Adams-McBride, chair for the event, says "The tables sell out quickly, so call early for reservations."

DEMA, GAHA Bring Arts 'Round the Square

River Street will be the site of most of the activity for the September 16 Arts 'Round the Square from noon to 4:00 pm, a joint effort of the dedicated Ellijay Merchant's Association (DEMA) and GAHA.

The emphasis will be on the art of middle and high school students, but plenty of

familiar names will also be hosted by local merchants.

Zada Jackson (pyrography) and Shirley Sartain (photography) will be hosted by Penland's.

Candy Day will have her jewelry at Interiors. Oil artist Gayla Pankey will show at The Old Hotel. Home-town Florist and Country

Dreams will also be sites of artistic activity.

Sweet Melissa's will be featuring everyone's favorite school lunch: mashed potatoes and meatloaf. See you there!

Plan Ahead for *Some Enchanted Evening!*

Re-live the magic of *South Pacific, The Sound of Music, The King and I, State Fair, Oklahoma* and *Carousel*. Lose yourself in the love stories of Maria and the Trapp Family, Anna and the King of Siam and Nellie and Emile.

GAHA will sponsor a Community Chorus production featuring the music of

Rodgers and Hammerstein on October 7, 7:00 pm at the Ellijay Elementary School Auditorium.

“Singers from all walks of life have signed up to participate. I anticipate a lively, fun and enchanted evening”, commented Jane Layman, past president of GAHA.

“Lisa Lacey is an excellent director who enjoys this

type of project. The result will be an outstanding performance, and the participants will have a great time in the process!”

Admission of \$5 will be collected for the show.

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Listen & Play Along with Local Musicians on Tuesdays

Jammin' is going on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the GAHA building. Musicians of all levels and their fans are invited to the weekly Acoustic Jam of Mountain Heritage Music. Traditional, old

time, blue grass, gospel and classic country music are played at the Jam.

Instruments include guitar, banjo, bass, dobro, fiddle, mandolin and dulcimer. No fee required, just enjoyment of mountain mu-

sic. The Jam on September 12 has been canceled to make room for the Attic Sale items.

Heritage Committee Invites Participation

“We need your collectibles for our heritage museum,” requests Beth Pigott, chair of GAHA’s Heritage Museum, “either on loan or as contributions.” The Heritage Committee has been gathering ideas and items for several months. The permanent collection will be exclusively Gilmer items, whereas

the rotating exhibits will not be exclusive to the county.

“Our first rotating exhibit will be displays of housewares over the decades,” says Pigott. “If you would like to participate by showing some of your items in our rotating exhibit, call Pigott or the GAHA office. The committee will be plac-

ing the items in the case on September 18.

The museum is located in the annex of the GAHA building “The committee aspires to illustrate the history of Gilmer, to make it come alive for visitors,” says Pigott.

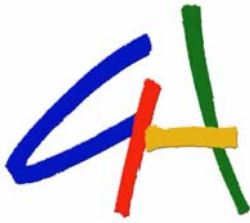
Artist Studio Tour Returns in November

The Visual Arts committee is pleased to announce the 2006 Artist Studio Tour. It will be held on November 4 and 5, rain or shine.

The event will encompass demonstrations, sales

and tasty treats. The GAHA gallery will host artists without formal studios. More information will follow, but if you are interested in participating, stop by the GAHA office to pick up a

submission package or to get one by e-mail, please contact beverlymartarella@ellijay.com.



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Fall Classes Offered in Art and Drama

We are offering several fall classes for children and for adults. The children's classes meet at 4 pm. Prices in () indicate a 10% discount for GAHA members.

Kathi Traywick will be teaching a **clay class to children** ages eight and older on Tuesdays, beginning August 29 at 4 pm. The five-week class will cost \$35 (\$31.50) plus \$15 for supplies. Students will learn different techniques and how to hand build several clay projects.

Penny Dalton, who taught the excellent summer drama camp, will teach **drama to young people**, beginning Thursday, September 7 at 4:00 pm. The six-week class will cost \$45 (\$40.50) including materials.

Watercolor for beginners, or those

who wish to learn new techniques, will be taught by Joy Lyons on Tuesdays, September 12, 19, 26 and October 3. Joy will teach the techniques of Terry Madden's nationally syndicated television series. The hours are 10 am to 12:30 pm. The cost of the class is \$70 (\$63.00) plus \$15 for supplies.

Julia Evatt will teach a six-week class on **figurative sculpture** beginning Thursday, October 12 from 6-8 pm. The cost of the class is \$90 (\$81) plus \$15 for supplies.

Saturday, September 30 from 1-4 pm, Fawn Lowery will teach a **fused glass workshop**. Participants will make a trivet, coaster or jewelry. The cost of the class is \$55 (\$39.50) including supplies.

You can get a feel for creating **stained glass** by taking Lenzy Bond's glass ornament workshop Wednesday, October 4 from 6:30-9 pm. No experience is needed. The workshop will use the copper foil method of constructing a glass ornament. The cost of the workshop is \$25 (\$22.50) and kits will be available for \$8-\$12. Students will foil, solder and patina their ornament. Add a hanger and ribbon, and you will have an ornament ready to display.

Please call Gilmer Arts and Heritage at 706-635-5605 or come by the office to register for the classes.