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*Arts in Ellijay*

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# B.E.S.T. Committee in Hot Pursuit with John Rathbone back at the Helm!



John Rathbone and our B.E.S.T. Committee are going to bring back the best talent to Ellijay for GAHA's B.E.S.T. series. Their commitment is Bringing Ellijay Sensational Talent. "They have a proven record of doing just that," says Beth Pigott, GAHA president.

John Rathbone retired from the professional circuit several years ago and still has many contacts in the entertainment industry. "We are going to have an award winning season," says John, "as evidenced by the Grammys, Oscars, Emmys, Dove and CMA awards, membership in the IBM Hall of Fame and appearances in the Grand Ole Opry that our performing artists have accumulated during their careers."

Rathbone made committee invitations to three people who have worked with him on B.E.S.T. Series seasons in the past: Dr. Barbara Talbot, Keith Rueckert, and Cathy Harrison. Also volunteering for the committee are Larry Davis, who is well known as a local entertainer and emcee of *Mountain Music* and the Heart Fund Show, Michael Andrews, columnist for the *Times Courier*, and

George Wynn, who has served on the B.E.S.T. committee for the last two years.

"Rathbone and his team have almost completed their lineup," says Pigott. "But he is not releasing any names until the schedule is complete. Once announced, all of Gilmer residents will be excited with the big names and the expanded season of five shows. No one will want to miss a single performance!"

After Rathbone addressed the Chamber of Commerce on August 9, Alan May, chamber president, said "This is exciting to have John leading the team. He brings a sense of enthusiasm to the series. John has a proven record of bringing outstanding talent to Ellijay. Congratulations to GAHA for engaging his help."

## KickOff Party Celebrates New Season October 13

Tickets for the B.E.S.T. series can be purchased by members and sponsors only at the B.E.S.T. Series Kick-Off Party, which will be held at GAHA on October 13, 2007. Make plans now to attend this exciting event and get your season tickets before they go on sale to the public. And bring some friends to join

## Bring Native American Artifacts for Evaluation on October 12

Gary Hyde has offered to evaluate native American artifacts at GAHA on Friday, October 12 at noon. This free service is available to everyone. Hyde created the native American exhibit that is currently on display at the Heritage Museum of Gilmer County. The museum is located in our building. The exhibit will be

on display through October.

"We are fortunate to have someone with his expertise to offer this service to the public," says Sandy Lyons, vice chair for the museum. "Gary is very generous with his time and his knowledge. At the opening of the exhibit, so many people asked him about artifacts that he suggested that we schedule

a time for the public to bring their pieces in for evaluation."

The evaluation period will last from noon until 1:30 pm or later, if needs demand. If possible, the evaluation will be held in the museum.



## CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND ART LOVERS!



Candy Day, GAHA's new Gallery Director, invites the public to check out the local artwork for exhibition and sale

in the Gallery. She says there are many exciting plans for making the Gallery at GAHA, not only a place to showcase individual artists, but also a place to sell local artwork to the public.

She encourages local artists to submit their work for entry into the Gallery and hopes to see a variety of mediums included. Candy believes this is an excellent way for artists to

receive added exposure as well as to take advantage of the lower commission rates offered in Gallery sales.

"The Goal is to make our Gallery at GAHA an art lover's destination!" she says and urges everyone to drop by soon.

## Picnic by the River Scheduled for September 22

The last of the series of Picnic by the River events will be held on Saturday, September 22.

Performing will be Nashville recording artist, Crea, who plays mostly traditional country music.

Tables are \$50 for GAHA

members and \$58 for nonmembers. Individual seats are \$6 to \$7, and the gate opens at 5 pm. Table judging begins at 5:45 with prizes awarded for the top two tables. Dinner begins whenever you like, and the music starts at 6:30 pm. Participants enjoy bringing their favorite summertime dishes.

The picnics are held at the ETC Pavilion located off Legion Road. Tickets should be purchased at the GAHA office at 207 Dalton Street. For more information, call 706-635-5605.



*Nancy Layman's pirate themed table was the first place winner at the last Picnic by the River event.*

## Arts 'Round the Square will be Singing and Dancing in September

The cooperative effort by the Dedicated Ellijay Merchants Association and Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association to bring artistic talent to Ellijay every third Saturday will take a twist on September 15<sup>th</sup> when the square will be filled with music.

Connie Davis, voice, dance and piano teacher will have nineteen students from 5 years

old to adult performing at the square between 12:00 pm 4:00 pm. The music will be diverse and sure to please everyone in the audience. Beethoven played by a 5 year old may not be your cup of tea but what about a jazz rendition of "Heart and Soul". Performances will also include pieces from the musical "Annie", contemporary Christian, and an early Elvis

favorite, "You Ain't Nothin' but a Hound Dog" complete with poodle skirts. Other surprises will await you.

Ms Davis has played the piano since childhood; using her talent to give lessons to help pay for college. Her connection to Riverbend gave her experience in music production which she used to the benefit of her

students having 5 chosen to perform at the highly competitive Chattanooga venue.

Organizers Gin Roberts (DEMA) and Beverly Martarella (GAHA) invite you to a great day of shopping, eating and entertainment.

## Artists' Studio Tour Scheduled for November 3 and 4

Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association is pleased to announce the 2007 Artists' Studio Tour. It will be held, rain or shine, on November 3 and 4, 2007. Local artists will be opening their studios and the GAHA Gallery to the public with demonstrations, sales and refresh-

ments. Don't miss this rare opportunity to see the work of some of Gilmer County's finest talent and get a start on Christmas shopping.

For artists interested in participating, the event will be limited to the first 20 artists who qualify. Forms and more

detailed information are available online at

[gilmerarts.org](http://gilmerarts.org) and at the GAHA office. **Submission packages must be received by September 14, 2007.**

There will be a pre-tour exhibit in the GAHA Gallery

from October 1 until October 31. Stop by GAHA at 207 Dalton Street to pick up a brochure with map and preview of the tour. For more information, call GAHA at 706-635-5605.

## We're Going to Miss You!

If you haven't renewed your GAHA membership for the 2007/2008 year, it isn't too late. We need your support to continue offering the wonderful performances, classes and events GAHA is known for! We have an award winning B.E.S.T. series planned this season; and members will have first choice of B.E.S.T. tickets.

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## Upcoming Classes at GAHA - Call (706) 635-5605

### **Fast, Fun, 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. This class is fine art impressionism. This is a great class for experienced painters to "loosen up" and great for beginners too. If you participated in the sold out class in July and August, sign up again and receive advanced instruction. New students are also welcome and encouraged! There are five classes in this series beginning Wednesday, October 3 from 6 to 8:30 pm. (We added more time to each session.) The fee is \$85 with a supply fee of \$40.

### **Colored Pencil or Open Class:**

Mark Menendez's love of teaching and genuine interest in people give him the ability to guide his students to find the artist within themselves. You may sign up as an "open class" student to work on your own projects and mediums with Mark's assistance or sign up to learn the colored pencil technique creating a piece entitled "The Chickadee". Classes will be held on Fridays, beginning September 7 from 10 am to 12 pm. The fee is \$25 per student per class with a four week minimum sign up. Colored pencil class supply fee is \$40.

### **Beginner Acoustic Guitar Class: (Adults, 13+)**

Instructor, Jim Pittman, is a sixth generation native of north Georgia and has been performing with and teaching

the guitar for over thirty years. Jim's guitar workshops have become a staple of several music festivals in the area. He regularly performs with Bearfoot Creek and is an accomplished lead and rhythm guitar player. Jim will instruct students with traditional acoustic music of the region using a guitar flat pick. It is not necessary to know how to read music. There will be six classes in this series for a total fee of \$80. Classes will be held on Tuesdays, beginning January 15, 2008 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Please call GAHA early, as this class by Jim is only offered once a year and spaces fill early!

### **Beginner/Intermediate Watercolor (Adult)**

Joy Lyons is a well-known teacher in the North Georgia area. Please don't miss this unique opportunity to learn watercolor techniques and create your own work of art. There are four classes in this series. The fee is \$80 with a supply fee of \$15. Classes will be held on Tuesdays beginning October 9 from 10 to 12:30 pm.

### **Watercolor Greeting Cards (Adult)**

Joy Lyons will also be teaching watercolor techniques in this greeting card class. You will work with three basic designs already drawn and ready to be transferred onto a greeting card to be hand-painted. What a delightful way to create your own personal greeting cards for the special people in your life. The class will be held on