

November/December 2007

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*Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association*

# Arts in Ellijay

## Bluegrass Legend Ralph Stanley Performs in Ellijay December 8



Ralph Stanley & The Clinch Mountain Boys

On Saturday, December 8 at 7:30 pm, the 2007/2008 B.E.S.T. Concert Series premieres at Ellijay Elementary Auditorium with internationally known banjo picker and tenor singer, Dr. Ralph Stanley & The Clinch Mountain Boys.

Ralph Stanley, "The King of Mountain Soul," has over 55 years of experience but is perhaps best known for his performance of the song *O Death* in the award winning movie *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* which features bluegrass music as an integral part of the movie's theme.

If you haven't purchased tickets, don't delay. Seats are sell-

## Community Chorus Scheduled to

Mark your calendars for Friday, December 14, 7:30 pm at the Ellijay Elementary School auditorium. Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association's Community Chorus, with Charlie Bryant conducting, is comprised of individuals from area churches and the community. They will perform *Messiah*, the most famous oratorio ever written, by George Frideric Handel in the summer of 1741.

*Messiah* tells the prophesy of the coming of a Messiah, Christ's birth, suffering and death. The concluding section offers an affirmation of Christian faith and glimpses of Revelation. *Messiah* is known as one of the greatest pieces of Christian music ever written. Tickets are on sale now at Gilmer Arts and Heritage for \$5 to \$10 each, plus tax.

## 2007/2008 B.E.S.T. Concert Series

**RALPH STANLEY  
& The Clinch Mountain Boys**

*Saturday, December 8*

**MICKEY & JAN ROONEY**  
**"Let's Put on a Show"**

*Saturday, January 12*

**BARRAGE**

*Friday, February 8*

**CELTIC TENORS**

*Saturday, March 8*

**AVALON TRIBUTE TOUR**  
**Avalon, Michael English,**  
**Daniel Doss Band & Cadia**

## Veterans' Day Exhibit Open House November 9

Sandy Lyons, Vice Chairman of the GAHA Museum Committee, has done an outstanding job of organizing an upcoming exhibit of military memorabilia. This exhibit will be in conjunction with the annual

Veterans' Day celebration scheduled to take place on Friday, November 9.

GAHA will host an open house that day beginning at 2 pm to reveal our latest exhibit. Light refreshments will be served.

All items are on loan from both local veterans and the general public and will be grouped according to the war and/or conflict in which they were utilized.

If you have an item that

you would like to include in the exhibit, contact Sandy at 706-635-1931 as soon as possible so that all items may be labeled and put in display cases prior to the open house event.

The museum is open

## Gilmer High School Students to Perform at CoffeeHouse November 10

GAHA will sponsor a CoffeeHouse Saturday, November 10 to showcase the talent of local drama students at Gilmer County High School.

The students will be performing *Candid*, written by Michael Scanlan and

directed by Era Vali, which chronicles a young photographer named T.J. during the breakup of his family after his mother walks out.

"We are always delighted to find opportunities to support the



youth and promote the arts here in Gilmer County. The evening promises to provide great entertainment and delicious refreshments," says Beth Pigott, GAHA Board President.

Please join us for a fun

evening beginning at 7 pm in the Hawthorne Room at GAHA located at 207 Dalton Street. There is no cover charge; however, we gladly accept donations to help cover the cost of coffee and refreshments.

## Bring Native American Artifacts for Evaluation November 16

With a little rescheduling from our original date in October, we are pleased to announce that Gary Hyde will be at Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association on Friday, November 16, from

12:30 to 2:00 pm to evaluate native American artifacts. This free service is available to everyone.

Hyde created the native American exhibit that is on display through October 31,

2007 in our museum.

"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 gen-

erous 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

## B.E.S.T. Kickoff Party a Huge Success!

The 2007/2008 B.E.S.T. Concert Series was launched Saturday, October 13 with an outstanding kickoff party at Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association.

This event provides sponsors and members the opportunity to purchase tickets in advance of the general public. "John Rathbone, committee chair of the B.E.S.T. series, has done a tremendous job in securing some exceptional talent for this year's season," says sponsor and B.E.S.T. committee member Cathy Harrison.



John Rathbone, B.E.S.T. committee chair, speaks with members

## Attention Art Lovers!

### Visit Artist Studio Tour November 3 & 4

Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association invites you to come along on tour November 3 and 4. Hidden in the hills and backwoods of Gilmer County is some of the area's finest talent.

In the tradition of the Cohutta Artists' Tour of several years ago, local artists will once again be opening their studios to the public. Maps and brochures will be available at GAHA and local area businesses.

A few artists will be in the GAHA gallery at 207 Dalton Street. Others will be in their studios to welcome you with refreshments, demonstrations and items for sale.

Beverly Martarella and her com-

mittee have gathered together some amazing talent, both old and new.

*Zada Jackson - Pyrography*  
*Carol Brady - Clay Sculpture*  
*Joy Lyons - Watercolor*  
*Karen Clemens - Mixed Media*  
*Terry Daniel - Turned Bowls*  
*Lenzi Bond - Stained Glass*  
*John and Linda Beatie - Blacksmith*  
*Lynn Dwyer - Sculpture*  
*Sheryl Holstein - Pottery*  
*Kathy Maas - Watercolor*  
*Kathi Traywick - Pottery*  
*Candy Day - Pastels and Oils*  
*Shondra Thomas - Jewelry*

The Artist Studio Tour provides a unique opportunity to meet local artists and see them at work. All artists will have work for sale, so you can get an early start on Christmas shopping. Plan to spend the day and enjoy the beauty of the North Georgia Mountains as you travel from studio to studio meeting great people and seeing wonderful new works of art! For more information, call 706-635-



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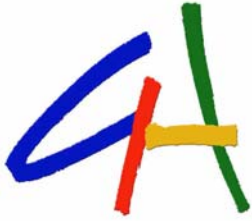
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## Upcoming Classes

If you're looking for something exciting and new, look no further than Gilmer Arts and Heritage.

Connie Dodson is teaching a custom Christmas quilting class just in time for the holidays. Patti Paige will show you how to make authentic gingerbread houses from scratch. Mark Menendez offers expert advice on individual projects or assists you in learning to draw using the colored pencil technique. Not to be forgotten is Jim Pittman's guitar class, where Jim will share his skills to serious minded novice and beginner guitarists.

**Authentic Gingerbread House Design** - Patti Paige will assist you in baking your own gingerbread house from scratch for the holidays! You will choose gingerbread, sugar cookie or chocolate chip cookie house recipes and learn baking tips, how to cut from a pattern and assemble and decorate your house with step by step instructions. So hurry, grab your friends, husbands and kids. The class fee is \$60 and includes some materials. A supply list will be provided. Classes are Friday, November 9 and 16 from 6 to 8 pm and Saturday, November 17 from 10 to 12 noon.

**Beginning/Intermediate Quilting** - Connie Dodson has studied with quilt masters around the country and is pleased to share her thirty years experience. This series of four classes will help make the quilting process fun and easy. The fee is \$45, and you will

design and sew your very own Christmas quilt. A supply list will be provided when you register for the class, and you will need a sewing machine. Classes are on Tuesdays, beginning November 6, excluding Thanksgiving week, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

**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" 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 from 10 am to 12 pm. The fee is \$25 per student per class with a four week minimum sign up. If you are interested in taking the colored pencil class, the supply fee is \$40.

**Beginner Acoustic Guitar Class** (Adults/Young 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 will instruct students using 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, and the cost is \$80. Classes are 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!