

September 2016

## The Second Annual Chieftains Fall Plant Sale is Underway!



CHIEFTAINS MUSEUM / MAJOR RIDGE HOME

# THE RIDGE REPORT

Revive and replace your damaged trees, shrubs, and other botanicals in the fall planting season with the beautiful choices at the Chieftains Museum Fall Plant Sale! Orders are currently being taken until October 17th, 2016.

While not a replacement for the annual Herb & Plant Sale held each April at the Coosa Valley Fairgrounds, the Fall Plant Sale will give gardeners the chance to get a jump start on their landscaping by purchasing plants that are traditionally sown in autumn. Gardeners can choose

flowering perennials from regional growers such as geranium, Lenten rose, Shasta daisy, purple coneflower and salvia. In addition, shrubs including azaleas, holly, aucuba, butterfly bush, and hydrangea can be purchased. This year's sale also features varieties of ferns and grasses not included in last year's selections. Orders of specific varieties can be filled with advanced notice.

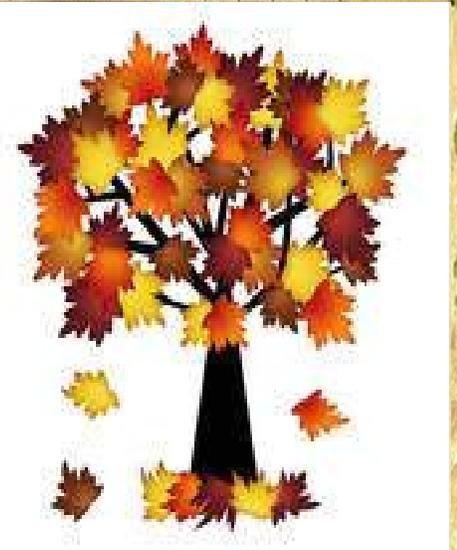
All plants for the Fall Plant Sale must be pre-ordered and paid for between September 2nd and October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. To order plants, please download an order form from the Chieftains website and either mail to the museum with your payment or drop your order and payment by the museum during regular operating hours, Wednesday-Saturday from 10am-5pm.

Plants can be picked up at the museum on Friday, October 28th, 2016, or for a \$25 charge, be delivered to your home. Free local delivery will be provided for all orders over \$300.



All proceeds from the Fall Plant Sale will go directly to Chieftains Museum/ Major Ridge Home to fund operations and programs at the museum, including the Major Ridge Demonstration Garden and other landscaping projects.

For more information and an order form, click [here](#) or call (706)291-9494.



## Fall Fun at Chieftains

As the air turns cooler and the leaves begin to change, visit Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home for fun Fall events for ages 1 to 101!

The Fall event season kicks off at the museum on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> as Chieftains participates in Museum Day Live!, an annual free admission event sponsored by Smithsonian Magazine. By downloading a ticket from the Smithsonian Magazine website, visitors can receive free admission for two people at any participating museum, including Chieftains. This is the third year that Chieftains Museum has participated in the Museum Day Live! event. The museum's theme for the free event this year is "Ancient Natives of the Southeast." Visitors with event tickets will not only get free admission to the museum, but can complete crafts related to early Native Americans in our area, including drawing your own pottery designs, making your own cave art, and creating a gorget, at type of ornament worn by Native Americans.



October promises to be a full month for museum events, beginning with the Chiaha Harvest Fair the weekend of October 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Stop by the Chieftains table in the children's tent to create a paper Halloween mask and learn about Cherokee "Booger" masks.

Chieftains is proud to partner with Berry College to bring Dr. Eric Bowne to the college campus for a lecture on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Bowne is a Visiting Lecturer in Anthropology at the University of

Central Arkansas where he specializes in Southeastern Native American history. Dr. Bowne's lecture, "Before Ross and Ridge: Christian Priber and Cherokee Nation Building in the Eighteenth Century," is a free event scheduled for 6pm in Evans Auditorium on the Berry College campus.



Get ready to meet the former residents of the Chieftains house at the museum's first annual "Night at the Museum" event scheduled for the October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm. Purchase a ticket and enjoy a beer or glass of wine as you tour the house and meet the personalities who lived in the historic house during its nearly 200 year history. Our "residents" will be portrayed by Berry College theater students, who have partnered with the museum on this event. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults (includes admission and 1 free drink ticket) and \$5.00 for children. We will also have a cash bar and food provided by one of Rome's delicious food trucks.

The museum's Fall calendar wraps up with a Family Free Day scheduled for Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. All visitors will receive free admission to the museum and can see a Cherokee weapons demonstration from 1-4pm performed by rangers from the Red Clay State Historic Park in Tennessee.

For more information about any of these events, contact the museum at (706) 291-9494 or visit our website at [www.chieftainmuseum.org](http://www.chieftainmuseum.org).



**We hope you will join Chieftains for a ton of Fall fun!**

## Southside A's Make Rubbernecking Cool at Chieftains

Chieftains Museum stopped traffic on Riverside Parkway with a visit from the Southside A's Model A Ford Club on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Southside A's are a region of The Model A Restorers Club (MARC), one of two national clubs that support the Model A collector's community. Altogether, the two clubs have approximately 22,000 members. The "Southside" group refers to the area on the Southside of metro Atlanta. The Southside A's club is a touring club that currently has over 50 member families.



The Southside A's brought their antique beauties to the museum as part of a touring day on Labor Day weekend. While on the museum campus, the cars and their owners drew several local enthusiasts and passers-by on Riverside Parkway to the museum campus.

**Thanks so much to the Southside A's for bringing "antique" attention to our campus!**



*Members of the Southside A's Model A Ford Club toured the museum earlier this month.*



## Chieftains Museum Garden Receives Recognition Statewide

The Major Ridge Demonstration Garden at Chieftains Museum received recognition from two different Georgia state programs this summer.

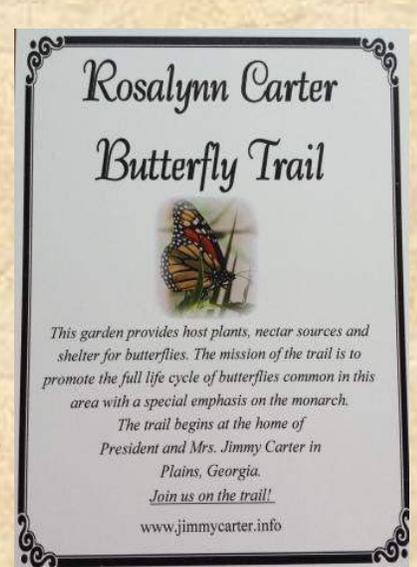
In early August, the museum received a certificate from the University of Georgia Center for Urban Agriculture in recognition of the creation of a pollinator garden as part of the Pollinator Spaces Project sponsored by UGA Extension, Northwest District. This certificate honors the efforts of the museum and the Master Gardeners working in the Major Ridge Demonstration Garden to include pollinator plants as part of the landscape. Native pollinator species, including butterflies and bees, have had a severe drop in population in recent years. Pollinators are responsible for causing plants to make fruit or seeds by transferring pollen to areas of the plant necessary for fertilization. Without these important species, plants cannot reproduce. The Center for Urban Agriculture at UGA created the Pollinator Spaces Project to combat this population decline throughout the state. Working with Master Gardeners and Keith Mickler, the County Extension Agent/Coordinator for Floyd County, Chieftains has now become a part of this vital horticultural program.



*A Monarch Butterfly enjoying the butterfly garden at the museum.*

In late August, Chieftains Museum received another honor when the Major Ridge Demonstration Garden was named the newest stop on the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail. Started in 2013 by Annette Wise with the Georgia Department of Education, the trail was inspired by former First Lady Rosalynn Carter's desire to bring awareness to and combat the declining monarch butterfly population. As part of the trail, the museum's garden includes both nectar plants to feed butterflies and host plants for butterflies to lay their eggs. There are currently 25 public gardens on the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail in Mrs. Carter's home town on Plains, Georgia and 97 public gardens on the trail outside of Plains that span several U.S. states and stretch all the way to Japan. As a part of the trail, Chieftains Museum will display a sign in the Major Ridge Demonstration Garden and be listed on the trail's official website.

Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home hopes to grow and expand the Major Ridge Demonstration Garden, including the pollinator plants, in the future. The museum and all of its programs, including the garden, are funded through memberships, private donations, and fundraising events like the Fall Plant Sale.



*Official sign marking the museum as a stop on the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail.*

**Congratulations to all of our Master Gardeners for their hard work to make the museum campus beautiful!**

## Collections Corner

### 1835 Cherokee Moccasin

This moccasin was a gift from American actor, playwright, and poet John Howard Payne to Miss Mary Eliza Greenhill Harden of Athens, Georgia. Payne gave Harden a pair of moccasins, a beaded purse, and a shark tooth while visiting Georgia in 1835. Harden's second cousin, Evelyn Harden Jackson, inherited the Harden home and donated this moccasin to the City of Rome in the 1920s.



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**We're on the Web!**

**Visit us at [chieftainmuseum.org](http://chieftainmuseum.org)**

## Upcoming Events

**Sept. 2nd–Oct. 17th:**

Fall Plant Sale—Order form is on our website!

**September 24th:**

Museum Day Live! sponsored by Smithsonian magazine

**October 22nd-23rd:**

Chiaha Harvest Fair

**October 25th:**

Eric Bowne Lecture at Berry College

**October 28th:**

Night at the Museum

**November 5th:**

Family Free Day—Cherokee Weapons Demonstration