

May 2017

## Chieftains to Host June events with Cherokee Students

The museum is proud to announce two exciting events scheduled for June 2017. The History Explorers Camp for local 4th grade students will take place from June 14-16th and a Family Free Day with a Cherokee stickball demonstration will be presented on Saturday, June 17th to end the week's festivities.

Chieftains is partnering with Dr. Allen Bryant, Associate Professor in the College of Education at Appalachian State University, to bring Cherokee culture to our community for these two events. Dr. Bryant facilitates a partnership with Cherokee Central Schools to encourage American Indian students on the Qualla Boundry in North Carolina to pursue the field of education, a great need in the Eastern Band of Cherokees. Dr. Bryant will bring several of his Cherokee high school students to northwest Georgia to learn more about their history and promote their culture in our region.



The 2017 History Explorers Camp will offer a chance for thirty students who have completed or are about to enter 4th grade to spend three half-days learning more about the history of Rome & Floyd County, including the Cherokee history here. The camp costs \$30 per student and is scheduled for 9:30am-12:30pm, June 14th-16th at three local museums, including the Rome Area History Museum where they will receive a tour of our historic clocktower and downtown, Oak Hill & Martha Berry Museum where they will learn the story of Martha Berry, and Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home where they will learn Cherokee culture through crafts and storytelling from students from the Eastern Band of the Cherokee.

Registration forms for the camp must be submitted to Chieftains Museum by June 5th.

The week will end with a Family Free Day at Chieftains Museum from 11am-4pm on Saturday, June 17th that is free and open to the public. Visitors will receive free admission to the museum, with Cherokee crafts and learning activities led by the Cherokee high school students who were instructors for the History Explorers Camp.

As a special feature, the students from the Eastern Band of Cherokee will be giving Cherokee stickball demonstrations and lessons throughout the day for visitors, providing a glimpse into the past to learn about the game that eventually gave rise to modern-day lacrosse.

For more information about the History Explorers Camp or the Family Free day event, visit [www.chieftainmuseum.org](http://www.chieftainmuseum.org) or call (706) 291-9494.



CHIEFTAINS MUSEUM / MAJOR RIDGE HOME

THE RIDGE REPORT



## Demonstration Garden Site of Master Gardener Induction



On May 4<sup>th</sup>, the Major Ridge Demonstration Garden served as the location for an induction ceremony for new Master Gardeners in our community. Led in Floyd County by Keith Mickler, the County Extension Coordinator, the Georgia Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Program is a volunteer training program designed to help University of Georgia Cooperative Extension staff transfer research-based information about gardening and related subjects to the public by training home gardeners.

Master Gardeners must complete a 40-hour classroom training program and qualifying volunteer hours in order to receive a Master Gardener designation. Master Gardeners are valuable assets in Georgia communities and serve as volunteer educators for information on plants, gardening, and the environment.

Local Master Gardeners serve on the Landscape Committee for Chieftains Museum and are responsible for all of the lovely plantings you see in the Major Ridge Demonstration Garden, the Three Sisters Garden, and our Cherokee Remembrance Orchard.

For more information on the Master Gardener program, contact Keith Mickler at 706-295-6210.



The newest graduates of the Master Gardener program. From left, Doug Lansing, Chuck Nix, Helen Simmons, County Extension Coordinator Keith Mickler, Joy Puckett, Ann Laughlin, Carrie Wilder, and Clint Wilder.

Congratulations to the new Master Gardeners—  
we are lucky to have you in our community!



## Chieftains Issues a Butterfly Challenge to the Community



Come one, come all! Chieftains Museum is issuing a Butterfly Challenge to our community starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. As part of our role as a certified UGA Pollinator Garden and stop on the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail, the museum is seeking help from “detectives” of all ages to identify the butterflies that inhabit our gardens and grounds this summer.

The Butterfly Challenge requires that you visit the campus and snap a photo of yourself with a butterfly in one of our gardens as well as a detailed photo of the butterfly you found. Then, post both photos to the Chieftains Museum Facebook page. With each new butterfly you identify and post, your name will be entered into a drawing for one of three prizes! Don't forget that we have butterfly identification guides for sale in our gift shop to help you identify your find.

The Butterfly Challenge runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup> with all photos posted by midnight on July 31<sup>st</sup> eligible for our drawing. Our three prizes include a \$10 gift card to Sweet Frog, a \$15 gift card to Chick-fil-A, and a \$25 gift card to Outback Steakhouse.

## Additional Landscape Signs Add to Museum's "Outdoor Classroom"



The museum recently added more interpretive signage to the campus as part of our effort to provide educational information to our visitors.

Thanks to the efforts of Berry College student Tessa Howard and a grant provided by the college, the museum has been able to produce and install a new title sign for the Major Ridge Demonstration Garden, a panel for the Three Sisters Garden, a sign providing information about the archaeological digs on the property, and a copy of our Ridge plantation sign near the Riverwalk on the Oostanaula. A sign exploring slave labor among the Cherokee is also planned for the future.

We appreciate all of the hard work by Tessa Howard to make our “outdoor classroom” come to life!



## Save the Date!

The Annual Low Country Boil & Barbeque is scheduled for Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and look for more information in the coming weeks!



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## Upcoming Events

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| <b>June 14th-16th:</b> | History Explorers Camp              |
| <b>June 17th:</b>      | Family Free Day                     |
| <b>June 24th:</b>      | How to Make Hypertufa Pots Workshop |
| <b>August 4th:</b>     | Annual Low Country Boil & Barbeque  |