

July 2017

CHIEFTAINS LOW COUNTRY BOIL & BARBEQUE SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2017

Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home will host an evening of food and fun at the annual Low Country Boil & Barbeque event scheduled for Friday, August 4th at the Rome Civic Center.

Doors open for the event at 7pm, which features an open bar and an all-you-can-eat buffet of low country boil and barbeque provided by Two Can Do Catering served at 7:45pm.

Attendees will be able to choose from a variety of silent auction items, such as a signed copy of Vince Dooley's latest book, and live auction items, including a cocktail party for up to 30 guests inside Chieftains Museum. In addition to the auction, beautifully potted plant centerpieces will be available for sale again this year.

A special feature of this year's event is the sale of \$10 bid cards for the Ford, Gittings, & Kane Jewelers annual Kickback to the Community program, which is detailed later in this newsletter. All proceeds from the sale of these bid cards goes directly to Chieftains Museum.

Tickets for the event are \$75 for individuals, with tables for 8 available at \$600, and tables for 10 available at \$750. Portions of each ticket sale are tax-deductible. The Low Country Boil & Barbeque is sponsored by the Friends of Chieftains Museum with all proceeds benefiting the museum.

To purchase tickets or for more information, contact the museum at (706) 291-9494 or visit their website at www.chieftainmuseum.org.

Credit and debit cards will be accepted in addition to checks and cash.

So mark your calendar for August 4th and come to the Chieftains Low Country Boil & Barbeque!



Eagle Scout Projects to Improve Museum Campus

Chieftains is excited to have two Boy Scouts who have chosen our site as the location for projects to help them earn their Eagle Scout ranking.

Scout Eli Mayes is working to create a not-to-scale replica of Ridge's Ferry to help visitors envision the business that was a vital part of Ridge plantation and a contributor to Major Ridge's wealth in the Cherokee Nation. The construction will represent a cable ferry, the type likely used by Ridge to transport people and goods across the Oostanaula River. Visitors to the museum will be able to climb aboard the ferry, which will be located on the grounds near the museum, for a photo opportunity, and work the ropes to see how the ferry would have worked on water. Mr. Mayes will be at the Low Country Boil & Barbeque on August 4th to discuss his project with event guests.

Scout Garrett Parker has decided to help the museum with a major accessibility project on the property. For some time, the stairs leading down the hill from the back of the museum towards the river have been in disrepair. Time, weather, and fallen trees have worked together to take obscure what was once a clear and usable path on the property. Mr. Parker intends to remedy this for the museum by constructing a new staircase and hand rail that will enable visitors to safely travel from the museum to the River Walk. The new stairs will feature landings to keep the angle from being too steep to climb and a sturdy hand rail to assist visitors going to and from the back of the museum. This project will increase and improve the accessibility of the museum for the public.

Both Scouts need financial support to complete their projects. The cost of supplies for rebuilding the stairs alone is \$1,000. If you would like to support these Scouts and their projects, you can mail a check to Friends of Chieftains Museum to P.O. Box 373, Rome, GA 30162 or contact the museum at (706) 291-9494 to donate with a credit card.

Chieftains is thankful to both Eli Mayes and Garrett Parker for their help at the museum!



The ferry model designed by Scout Eli Mayes.

Chieftains Museum Selected for Ford, Gittings, & Kane Jewelers Non-profit Event



We are proud to announce that Chieftains Museum was selected as one of the top three non-profits for special consideration in the Kickback to the Community program hosted by Ford, Gittings, and Kane Jewelers.

This annual event will be held August 16th-26th at the store located at 312 Broad Street in Rome. Kickback to the Community is a silent auction where 10% of purchases are donated to local, deserving, charities. Any non-profit can be nominated to be a part of the event, but Chieftains Museum received enough nominations to be considered one of the top three non-profits for the program.

As one of the top three non-profits for Kickback to the Community, Chieftains Museum will sell \$10 bid cards that can be used at the silent auction. These cards will go on sale at our Low Country Boil & Barbeque on August 4th and will be available afterwards inside the museum gift shop. Bid cards are used to place bids in the silent auction at Ford, Gittings, & Kane, with the winning bid's named non-profit as the recipient of 10% of the total sale.

We extend our thanks to Ford, Gittings, & Kane for giving
back to non-profits in our community!

New Landscape Signs Create Learning Opportunities

Two new interpretive signs for the museum campus are scheduled to be installed this summer. Working with former Berry student Tessa Howard, the museum has created signs that describe the archaeological digs that have taken place on the campus as well as information about slavery on Cherokee plantations.

Both signs are a part of the museum's initiative to create an "outdoor classroom" on the campus that includes the Major Ridge Demonstration Garden and Three Sisters Garden as well as other interpretive signs that were installed earlier in 2017.

Each sign will add a piece of the puzzle to the story of the Chieftains campus and the important history here. The archaeology sign will be placed near the foundation of what was once Lavender's trading post next door to the house. The slavery sign will be placed at the bottom of the hill between the museum and the river and will feature posts that mark off a quarter of an acre of land to give visitors a visual representation of the farm.



Come and visit the museum later this summer to see these
two new additions to our campus!

Help Name our New Mascot!

The museum has selected one of our most beloved campus residents as the new mascot for Chieftains. This summer, two red-tailed hawks built a nest in one of our tallest trees and have raised two beautiful hatchlings on the property!

With that in mind, we decided that one of these new additions, a female hawk, would become the official museum mascot. This mascot, as seen in this graphic, will be featured inside the museum to help families and children with activities and tours to create a welcoming and fun environment for our visitors.

The only problem? Our hawk needs a name and we need your help! Our official "Name the Mascot" contest will begin August 1st and conclude August 31st. Submit your ideas for our mascot's name by posting to the museum's Facebook page. The winning name will be chosen by museum staff and will be announced September 1st on Facebook and on the Chieftains website.



Help our mascot come to life with a new name!

Collections Corner

This month we have chosen to spotlight the newest addition to our collection: the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians flag. This flag was presented to the museum during our History Explorers Camp as a gift from members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

The students from Cherokee, North Carolina, and their instructors joined the museum on June 16th for our camp and on June 17th for our free day to help teach the community about Cherokee culture and heritage. The free day attracted 186 visitors, including the Startalk Balvihar Hindi Camp group from Atlanta.



The seal on the flag.

Students from Cherokee, North Carolina teach visitors how to play stickball at our Free Day event on June 17th.



Museum Day Live! Program Scheduled for September 23rd



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Visit us at chieftainmuseum.org



Chieftains is busy planning our participation in the annual Museum Day Live! event sponsored by Smithsonian Magazine. According to the magazine, "Museum Day Live! is an annual celebration of boundless curiosity." Participating museums and

cultural institutions across the country provide entry to anyone presenting a Museum Day Live! ticket.

This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd. Chieftains will host activities and living history events, including an 1860s chuckwagon, from 10am-5pm that day as part of the program.

Museum Day Live! is a free event, but requires tickets so Smithsonian Magazine can measure national participation. Each ticket provides admission for two people. To get your free tickets to this event, visit the Smithsonian Magazine website at www.smithsonianmag.com.

We hope to see you on September 23rd!

Upcoming Events

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| August 4th: | Annual Low Country Boil & Barbeque |
| September 9th: | Decorating for the Holidays Workshop |
| September 23rd: | Museum Day Live! Free Day |
| November 11th: | Mud Ball Seed Bomb Free Day Workshop |