

STEP UP! Your Chieftains Membership in 2019

Fall 2018



Dear Friends of Chieftains,

Thank you for a wonderful year!

In 2018 we have focused on the museum's future, producing a five-year strategic plan to guide us as we move forward. New campus features were added, including a reproduction Ridge's Ferry that was constructed by Eagle Scout Eli Mayes. In addition, we made new connections with all three principal bands of the Cherokee Nation. Locally, we added new partnerships to our extensive local list with the E.C.O. Center, the Forum, and Georgia

Highlands College to promote new projects and programs. We also worked with the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries to host their annual conference in Rome in January 2018. All of this was accomplished as we welcomed visitors and school children both near and far to learn the story of Major Ridge and the history of the Cherokee people in our area.

Even with all our progress in 2018, we are even more excited to look towards 2019 as we commemorate the 200th anniversary of Major Ridge coming to the house that is Chieftains Museum. For this anniversary, we have planned a dynamic and exciting calendar of events and programs for our community.

We encourage you to be the first to take part in our 2019 events by becoming part of our Step Up! membership campaign. Each member of the museum is so important to the preservation of this non-profit National Historic Landmark and the fulfillment of our mission that we urge you to Step Up! by renewing your membership at a higher level for 2019. Your increased support will not only help us mark our 200th anniversary but will demonstrate the importance of Chieftains Museum and our history to the rest of the community.

Our membership mailing will take place at the end of September and membership forms will also be available at the museum. This material will provide you with information about our Step Up! Campaign for 2019 and our membership benefits. In addition, you are also invited to our "Night at the Museum" membership party to take place at the museum the evening of Friday, November 9th. We encourage you to not only attend the party to renew your membership for 2019, but to invite others that might be interested in becoming a member to attend with you and begin their journey as a member of the museum.

If you have any questions about your membership, feel free to contact me at (706) 291-9494.

I hope to see you on November 9th to Step-Up your support for Chieftains!

With sincere thanks for your support,
Heather Shores
Executive Director

CHIEFTAINS MUSEUM / MAJOR RIDGE HOME

THE RIDGE REPORT

Chieftains Gardens and Grounds Gets Ready for Fall



A butterfly emerges from its cocoon on the arbor in the demonstration garden

The museum campus got ready for a new season on Saturday, September 15th with a clean-up day hosted by Floyd County Master Gardeners. These dedicated volunteers worked hard to weed and clean garden beds, trim shrubs and hedges, and get the Chieftains gardens and grounds ready for the fall season.

Both the Major Ridge Demonstration Garden and the annual Three Sisters Garden are the creation of a museum Landscape Committee composed of our Floyd County Extension Agent, Keith Mickler, Master Gardeners and volunteers who work tirelessly to make sure that museum visitors have both a pleasing and an educational environment to explore when they come to Chieftains.

The Major Ridge Demonstration Garden has been recognized as a certified pollinator garden by the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and is a site on the Rosalyn Carter Butterfly Trail.

The museum would like to extend a big thank you to all of the volunteers who help keep our gardens and grounds in shape and help us provide an outdoor classroom for our community!

Museum to Partner with Two Local Colleges for Lectures in October



Chieftains is proud to partner with Georgia Highlands College and Berry College to offer two opportunities to learn more about Native American history and culture in October.

On October 24th at 2pm, Chieftains will take part in a program that explores the connections between history and disease at the Cartersville campus of Georgia Highlands College. Dr. Matt Jennings, Associate Professor of History and Political Science at Middle Georgia University will present "What Disease Did (And What It Didn't): New Perspectives on the Entry of Europe into the Americas," a lecture on the effects of European diseases on Native American populations at first contact. Dr. Jennings will be followed by a presentation by Dr. Jayme Feagin, Associate Professor of Social Sciences at Georgia Highlands College, on the devastation of the 1918 Spanish flu epidemic to mark the 100th anniversary of this landmark historical event. This program is free and open to the public and will take place in Student Center rooms 102A & B.

The museum will partner with the Department of Sociology/ Anthropology and the Environmental Studies Program in at Berry College for the next event in the Chieftains Lecture Series in Evans Auditorium at 7pm on October 25th. Dr. Margaret Bender, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Wake Forest University will present a history of the Cherokee syllabary and how that written language has developed over time. This lecture is free and open to the public.



Look for more details on both events on the museum website at www.chieftainmuseum.org as the dates approach.

Chieftains Hosts Fall Programs for New Audiences

The museum was honored to host educational programs for two new audiences on campus this fall.



Students plant radishes during the August Homeschool Day that focused on Cherokee agriculture and pollinators.

Chieftains has created four special programs for homeschool students and their parents this semester. Beginning in August, these “Homeschool Days” take place once a month to provide an opportunity for our homeschool community to learn more about Cherokee history and culture. The program in August focused on Cherokee agriculture and the importance of pollinators to our environment and was implemented by Floyd County Master Gardeners Ginny Word and Nelly Luthi. In September, students learned the four stages of archaeology with Public History graduate student Roy Palmer. For October, we will explore the history and value of the Cherokee language and oral traditions.

November completes the programs with a focus on the Trail of Tears. Each program is open for homeschool students ages 8-12 with a limit of 20 students per program. Fees for each program are \$2 for students and \$5 for adults. For more information or to be a part of our October and November “Homeschool Days” programs, contact the museum at (706) 291-9494.

Another new partnership the museum has formed is with the Girl Scouts of America. Working with local Scout leader Carolyn McFry, the museum hosted a “Girl Scout Day” on September 22nd for 30 Junior and Brownie Scouts. Participants completed a variety of activities, including exploring the museum gardens, making corn husk dolls, playing Cherokee games, learning Cherokee stories, and discovering the history of Major Ridge and Cherokee Removal.



Each Scout earned a “Native Peoples” badge at the close of the program. Chieftains hopes to continue this partnership and offer more activities for both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts at the museum in the future!

Cherokee Students to Conduct Programs in November

Chieftains has recently connected with Dr. Allen Bryant to bring a new group of high school students from the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina to conduct two programs at the museum in early November. Dr. Bryant is an Associate Professor in the College of Education at Appalachian State University and 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 Cherokee Indians. 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.



On November 2nd, these Cherokee students will work with local school groups to demonstrate their history and culture followed by a living history event for the public at the museum on Saturday, November 3rd. Look for more details as our planning progresses on the museum's website at www.chieftainmuseum.org and on our Facebook page.

Students from Cherokee, North Carolina teach visitors how to play stickball during last year's Free Day event on June 17th.

Collections Corner

Flaked Tools

All flaked tools are made from pieces that come off of a stone core. These flakes could be used as tools. A blade was made from a large piece of flaked stone and then the stone was shaped into a point blank. After further reduction, the blank was shaped into a point. After continued use and sharpening, the point would wear down. It would have either been discarded or reshaped into a new tool such as a drill. The tools seen below are currently on display at the museum.





CHIEFTAINS MUSEUM/MAJOR RIDGE HOME

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COME CELEBRATE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR AT THE
MUSEUM WITH COCKTAILS AND HORS D' OEUVRES
AND START YOUR 2019 JOURNEY WITH CHIEFTAINS BY
RENEWING OR STARTING YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

NOVEMBER 9TH, 2018 7:00-9:00PM 501 RIVERSIDE PARKWAY
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R.S.V.P. BY NOVEMBER 2ND BY CONTACTING THE MUSEUM
AT (706) 291-9494 OR VIA EMAIL AT
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Get Your Membership Today!

Remember that our membership year at Chieftains ends on December 31, 2018. You can renew your membership anytime by contacting the museum at (706) 291-9494.

Upcoming Events

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| October 6th: | Going Caching 2018: "Haunted Mysteries" Event |
| October 16th: | "Cherokee Stories and Language" Homeschool Day |
| October 24th: | Georgia Highlands College Lecture, 2pm |
| October 25th: | Berry College Lecture, 7pm |
| November 3rd: | Living History Event. More information TBA |
| November 9th: | "Night at the Museum" Membership Party |
| November 13th: | "Trail of Tears" Homeschool Day |