

TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR CHEROKEE DANCE PERFORMANCE JUNE 29TH

Summer 2019



CHIEFTAINS MUSEUM/MAJOR RIDGE HOME

THE RIDGE REPORT



Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home is proud to partner with the Rome Area Council for the Arts to bring the Warriors of AniKituhwa to Rome for a special performance the evening of Saturday, June 29th in Ridge Ferry Park.

This award-winning dance group will travel from North Carolina to conduct cultural demonstrations and perform traditional Cherokee dances in Ridge Ferry Park starting at 6pm on Saturday, June 29th. The Warriors of

AniKituhwa are designated as official cultural ambassadors by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and are sponsored by the Museum of the Cherokee Indian in North Carolina. They specialize in demonstrations to represent Cherokee culture including the preservation of traditional dances from the 1700s through their performances. They have performed throughout the country and abroad, including places such as Colonial Williamsburg, the National Museum of the American Indian, the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, the First Nations Festival in Montreal, Canada, and in London, England.

The June 29th event in Ridge Ferry Park will begin with Cherokee cultural demonstrations of crafts and weapons at 6pm followed by a dance performance at 7pm. Gates for the event will open at 5pm and participants are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs for seating and may bring a picnic dinner, although alcohol is prohibited. Food trucks will also be available in the park for refreshments. Parking will be free and available on site in the park for audience convenience.

Tickets for this event are \$10 per person with a \$25 family cap and are currently being sold in advance at Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home as well as at the gate the evening of June 29th. Museum members will receive a discount when purchasing tickets. This event will take place rain or shine with an alternative location within the park used in case of inclement weather.

The dance performance is part of a series of programs hosted by the museum in 2019 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the arrival of Major Ridge to the Chieftains property in 1819.

For more information about these events, or to become a member of Chieftains Museum, visit www.chieftainsmuseum.org or call (706) 291-9494.

CHIEFTAINS LOW COUNTRY BOIL & BARBEQUE SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY AUGUST 9, 2019



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 9th at the Palladium at the Coosa Valley Fairgrounds.

Doors open for the event at 6:30pm, which features an open bar and an all-you-can-eat buffet of low country boil and barbeque provided by The Season Events served at 7:30pm.

Attendees will be able to choose from a variety of silent and live auction items at the event. The silent auction will be conducted in the style of a raffle with individuals purchasing tickets that they may put towards each silent auction item. Winners for the silent auction will be chosen at random from these tickets.

This year's live auction will be led by auctioneer Lynn Dempsey once again and will feature unique experiences. Stay tuned to the museum's Facebook page and website for details as the event approaches.

Tickets for the Low Country Boil & Barbeque are \$80 for individuals, with tables for 8 available at \$640. Portions of each event 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 the website at www.chieftainmuseum.org.

Chieftains Memberships Now Online!

The museum has partnered with PayPal to bring new giving opportunities to museum members and the community.

Starting in July 2019, anyone interested in purchasing or renewing a museum membership will be able to do so by clicking a link on the Membership portion of the Chieftains webpage at www.chieftainmuseum.org.

Museum memberships are offered on an annual basis and expire on December 31st each year. Becoming a museum member offers a variety of benefits including free admission to the museum, a 10% discount in the museum store, an invitation to our annual member party and much more. For a complete list of membership benefits, visit the Membership portion of the museum website.

In addition to offering online memberships, Chieftains Museum is also enrolled in the PayPal Giving Fund program, which offers nonprofit organizations of all sizes access to customer giving programs across PayPal, eBay, and more. This network will allow the museum to reach millions of potential donors all over the world. The museum will also include a donation button on our website for any virtual visitors interested in giving to the museum.

With the PayPal partnership in place, it will be easier than ever before to donate and become a part of the museum. Stay tuned in the future for other online opportunities including museum event tickets.



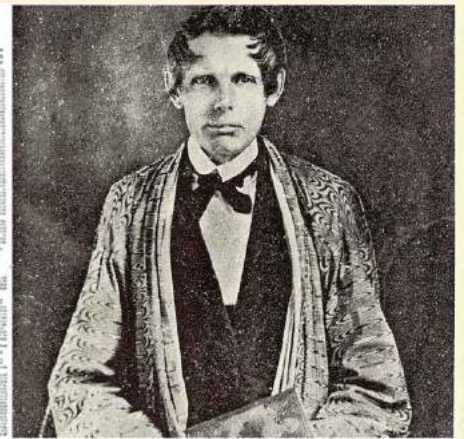
Museum Partners with Northeast Georgia History Center to Bring Georgia Legal History to Light



Chieftains Museum is honored to work with the Northeast Georgia History Center to highlight an often- forgotten part of Cherokee history—the legal aspects of Indian Removal.

The result of this partnership is a new traveling exhibit, “It is impossible to destroy men with more respect for the laws of humanity”: Court Cases of Cherokee Removal in Georgia. This panel exhibit explores the legal arguments for and against the removal of the Cherokee in Georgia, illustrating the lengths that the United States and state governments would go to remove native people from their homeland.

The exhibit is funded through a grant from Georgia Humanities and will travel throughout the state and was created through a partnership with Glen Kyle, Executive Director of the Northeast Georgia History Center located at Brenau University in Gainesville and Chieftains Executive Director Heather Shores. This exhibit will explore *Georgia v. Tassels*, *Cherokee Nation v. Georgia*, and *Worcester v. Georgia*. These three cases not only set the stage for Cherokee removal from Georgia, but in many ways defined the differences between two divergent, but often similar, cultures.



Samuel Austin Worcester was the plaintiff in the Worcester v. Georgia case of 1832 which was taken to the United States Supreme Court. Worcester lived among the Cherokee people and was their missionary and translator of the Bible. He was also a defender of the Cherokee’s sovereignty and collaborated with Elias Boudinot, a native Cherokee, in the establishing of the first Native American newspaper “Cherokee Phoenix.” Worcester was given an honorary name by the Cherokees, “A-tse-nu-sti” which in English is translated as “messenger.”



“It is impossible to destroy men with more respect for the laws of humanity”: Court Cases of Cherokee Removal in Georgia will be on display at Chieftains Museum from July 24th through September 6th with a museum member preview opening from 5:30-7:00pm on Friday July 19th.

Chieftains Museum would like to thank Georgia Humanities and the Northeast Georgia History Center for helping us highlight this part of Georgia history.

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Frankie Welch "Napachief"



These one-module textiles that Welch referred to as "napachiefs" could be used to wrap around wine bottles, as bows on flower arrangements, as quilting squares, or as cocktail napkins.

Designed by Frankie Welch for the Five Civilized Tribes Museum in Muskogee, Oklahoma, this piece will be on display at Chieftains Museum during the "Style with Substance: The Designs of Frankie Welch" exhibit coming in November 2019.

Upcoming Events

- June 22nd:** Stepping Stones for the Garden Workshop
- June 29th:** Warriors of AniKituhwa Dance Performance
- July 24th-Sept. 6th:** "It is impossible to destroy men with more respect for the laws of humanity": Court Cases of Cherokee Removal in Georgia travelling exhibit
- August 9th:** Annual Low Country Boil & Barbeque