

January 2015

Call for 2015 Art Contest Submissions



Entries for the 2015 Chieftains Museum Art Contest will be accepted from January 16-February 28th. In this second year of the contest, the museum is seeking original artwork from area students in grades 8-12 in an effort to heighten awareness and understanding of the history of the Cherokee through art.

Art for the 2015 contest should be created based on the theme, "The Cherokee in the War of 1812."

Major Ridge was one of several hundred Cherokee allies who fought with the United States under the leadership of General Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812. For his victorious role in this war, Andrew Jackson gained popularity that helped him become the 7th President of the United States in 1828. As president, he worked to remove the Cherokee from their homeland in what became known as the Trail of Tears. Artists should depict their interpretation of Cherokee soldiers in the War of 1812 and how the nation they fought for could turn against them by 1838.



Each artist may only submit one original artwork in a limited variety of media. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place

chosen by a panel of judges from the contest sponsor, the Chiaha Foundation. Prizes will be \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for third place with certificates given for all entries.

For additional information, visit the museum's website at

www.chieftainsmuseum.org.



Santa Workshop Brings Holiday Cheer

Children in Rome & Floyd County were given a dose of holiday cheer on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at the "Santa's Helpers Workshop" held at the museum. Admission was \$5 per child with free entry for parents. Children enjoyed sipping hot chocolate while making Christmas crafts and ornaments with the help of the Chieftains "Elves" as parents toured the museum. As a final treat, participants wrote a letter to Santa and mailed it directly to the North Pole in our "Magic Mailbox." A wonderful event for families, look for another day with Santa in December 2015.



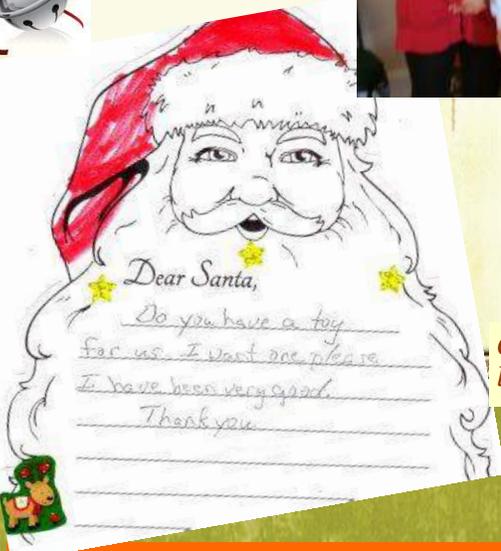
Children enjoyed making Christmas ornaments during the event.



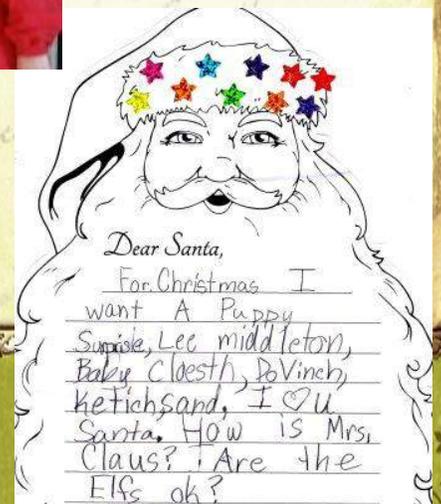
Children ended the day by mailing their letters to Santa in our "Magic Mailbox."



Elf volunteers gather for a photo after helping children during the Santa's Helpers Workshop.



Children were creative when writing letters to Santa during the event.



Major Ridge on the Road



Local residents in Gainesville, Georgia were given the chance to learn more about Major Ridge and Chieftains museum on the evening of January 13th. Museum Executive Director, Heather Shores, was the featured speaker for the first “Forum” lecture in 2015 hosted by the Northeast Georgia History Center at Brenau University.

A museum dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of northeast Georgia, the NEGHC contains the preserved cabin of Chief White Path, a Cherokee born outside of Ellijay in 1761, and a contemporary of Major Ridge. White Path fought alongside Major Ridge during the War of 1812, but did not embrace assimilation into white culture. White Path joined the National Party opposing Ridge’s Treaty Party, and went with John Ross to Washington, D.C. to protest the signing of the Treaty of New Echota in 1835. During Cherokee Removal, White Path helped organize his people for the move west and died in Kentucky along the Trail of Tears. Chieftains Museum and the NEGHC plan to co-sponsor more events in 2015.

Annual Brunch Brings Members Together

Friends of the museum, both old and new, came together to celebrate the accomplishments of 2014 at the Membership Brunch held at Chieftains the afternoon of December 7th. This year’s event provided an opportunity for sponsors to see the tremendous changes that have taken place at the museum, including plaster repair, exterior painting, and the installation of the new *Witness to History* exhibit on both floors of the house.

Members were also treated to a wonderful brunch catered by Two Can Do of Rome and beautiful Christmas decorations by Crandel Allmon of Pineapple Place. Thank you to all members who attended and all volunteers who helped make this event an afternoon of holiday cheer!

The Membership Brunch takes place at the end of each year and is a free event for all current members. Be sure to renew your membership today so we can see you at the brunch in 2015!



Collections Corner



Pine desk with burlled drawer fronts and brass handles, ca. 1850s.

This 1850s roll-top desk was used by two prominent Romans, Colonel Daniel S. Printup (1823-1887) and Mr. Wilson Hardy (1881-1973).

Colonel Printup used the desk starting in the 1850s. Originally from New York, Colonel Daniel S. Printup attended Cedartown Academy in 1839 before leaving Rome to attend Union College in Schenectady, New York. In 1846, he returned to Rome and became a lawyer. In 1849, he married Ava Choice, a native Roman, and built a grand house called "Arcadia." Colonel Printup was elected to the State Senate in 1859.

During the Civil War, Printup was appointed Major of the 55th Georgia Regiment under General Henry Heth. In September 1863, Printup's unit was forced to surrender Cumberland Gap, Tennessee and he was taken prisoner. After seventeen months in Johnson's Island Prison on Lake Erie, he was transferred to Elmira Prison in New York, which is often compared to the confederate prison in Andersonville, Georgia. After the war, Printup stated he might have died if it were not for the kind acts of a few Catholic sisters in Elmira.

Colonel Printup was released from the prison in 1865 and returned to Rome, where he was elected Mayor in 1866 and 1883. Colonel Printup's brother married into the family of George Lavender, who operated the trading post for Major Ridge. With money from the Lavender estate, the Printup family succeeded in operating the Rome Railroad, with Colonel Printup becoming instrumental in building the railroads that connected Rome to other trade centers, making the city the "capital of Northwest Georgia." Also, to honor the Catholic sisters who cared for him at Elmira, he helped build a Catholic Church in the city. The original corner stone for the church rests on the lawn of present-day St. Mary's Church. Colonel Printup died in 1887 and is buried in Myrtle Hill Cemetery.

Wilson Hardy became the owner of the desk in 1925 and used it until his death. In 1895, under the instruction of Professor Palemon J. King, Hardy attended the Masonic Temple Annex. Wilson Hardy later became joint secretary of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association, the forerunner of the Chamber of Commerce in Rome. As the secretary, he was responsible for organizing social events, many of which benefited charitable causes and organizations. A 1929 fundraiser for flood victims in Mississippi that was organized by Hardy featured a minstrel show conducted by the famous composer Paul Nixon.

Collections Corner, cont.

Wilson Hardy was also very active in the flood control program in Rome, which resulted in the 1939 construction of the H.H. Keel levee along the Coosa River. The levee prevented the constant threat of flooding, which attracted new businesses to downtown Rome.

His development interests inspired the founding of Hardy Realty in 1925, where his efforts to encourage growth in the Floyd County area helped bring both Celanese Fibers Corporation to Rome and Brighton Mills to the Shannon area. Wilson Hardy was also part owner of the Rome Tribune Herald, which later merged with the Rome News. Hardy died in 1973 and is buried in Myrtle Hill Cemetery.

The desk used by Printup and Hardy later became the property of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Grizzard, Sr. through Hardy Realty. It was donated to the museum by the Grizzard family in honor of Mr. Harold Clotfelter in 1994.

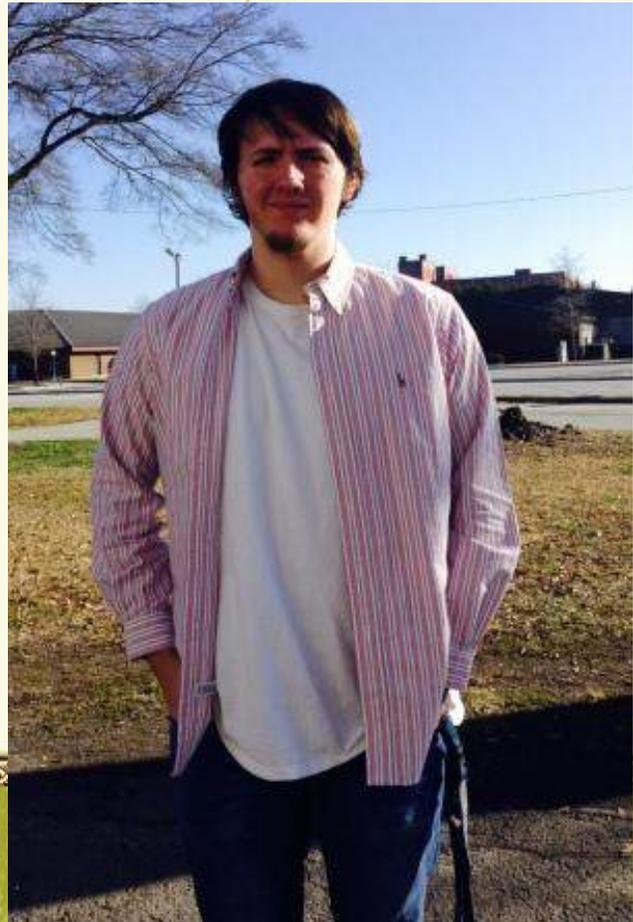
Volunteer Spotlight

Chieftains Museum would like to introduce you to our new intern, Kyle Edwin Dodrill.

Kyle is a twenty-one year old senior at Berry College. Originally from Stockbridge, Georgia, Kyle is a History major with a minor in Sociology. He played baseball for over ten years and spent two years wrestling.

He is currently a dancer with the Berry College Dance Troupe, who recently worked with the Rome Little Theatre and Rome Ballet to present "The Nutcracker." He will be performing in the upcoming Spring Dance Concert at Berry College.

In his free time, Kyle enjoys playing video games with his roommates. His goals include future work in the museum field and teaching.



A Volunteer for the New Year

Do you love history? Do you have a desire to help bring that history to life?

If so, become a volunteer at Chieftains in 2015!

The museum always needs hearts and hands that can help us fulfill our mission. From help with field trips and educational programs to work at annual events like the Herb & Plant Sale, a variety of volunteer opportunities are available at Chieftains.

The museum welcomes all levels of talent and abilities for our volunteer program. No prior experience needed—only a willingness to preserve the past for the future!

For more information or to become a volunteer, contact Executive Director Heather Shores at (706) 291-9494.

Chieftains Volunteer Receives Heart of the Community Award



Chieftains would like to congratulate Ruth Forrester for receiving the Heart of the Community Award of Honor this year.

Ruth is co-chair for the annual Chieftains Museum Herb & Plant Sale. Her other volunteer roles include the Friends of the Library, University of Georgia-Floyd County Extension Master Gardeners, and membership in both the Seven Hills Garden Club and Rome Federated Garden Clubs.

Congratulations Ruth on winning a much deserved award for all you do in our community!

Chieftains is fortunate to have you on our volunteer team!



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Calendars Give the Gift of Good Will

Sales continue for the 2015 Visions of Chieftains wall calendars. A collaborative project with local non-profit DIGS, Inc., each calendar features photographs of the museum and its landscape, with several photographs taken by the DIGS Snap Happy Camera Club.

Proceeds from the sale of each calendar support the museum as well as DIGS, a group dedicated to developing independence, growth, and security for adults with developmental challenges in Rome and Floyd County.



Calendars can be purchased in the museum store or via mail with a check made to the Junior Service League of Rome.

For additional information, contact the museum at (706) 291-9494.

We're on the Web!

Visit us at chieftainmuseum.org

Have You Renewed?

Be sure to renew your membership to the museum for 2015!

Memberships are good for January 1—December 31 each year and give you free admission to the museum, a 10% discount in our gift shop, and invitations to exclusive member events throughout the year.

Contact the museum to find out how you can continue to be a part of the excitement at Chieftains!

Upcoming Events

January 16-February 28

Entries accepted for the 2015 Chieftains Museum Art Contest

April 11-12

2015 Chieftains Herb & Plant Sale