

November 2014

The Painted Lady



Over the past year, we have updated you on the preservation progress made at Chieftains funded in part by a grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division. In October, we completed this work by scraping, repairing, and painting three exterior sides of the museum. Additional funds not covered by the grant are needed to complete the exterior painting. Contact us to see how you can help us finish this bright new face of the museum.



The freshly painted front of the museum.

Be sure to take a look at the museum the next time you drive down Riverside Parkway to see our freshly painted lady. Let's hope we all look this good at 195 years old!

Essay Contest Winners Announced

Earlier this month, winners were chosen in the Chieftains Museum Essay Contest. Open to eighth grade students in Rome and Floyd County, this year's contest asked writers to analyze the role of the Cherokee in the War of 1812 and provide reasons why they should or should not have given their allegiance to the United States, a country that would remove them from their homeland two decades later.

All three winners for the 2014 contest are students in Lynn Denson's eighth grade class at St. Mary's Catholic School and placed as follows:



1st place – Kevin DeDobbelaere

2nd place—Mutsa Nyamuranga

3rd place—Quinn Desmond

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Executive Director Heather Shores presents awards to the 2014 Chieftains Museum Essay Contest winners at St. Mary's. From left, Quinn Desmond, Mutsa Nyamuranga, Kevin DeDobbelaere.

Fall Events a Success

October and November were a whirlwind of activity at the museum!

The *Going Caching MMXIV* geocaching event in Rome brought a flood of new visitors to the museum grounds. In addition to a permanent cache near the museum, participants in the mega event dug deep into local history with a “lab cache” in the mock archaeology dig pit behind the Grizzard Center. To complete this cache, participants followed coordinates to our sand pit to dig up broken pottery pieces and solve a puzzle. The Chieftains Museum site was touted as the most popular location by geocachers at this event!



Geocachers enjoyed their time digging for clues at Chieftains



October 25-26 also marked the 50th Anniversary of the Chiaha Harvest Fair in Rome. The museum contributed to this celebration by hosting a craft table in the children’s tent. Two hundred children visited the Chieftains table to create Halloween masks and learn about the tradition of the Cherokee Booger Mask.



Fall Events a Success, cont.

The Ridge & Valley Tellers were the stars of the show at the Chieftains “Stories Through the Ages” storytelling event on November 8th. Sponsored by the Floyd/Rome Retired Educators’ Association, this free event provided families with the opportunity to hear stories from various cultures throughout the day, illustrating that although we may see each other differently, our traditions are much the same.



Storyteller Terrell Shaw shares Celtic tales with museum visitors.



Mary Alaina Kirk presents Puerto Rican folk tales to families at the museum.

Check out our website at www.chieftains.org to join us for upcoming events at the museum!

2015 Calendar Available

Chieftains Museum/Major Ridge Home is proud to announce the result of a partnership with DIGS, Inc. of Rome—the 2015 Visions of Chieftains Calendar!

Inspired by the photographs of the DIGS Snap Happy Camera Club, our two organizations collaborated on a joint project that will help support the needs of both non-profits.

The calendar features images taken at the museum during a photography expedition by the Snap Happy Camera Club in summer 2014 as well as images of the museum from the Chieftains Museum photography collection.

DIGS, Inc. became a non-profit corporation in 2007 with a mission to provide safe housing, work, and leisure opportunities for adults with developmental challenges in the Rome/Floyd community, and is operated solely by volunteers dedicated to that cause.

Calendars are priced at \$10 each and will be available at both the museum gift shop and through DIGS after December 5th. The sale of this calendar is tax deductible, with proceeds from the sale divided equally between our organizations.



New Grant Will Fund Children's Space at Museum

In October, Chieftains Museum received a \$3,500 grant from the North Georgia Electric Membership Foundation to create a children's interactive space in the museum. Chartered by the State of Georgia on May 11, 1936, the North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation (NGEMC) is Georgia's second oldest electric cooperative with a mission to a reliable, quality, cost-based supply of electricity to its members.

Members of North Georgia EMC have the opportunity to participate in Operation Round Up, an innovative program administered by the North Georgia Electric Membership Foundation that provides funding for charitable projects in North Georgia with the help of the Community Foundation of Northwest Georgia.

The children's interactive area at Chieftains will be located on a first floor porch and will feature art and history activities to inspire a love of history in our youngest visitors. Be sure to visit the museum to see this exciting new educational area in 2015!

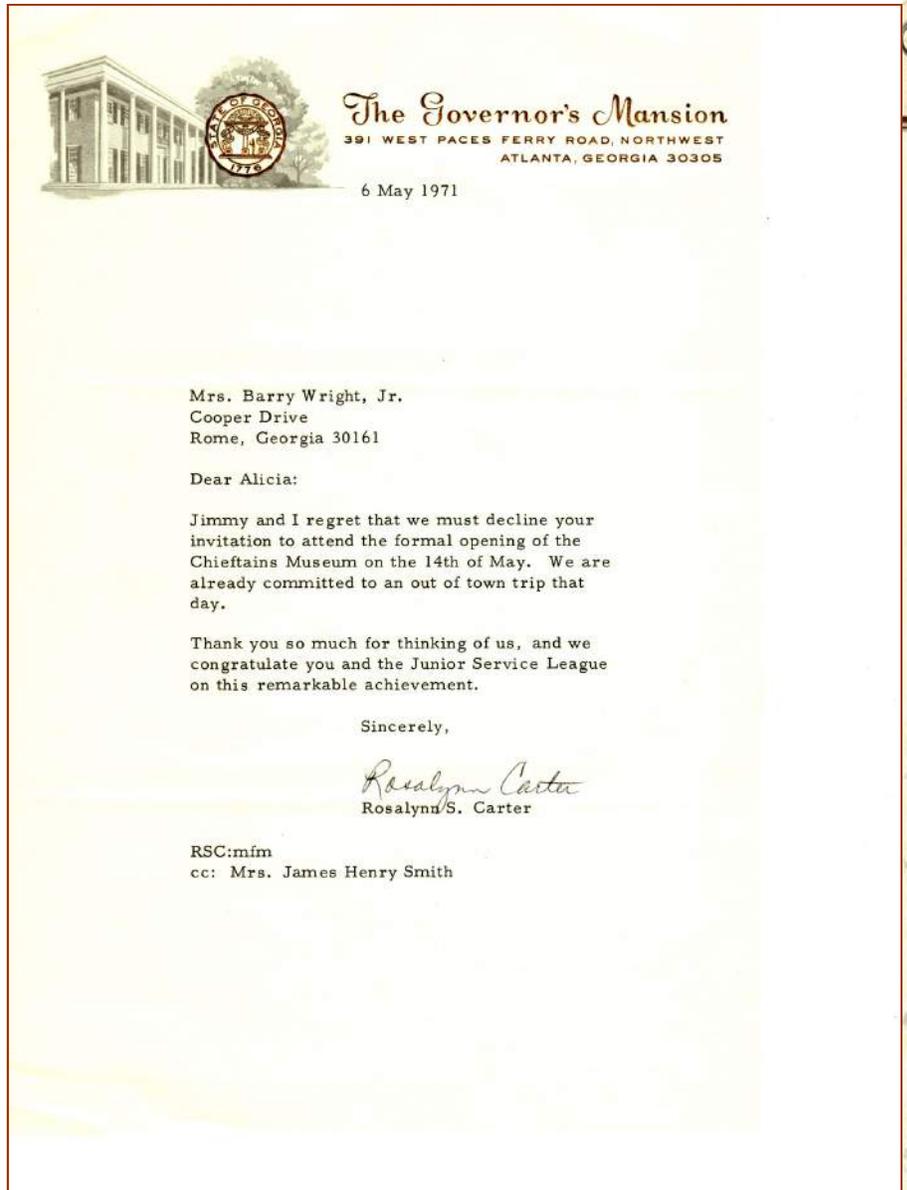


Collections Corner

In 1969, the Chieftains house was given to the Junior Service League of Rome by Celanese Fibers Corporation. Celanese had used the house for several years to house its plant superintendents. With the donation of the house came six acres of land, two brick dwellings on the property, and a fund of \$5,000 for the Junior Service League.

The Junior Service League raised matching funds to begin development of the house as a museum, and its members were instrumental in all aspects of the museum, from planning and developing exhibits, to collecting and cataloging objects.

Chieftains Museum opened to the public on Saturday, May 15, 1971. This letter in the museum collection expresses regrets from then Governor Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn Carter declining their invitation to the museum's opening ceremonies. Visit the museum to see photos from that opening day in our Junior Service League exhibit case on the second floor.





Santa's Helpers to Visit Chieftains

CHIEFTAINS MUSEUM/MAJOR RIDGE HOME

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The museum will show its holiday spirit the morning of Saturday, December 13, 2014 with a "Santa's Helpers Workshop." Parents and children can visit the museum between 9am and 12pm to create Christmas crafts to keep or share.

Children will also be able to write a letter to Santa and mail it to the North Pole at the Chieftains Museum Magic Mailbox! Cost is \$5.00 per child and registration is required by December 8, 2014.

Registration forms are available at the museum gift shop or on the museum website.



We're on the Web!

Visit us at chieftainmuseum.org

Have You Renewed?

As this year comes to a close, be sure to renew your membership to the museum for 2015! Memberships are good for January 1—December 31st 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

- December 7:** Membership Brunch
- December 13:** Santa's Helper Workshop
- January 16:** 2015 Art Contest entries submitted until February 28