



Hats Off to Our Volunteers!

Volunteers worked over 675 hours during the October Georgia History Timeline event.

The Funk Heritage Center relies on our volunteers. They have contributed 4300 hours of service to the museum this year.

Trail of Tears Meetings

The next meeting of the Georgia Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association will be held on **January 13, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. at the Chieftains Museum in Rome.**

The museum is built around the home of Major Ridge, a prominent and wealthy Cherokee. Major Ridge was a signer of the Treaty of New Echota which ceded all Cherokee lands to the state of Georgia and agreed to the removal of all Cherokees to land west of the Mississippi River. Major Ridge and other signers were later assassinated in Oklahoma for what was considered by many to be an act of treason against the Cherokee Nation. The history of this time period and the motives of the Cherokees and the state of Georgia are obviously more complex than stated here. Come to our meeting and visit the Chieftains Museum to learn more about this fascinating and tragic chapter in our state's history.

On **March 10**, to coincide with the opening of the Cherokee Removal venue in the Hall of Ancients, the meeting will be held at the Funk Heritage Center. For further details, contact Linda Baker at badnil@alltel.net or visit the TOTA website at www.nationaltota.org.



NEW "SUITCASE TOUR" PROGRAMS

This spring, we are looking forward to presenting a new school program—**suitcase tours!** Teachers can select from three themes: *Pioneer Children of Appalachia*, *Life During the Civil War*, and *American Indians of the Southeast*. Our 45-minute suitcase programs will be available in mid-March. Students will see artifacts, clothing and reproductions that represent these themes. They will hear stories, learn about the lives of people during these times, and engage in an activity.

We will be offering a stipend to cover travel expenses incurred by re-enactors who will be implementing the programs. Teachers interested in scheduling a suitcase tour at their school, should contact **Jenny Goldemund, Education Director**, at 770-720-5969 or e-mail jag@reinhardt.edu.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING, PLEASE CALL 770-720-5970. VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE FREE MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP AFTER 20 HOURS SERVICE. DOCENT WORKSHOP FEBRUARY 20 & 21

I Volunteer Because.....

In each issue of our newsletter, we will feature a volunteer who will discuss their reasons for selecting the Heritage Center for their volunteer work. In this issue, we are featuring a husband and wife team. **Ed Clark** volunteers every Wednesday at our front desk. His wife, **Georgia**, is a docent. Thanks to both of them for sharing their time and many talents!

*I do think it's important to participate in offering educational opportunities for our children and interested adults. But, I have other motives less altruistic and a bit more selfish. I'm retired and need something useful to do out of the house. It's personally satisfying to be able to go somewhere and do something that's a complete change of pace, mentally stimulating, enriches others' educational experience, and is so appreciated by visitors to the Funk Heritage Center. **Ed Clark***

*History was my favorite subject in school. My elementary education degree, combined with an interest in working with children, made giving school tours a perfect match. Before moving here, I had given school tours at the Colonial Industrial Quarter in Bethlehem, PA and enjoyed it immensely. I was happy to find the same opportunity here. I hope to ignite the love for history that I have in the students who visit. As a volunteer for several years, I would also like to compliment the wonderful, friendly staff and my talented co-volunteers who make working here a pleasure. **Georgia Clark***

NEW VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 29

If you think you would be interested in becoming a museum volunteer, we are holding an open house at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 29. We will explain our various volunteer opportunities and give you a brief tour of the museum. For information, call us at 770-720-5970.

DOCENT TRAINING WORKSHOP

We will hold a **docent training workshop on February 20 and 21**. The focus will be on tour techniques and background knowledge. Ideally, all of our docents, both longtime and new, should attend this workshop.

EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT

Educator workshops will be held June 5, 6, and 7. School field trips will continue throughout the spring. Summer camps are planned for June 25-28.

For additional information, check our website at www.reinhardt.edu/funkheritage.

Funk Book Club

*Meetings 2:30 to 4 p.m.
The second Thursday each month*



Book Club Selections

- January 11 *Thirteenth Moon* by Charles Frazier
- February 8 *Biography of William Faulkner*
- March 8 *Politics and Religion* by John Danforth
- April 12 *The Norton Book of Friendship*

Edited by Eudora Weltz & Ronald A. Sharp

The public is welcome to attend Book Club meetings.