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The “Walmart Collection:” We Need Your Help

Many of you are aware of Reinhardt University’s efforts to acquire the so-called “Walmart Artifacts.” If we are successful in raising the needed funds, the archaeological remains of more than 2,000 years of Native American habitation along the Etowah River will be returned to Georgia, and the most interesting items will be exhibited at the Funk Heritage Center. Our immediate goal is to raise $55,000 to make this happen. We hope our volunteers, members and the community will help by making donations to this project.

In 1994, construction of a new Walmart in Canton opened the doors to this discovery. When contractors encountered archaeological materials, Walmart reacted as a good corporate citizen, suspending construction so a scientific excavation could be made. The actual work was funded by the Army Corps of Engineers and accomplished by Archaeologist Paul Webb’s Atlanta-based firm. Billy Hasty, Reinhardt University Board of Trustees Chair, who was Canton city attorney at the time, recalls his amazement when he saw pottery and stone tools that dated to the time of Christ—and before— as well as the remnants of Cherokee life. He said, “It was incredible to hold in my hand an object used by Native people thousands of years before Canton existed.”

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) assigned an official name to the site: “Hickory Log” after a small creek that enters the Etowah River there. Webb’s company was acquired by TRC Solutions and Paul relocated. He took the artifacts with him to TRC’s Chapel Hill, North Carolina, facility. For eighteen years, Paul has worked with this and other collections. It has been a slow process. The collection includes more than 100,000 items. Organizing and analyzing them takes time. Pictured (l to r) are Skip Spears, Billy Hasty and Paul Webb looking at artifacts from the collection.

At the urging of Billy Hasty, Funk Heritage Center Director Joe Kitchens located the collection and contacted Webb in late 2010. (see “Hickory Log Collection” on page 3)

Mill Town Memories—A Walk in Canton’s Past

In 1899, Canton Mill was chartered by Robert Jones, the owner of one of the largest mercantile companies in the area. At its height, the mill provided employment for one-third of the area’s population and its story is an important part of Cherokee County’s history.

Jim Satterfield grew up in the Canton mill village and agreed to relate his memories for the video camera. Joseph and Anna Lee, two young video and music artists, have captured fourteen hours of Jim’s recollections and edited them into a compact and poignant document. You may remember the brother and sister team from their childhood days as FHC volunteers in our Settlement. Background research and interviews were done by Zack Waits, FHC’s 2012 summer intern from Kennesaw State. The interviews were edited into a tight and professional video production which will be shown. A panel discussion and Q&A will follow, and attendees may contribute to an open discussion.

Mill Town Memories will be shown at the Funk Heritage Center on Tuesday, March 19.

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**Volunteer Christmas Reception**

More than twenty-five volunteers attended our annual Volunteer Christmas Reception on December 6th—our tenth such event. Many of them have served for more than ten years. Dr. Joe Kitchens said, “It is inspiring to me to realize how generous and enthusiastic our volunteers are.”

**Dr. Joe Kitchens**

**Reinhardt President, Tom Isherwood**

**and the Reinhardt Dean of Arts and Humanities, Dr. Wayne Gloka, were on hand to thank volunteers for their service to Reinhardt University and the Funk Heritage Center.**

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**THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!**

In each issue of our newsletter, we feature a volunteer who explains their reason for selecting the Funk Heritage Center for their volunteer work. If you visit the museum on a Tuesday morning, you will find Linda Baker volunteering at the front desk. She has volunteered hundreds of hours over the years and we appreciate her dedication to the Center.

**Meet Author Polly Craig**

January 8, 2013

Polly Craig will discuss her latest book, _A Medal for Dr. Mary_. This is the story of Doctor Mary Edwards Walker who is the only woman ever to receive the Medal of Honor award for bravery on the bloody battlefields of the Civil War. She was born a hundred years before her time!

Kitchens split about two chords of firewood and carved a handle for an antique broad ax using his trusty draw knife. **Linda Baker**

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**Hurricane Sandy Visited Settlement**

Perhaps you may have heard about our misfortune: a 100-year-old maple tree broke off and collapsed onto the roof of our corn crib, narrowly missing the blacksmith shop. Cost of repair will run into the thousands. The roof was destroyed and several of the logs in the walls were crushed or broken. From the tree trunk, Dr. Kitchens split about two chords of firewood and carved a handle for an antique broad ax using his trusty draw knife and bench. Call it “therapy” for the museum director.

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**Welcome Natalie Espinoza**

Natalie is a Reinhardt University work study student at the Heritage Center. She is assisting our School Activities Coordinator with research. Natalie is a most willing worker and helped during the October History Timeline. In November, she dressed as a pioneer lady for Native American Day and spoke about the history of one of the cabins in the Appalachian Settlement.

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Scout Saturdays

Programs for both Boy and Girl Scouts of all ages are available at the Heritage Center on Saturdays each month. They are designed to meet the needs of various ages of children. All programs begin at 10 a.m. and last until noon. Indian Lore programs will help a scout meet their merit badge requirements. "I have been volunteering at the film on the South-eastern Indians and then go to the Hall of the Ancients. They will learn how and where the Indians lived, clans relationships, language, dress, and see artifacts. Before leaving, the group will play Indian games. The child is fee $8 plus tax per scout with a $5 minimum for a group. There is a leader for one assistant leader. Call for information or check our website at www.reinhardt.edu/funkheritage.

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**Upper Etowah River Alliance Annual Meeting**

The annual Upper Etowah River Alliance meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2013 from 3 pm to 6 pm at the Funk Heritage Center.  Call 770-720-5970 to reserve your place.

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**Hickory Log Collection (cont’d)**

Later, a delegation from Reinhardt University, including President Thomas Isherwood, trustees, teachers and students of the museum’s Advisory Council, went to see the collection.

The Reinhardt delegation came away hopeful that a way could be found to acquire and exhibit these artifacts in the Funk Heritage Center. Currently, the artifacts are in the Funk Heritage Center’s collection, but once the funds are raised, this will become a reality.

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If you would like to contribute, checks may be written to the Fish Hatchery, 800 Blue Ridge Highway, Morganton, Ga. 30560.

**Pioneer Days—May 8 – 9, 2013**

This two hour school field trip is held in the Appalachian Settlement each May and is available for students K-5. Children will learn about life back into the 1840’s and learn how Georgia settlers lived.

Dressed in period clothing, living history volunteers will welcome the children to historic log cabins, the blacksmith shop and a syrup mill. Students will also demonstrate their work. Reservations are limited to 250 students each day. Call 770-720-5970 for information and reservations.