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Georgia’s Official Frontier and Southeastern Indian Interpretive Center

SPECIAL EVENTS

Funk Book Club
Second Tuesday
Each month
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Smithsonian Magazine
Museum Day
Saturday, September 29

Georgia History Timeline
School Field Trip
October 10-12

Native American Day
Saturday, November 10
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed
Thanksgiving Holidays
November 22 & 23
Open November 24 & 25

Funk Heritage Center
has hosted more than
128,300 visitors
since opening
November 16, 1999

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Native Americans are like people throughout
the world. They celebrate their culture by pre-
serving and recreating traditional expressions of
art. Their creativity takes many different forms
and their cultures are so diverse and so
numerous. From buffalo robes to studio painting
and from ceremonial masks to beautiful ceramic
pots, the variety can be surprising. Drawing upon
its own collection, the Bennett History Museum
is featuring some of the Center’s seldom-seen
materials in the Buffington Gallery. The exhibit
is titled “A Living Tradition, Native North
American Arts and Crafts” from the Funk Heri-
tage Center’s Collection.

Several paintings are by well-known contem-
porary Native American artists, like Woody
Crump (Creek-Potowatami) and Connie
Seaborn (Cherokee). Other works are by uniden-
tified tribal craftsmen and all were gifts from
Clarence and Margaret Rogers.

Dr. Malcolm G. Freeman, the Center’s director,
was recently the recipient of about 50 masks
from all over the world, collected by the late
Emory University physician and profes-
sor Dr. Malcolm G. Freeman.

(see Native American Exhibit on page 3)

Native American Day—Saturday, November 10

Each November, the Center holds a free public event to celebrate Native American month.

The Bennett History Museum will open at no charge from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The
historic log cabins and the blacksmith shop will be open in the Appalachian Settlement from
10 a.m. until 12 noon. Living history interpreters will be available to talk about how Georgia
pioneers and American Indians lived in the mid-1800’s.

Scouts of all ages enjoy attending this annual event and, if in uniform, will receive a free hot
dog and drink. Girl Scouts, Davises, Brownies, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts can tour the museum
and learn about the Southeastern Indians. This visit can help them work toward some merit
badges. Hot dogs and drinks will be sold or bring a picnic lunch.

Cherokee Indians Freeman Owle will be our featured speaker this year. He is a teacher in Cherokee,
N.C., a well-known storyteller and an expert on Cherokee culture. He also crafts authentic stone carvings. From 10:30 a.m. until noon, Mr.
Owle will tell Cherokee stories. At 1:30 p.m., he will present a program on
Cherokee life and culture and discuss how it is valuable to us today. A motiva-
tional speaker, he teaches from the Native perspective and the Cherokee’s per-
ception of themselves in relation to the things around them: self concept, respect
for others, appreciation for mother earth, and the value of knowing one’s own
roots. In 2004, Freeman Owle was invited to the White House, along with the
other authors, to receive the Preserve America Presidential Award for his part
in writing the Cherokee Heritage Trail Guide Book.

(See Native American Day on page 3)
Welcome Jenny Starr Jones

New School Activities Coordinator

Jenny is no stranger to Reinhardt. She holds two degrees—early childhood education and business administration from here. Her husband, Jeff, is also a Reinhardt graduate and they reside in Jasper with their two children. Jenny was teaching until recently when she was hired to coordinate school programs for the Center. During the summer, she conducted tours for children and adults. Gardeners and carpenters help with museum landscaping and improvements. Living history volunteers provide programs in our Appalachian Settlement. All these activities are sponsored by a grant from the Cherokee Indian School System, run by the Bureau of Indian Affairs through the Cherokee Agency. After graduating as valedictorian of his class, he left the reservation to attend Gardner Webb College in Boiling Springs, North Carolina. He continued his education at Western Carolina University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in social work. He has been teaching middle school for many years. For more information about this special event, visit www.reinhardt.edu/funkheritage or call 770-720-3970.

Meeting second Tuesday 2:00—3:30 p.m.

Funk Book Club

September 11 — Brother to a Dragonfly and 40 Acres and a Goat: A Memoir by Will D. Campbell (Guest speaker: Al Clayton)

October 9 — Heartmender: A Story of Second Chances by Andy Andrews

November 13 — Mudbound by Hillary Jordan

December 11 — Christmas Tales and Treats

The public is welcome to attend Book Club meetings.

Introducing Volunteer Blacksmith

Mark McCellan

Students who visit the blacksmith shop in the Appalachian Settlement enjoy learning about the craft from Mark McCellan. He is a former history teacher from New Jersey. After retiring, he and his wife moved to Canton and a neighbor and volunteer at the Center invited him to visit the museum. He was interested in the History Alive program and decided he would like to learn the blacksmith trade and become a volunteer.

After observing Max Williams, who has been the blacksmith at our Georgia History Timeline for many years, Mark decided to take the blacksmith class that Williams taught at the Center. The rest is “history” so to speak. Arriving very early before each History Alive program or event, he starts a fire and prepares for his program. He never complains about the heat, even on the very hottest days, while standing over the forge demonstrating how to turn metal into useful objects.

Many teachers have commented on what a great job Mark does explaining the blacksmith trade to their young students. He takes time to answer their questions and is very patient with the children. Program Coordinator Martha Hout said, “We are so fortunate to have a volunteer as dedicated as Mark McCellan. He is a real asset to our programs in the Appalachian Settlement.”

A Wish Came True…………… A donor provided funds to purchase Native American flags now hanging in the Bennett History Museum.

New Wish ………………………… A combination outdoor classroom/picnic shelter to provide a protected area for lunch when students visit the Center on field trip days. It also would be available for special events including outdoor musical and cultural programs.

Always wishing for……Volunteers!

Funk Book Club

Meet John H. Bennett, IV

In December, 2008, Freemem did a signing for his book, Origin of the Milky Way, at the Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC and taught the museum staff the art of storytelling. He is a member of the Qualla Boundary, home of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Nation. His formal education began in kindergarten and continued through the twelfth grade in the Cherokee Indian School System, run by the Bureau of Indian Affairs through the Cherokee Agency. After graduating as valedictorian of his class, he left the reservation to attend Gardner Webb College in Boiling Springs, North Carolina. He continued his education at Western Carolina University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in social work. He has been teaching middle school for many years.

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