**SPECIAL EVENTS**

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

- **Archaeologist Lecture**
  - March 1, 7 p.m.

- **Georgia Master Gardener Conference April 20-21**

- **Pioneer Days**
  - School field trip
  - May 2-3
  - (see page 2)

- **Summer Enrichment Camp**
  - June 3–8
  - Call for information

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**Archaeologist to Speak on “Walmart Dig”**

Imagine a trove of artifacts buried for as long as 2,000 years. Just such a find was made in Cherokee County prior to the Canton Walmart construction in 1995. Dr. Paul Webb was the first archaeologist involved in the excavation at this site. On March 1 at 7 p.m., he will present a lecture and slides on the excavation and artifacts at the Funk Heritage Center of Reinhardt University.

This interesting lecture is open to the public by reservation. Webb is now the Vice President of TRC Solutions, Inc., an engineering firm with offices in Chapel Hill, NC. More than 100,000 artifacts from the banks of the Etowah River have undergone study and analysis by Webb. The site is now known to archaeologists as the Hickory Log Site.

Dr. Joseph Kitchens, Executive Director of the Center said, “This was an ideal site to search for Native American artifacts. The valley of the Etowah has been home to people for more than two thousand years. Excavation revealed evidence of at least five periods of occupation before the historic times when whites first explored the area.”

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Volunteer Christmas Party

Each December, the staff looks forward to hosting volunteers and Ad- visory Board members to thank them for their service during the year. On December 7, we celebrated the season with good food, guessing games and fellowship.

Below (l-r): Bernadette and Tom Connolly are pictured with Bob Andrew, Margret Jackson won a door prize. All are Center volunteers.

Thank You, Volunteers

Norman Paschall Honored

A special award highlighted the fall meeting of the FHC Advisory Board. University President Dr. Thomas Isherwood, and Advisory co-chair Dr. Floyd Falany made the presenta- tion to Mr. Norman Paschall. By resolution of the Advisory Board, Mr. Paschall was named a “Fellow of the Bennett History Museum” for his efforts in the creation and the development of the Funk Heritage Center.

A longtime member of the Reinhardt Board of Trustees and a former Board Chair, Mr. Paschall worked closely with Dr. James Funk in developing plans for the museum. He influenced Mrs. Alan Sellars when she was contemplating buying their incredible tool collection to the museum. He also successfully encouraged Mrs. Margaret Rogers to donate her Native American art collec- tion.

On impromptu visits and while attending board meetings, he always in- quires about everyone and visits with members of the staff. Because of his interest in the museum and his contagious enthusiasm, the award is inscribed “Always the steady voice of encouragement.”

John Bennett Visits Perdido Bay Tribe

On November 5, Mr. John Bennett, co-chair of the FHC Advisory Board, attended the dedication of the new environmental interpretive center on Perdido Key in Pensacola, Florida. He and his wife, Joy, delivered a gift for their new exhibit and the congratulations from Mr. John Bennett.

Meet Peggy Anderson—Our New Volunteer

In October, we welcomed Peggy Anderson, a retired elementary school teacher and a resident of Big Canoe in Pickens County. She learned about our volunteer program from a Big Canoe resident who is one of our living history volunteers. She finished the docent training and will be helping with school tours in 2012.

Peggy said she wants to volunteer to help children and young adults un- derstand and appreciate their heritage. When she inter- viewed for a volunteer position, the annual Octo- ber Georgia History Timeline program was a week away. She agreed to be a pioneer lady for the annual program and children met her in the cabin. We appreci- ated her willingness to “jump right in” and help with the three-day event.

Pioneer Days May 2-3, 2012

Pioneer Days is a special school field trip designed for children in grades K-5. This two-hour event will be held in the Appalachian Settlement. Students will visit log cabins, the black- smith shop, mill and see pioneers demonstrating crafts.

Children will also enjoy old-time music and playing pioneer games. The Funk Heritage Center’s living history volun- teers are dedicated to providing an educational and fan experience for the participants. The young visitors will learn how settlers lived during the mid-1800’s and will long remember this trip back in time. Children interested in becoming a living history volunteer and demon- strating old-time crafts can apply to the Center to become a volunteer.

This outdoor event does not include a tour of the Bennett History Museum. One teacher per 20 students is admitted free. Reservations begin- ning in January. Only 200 students will be registered for each day so teachers will want to make reservations early. The admission is $7 per student/adult. Call 770-529-5970.

Funk Book Club

Meetings, second Tuesday 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Book Club Selections

February 14 — DVD Out of Ireland: Emigration to America
March 13 — 1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created by Charles Mann

The public is welcome to attend Book Club meetings.

Meet Dr. Joseph H. Kitchens

Archaeologist to Speak on “Walmart Dig” (continued)

Webb’s work on this project has consumed fifteen years as he began the laborious process of identifying the artifacts and sorting them in a way that could reveal the secrets of early cultures. Now archaeologists are computing what’s happened to the artifacts. The project was initially funded by the U.S. Corps of Engineers and con- ducted under an agreement sanctioned by the Georgia Department of Natural Re- sources’ Historic Preservation Office.

The human remains found at the site were reintegrated according to federal laws protecting them and with the participation of representatives of the Cherokee Nation. The Walmart construction went forward and interest in the archaeological discoveries waned. But the artifacts were far from forgotten or “missing.” Ancient pottery, turquoise pipes and 19th century remnants of the Native American presence in North Georgia are among the sampling of objects photographed by Webb and shown to Kitchens. Childs moved to a home to Cherokee County near the site where it had lain for millennia? Funds are needed to properly care for such a massive collection, but Kitchens is hopeful that it could be housed and exhibited at the Funk Heritage Center. And, Webb would like to see the collection moved to a permanent location, one where it could be utilized for research and exhibition.

Registration for this lecture is $5.00 and must be paid in advance by calling 770-529-5970. Visa/MasterCard accepted. Seating is limited so register early.

The Mission of the Funk Heritage Center

The Funk Heritage Center is dedicated to telling the stories of the early Appalachian settlers and Southeastern Indians through educational programming and the collection, care and exhibition of art and artifacts.

Meet Dr. Rick Schoelhorn

Robert (Buddy) Lee, an avid shade gardening enthusiast and consultant. In her search to learn more about gardening in the shade, she became involved with the Garden Club of North Carolina and served as President of the Raleigh Garden Club. She volunteered at the N.C. Botanical Garden in Chapel Hill, and is Director of New Products for Proven Winners. She will talk about how plants get to market, where they come from and what are the issues? Come learn about where we’ve been and where we are going in new plants and garden lifestyle trends.

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