Funk Heritage Center Receives Governor’s Awards in Humanities

The Funk Heritage Center of Reinhardt University was honored this year at the 25th Governor’s Awards in the Humanities. The Governor’s Awards program recognizes and celebrates local community organizations and members working to increase the understanding and appreciation of the humanities in Georgia. The Georgia Humanities Council program and luncheon was held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at the Old Georgia Railroad Freight Depot in downtown Atlanta.

Recipients are nominated by the public, reviewed by a committee of the Georgia Humanities Council Board, and selected by Georgia’s governor. Museum Director Dr. Joseph Kitchens said, “This important award recognizes our efforts in offering unique programming. Although we have a wonderful facility visited by many people each year, our objective is to provide programs that will be educational and memorable for children and adults of all ages.”

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Georgia History Timeline Scheduled

This annual school curriculum-based field trip will be held October 6, 7, 8. Native American interpreter Jim Sawgrass will return this year. Sequoyah, General Oglethorpe and Turtle Woman will also be back. On Friday, Abraham Lincoln and Civil War soldiers will be on the program held in the Appalachian Settlement. The first two days are reserved for second through fourth grade students and Friday, October 8, is reserved for fifth through eighth grades.

The admission remains the same as last year at $10 per student/adult. One adult is free per 20 students with a minimum of 20 students. Special times have been scheduled for parents to register home school students. For information and reservations, call Barbara Starr at 770-720-5967.

New Rain Garden at the Center

Many thanks to Will Durban and Troop 125 for the hard work they put into completing a rain garden behind the museum. Will selected the Center for his Eagle Scout project. See page 2 for Will’s comments.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Georgia History Timeline
School Field Trip Program
October 6, 7, 8
Reservations Required

Summer Enrichment Camp
Folk Art, Music, Dance
June 15-18
Call for registration information

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Child Care Centers
and Scout Groups
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CLOSED ON MONDAY
Open Tuesday-Friday
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.
Closed Major Holidays

The Funk Heritage Center has hosted more than 115,000 visitors since opening November 16, 1999

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A Day in the Life of an 1850’s Pioneer Family

FHC has a new 15 minute film that features our living history volunteers in our Appalachian Settlement. They were filmed by Reinhardt students from the School of Communication Arts and Music under the direction of Larry H. Webb and edited by student Erin Turner. Thanks to John Pettibone, Reinhardt web coordinator, the film can be seen on our website on the Appalachian Settlement page. At our monthly volunteer meeting held on April 21, the film was shown for the first time in our theater. It is dedicated to the memory of Chiquita Berry who played a major role in the film. Everyone who helped make this project a success should be proud of the film. Our thanks to all of the volunteers, Reinhardt students, staff and faculty for their assistance. This one-of-a-kind film shows how Georgia’s pioneers lived and it is an important story.

Tours for Child Care Centers and Scout Groups

Looking for a special way to spend a summer day with your group of children? The Funk Heritage Center offers summer tours for child care centers and scouts. Groups of 10 or more will enjoy learning about Georgia’s first inhabitants as they tour the Hall of Ancients and learn a Native American game. We will present our new film about the Appalachian settlers as an introduction to pioneer family life.

A short hike will transport children back to the “simpler life” in an original log cabin. The fee is $6.00 and the program includes a craft to make and take home. One adult chaperone is admitted free of charge for each group of 10 children. Bring lunches and picnic on the grounds. Call 770-720-5970 for reservations and join us as we learn about Georgia’s history.

Funk Book Club

Second Tuesday each month 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

June 8: Smokey Mountain Magic by Horace Kephart
July 13: Heart in the Right Place by Carolyn Jourdan
August 10: Littlejohn by Howard Owen
September 14: Cracker Queen by Lauretta Hannon

The public is welcome to attend Book Club meetings. For information call 770-720-5970

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.

“I volunteer because it gives me great pleasure to teach children about their heritage. Their faces just light up when they learn how to make items from things that grow in the earth. It is fun to watch the class leaders as they also learn about mother nature’s gifts. The Funk Heritage Center settlement is a wonderful living educational tool for learning. I am honored to be a part of it.”

Will Durban’s Rain Garden Project

“I chose the Funk Heritage Center to be the recipient of my Boy Scout Eagle Project because they do a great job educating the local community about our history, culture, and nature. I developed a rain garden which is an area that collects rain water run off and naturally filters the water of pollutants. Water that runs off the facilities roof and lawn will flow to the low spot where the rain garden is located. It is then filtered via percolation before entering Moore Creek. Native plants are used in the garden, some I grew from seeds, others were rescued and still others were donated by the Home Depot and several local nurseries. Diane Minick, an advisory board member at the Center and Watershed Director of the Upper Etowah River Alliance, was my counselor offering guidance and support. I look forward to my project being of benefit to the visitors of the museum and local community.”

SPECIAL GUEST SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

Lauretta Hannon—Author of Cracker Queen: A Memoir of a Jagged, Joyful Life

Raised in a broken family in rural Georgia, but no southern belle, Lauretta Hannon’s literary debut exposes growing up poor in a broken family—a testament to living graciously in the face of hardship.

JOIN US—BOOK SIGNING!
**Director’s Corner..................................**

A Volunteer’s Legacy

Two events of significance occurred recently: Chiquita Berry, a ten-year veteran of our volunteer program, passed away on the nineteenth of April. And on the eleventh of May, the Center received the Governor’s Awards in the Humanities. Chiquita was one of our first volunteers. She was a remarkable person. We all admired the work she did in transforming her farm into a sanctuary where people and horses could enjoy each other’s company, where children experienced therapeutic riding classes and where groups could meet and enjoy speakers and music in beautiful surroundings. Chiquita portrayed a pioneer during many of our heritage programs, dressed in her period clothing and explaining what everyday life was like for ordinary families on the Georgia frontier. She did it very well.

The loss of Chiquita prompts us all to think about how we invest our time. Do we consciously choose to do things that are enduring and worthwhile, as she did? Working along side many other volunteers, she helped make the Center a success in so many ways. Our award was all about our programming and our programming is reliant on our volunteers, whether it’s the Georgia History Timeline, Tuesdays Alive, school tours, or welcoming visitors and students of the college. We have no other volunteer with Chiquita’s exact combination of abilities, but we have dozens with equally precious gifts, people who are generous and enthusiastic about helping us do our work. It is the volunteers who keep us going, through friendship and encouragement. Our staff is very appreciative—and is often inspired by the volunteers we rely upon so heavily.

We were all moved by Chiquita’s passing—but also moved by her inspiring life, her energy, her determination and her good heart. We will miss her. Hopefully, through the years that are to come, we will enjoy the company of volunteers who, like the heroes of legend and literature, seem to show up just when they are needed.

**Dr. Joe Kitchens**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

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

**Governor’s Award (con’t)**

In 2004, Governor Sonny Perdue signed House Bill 865 proclaiming the Center as “Georgia’s Official Frontier and Southeastern Indian Interpretive Center.” Reinhardt University President Dr. Thomas Isherwood, said “The Funk Heritage Center preserves a vital part of the history and culture of North Georgia. In so doing, it protects and maintains our way of life. We are so grateful to the staff who run the programs of the Center on a daily basis, but especially to those in the community who through their generosity and support make this possible.”

The Funk Heritage Center was founded in 1998 by Dr. F. James Funk who died in December, 2008.

The Governor’s Awards Luncheon program followed the Annual Humanities Lecture delivered this year by National Endowment for the Humanities Chair, former U.S. Congressman Jim Leach. He was nominated last year by President Obama, represented Iowa for 30 years and now teaches at Princeton University. Organizations and people doing exemplary work in the field were honored and encouraged to serve as models for others across the state.

Over the past decade, the Heritage Center has been an important resource for preserving and sharing the stories of Georgia’s Native American heritage and the Appalachian frontier with citizens of Cherokee County and beyond. It has been an important resource for educators and students, providing creative and accessible programs aligned with state curriculum standards, such as the annual Georgia History Timeline held each October. After-school programs, summer camps, and special events are inspiring children and cultivating a life-long love of the humanities.

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**FHC Volunteer Picnic Held on May 13, 2010**

Peggy Ray-Simpson (l) displayed the prize she won. Dave Philips (r) took this Native American game seriously and also won a prize.

It was a lovely day for a picnic.

Photos by Bob Andrew
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