



Mission Statement:
We value and nurture individual creativity, along with the historical, cultural and environmental resources of the Sautee and Nacoochee valleys and surrounding areas.



"The Men Won't Tell Us Anything"

This exhibit explores the women of Folk Pottery (1890–1940s) and derives its name from comments shared during a local workshop. Page 10

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Private Donation Opens Heritage Site

For the second year in a row, the Heritage Site will be open to visitors resulting from a private donation. Page 10.



WinterFest is here!

Valentine's Day Weekend,
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Sautee Nacoochee Center Now Part of Georgia Grown

Starting this winter, the Community Center's Gardens will be included in the Georgia Grown Program. This program encourages discovery of local businesses that provide unique experiences across Georgia. Page 10



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From the Executive Director

Happy New Year from the Sautee Nacoochee Community Association! We look forward to 2021 with great relief and hope as we continue to provide a COVID-19 safe environment for our community and visitors to the Foothills of Northeast Georgia.

Looking back to early 2017, the SNCA Board of Directors identified four important audiences to engage – local businesses, students, families and visitors – with our visual arts, performing arts, early heritage, and folk pottery programs and events. Our hope for our community is exhibited in the following ways:

► **The arts are good for local merchants.** Average attendees at nonprofit events spend \$24.60 per person at events, and they spend even more on the cost of admission, meals, parking and babysitters.

Locally: WinterFest Arts and Coach Tour generated \$383,381 in Economic Impact and entertained 11,900 visitors over Presidents Day Weekend 2020. Area hotels and motels recorded 90% occupancy rates.

► **The arts and culture improve academic performance.** Students who experience education rich in the arts record higher GPAs and standardized test scores, and they have lower drop-out rates.

Locally: Celebrate the Arts was implemented at the request of White County School System. Students with disabilities worked with teaching artists with disabilities and discovered that everyone can be exceptional through the arts.

► **The arts have social impact.** Research links a high concentration of the arts in a community with higher civic engagement, more social cohesion and lower crime and poverty rates.

Locally: Through student theater performances of Sautee Stars, students discovered their “role” in society, as artists, cast members and members of our broader community.

As a member-based organization, our mission is to nurture and value creativity along with the cultural, historical, and environmental resources of our region. Looking forward to 2021, we are honored and somewhat flabbergasted to be entering our 40th Year of Community Service.

Thank you for your gifts of time, talent and treasure that helped us serve our community in 2020. Your donation was an investment in our community and helped us achieve our ultimate goal of ***Changing People’s Lives!***

Patrick

T. Patrick Brennan, Executive Director

Sautee Nacoochee Community Association



Patrick Brennan

COVID-19 UPDATE

Please see

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for COVID-19 program updates

PERFORMING ARTS

January, February, March, 2021

Hello Everyone,

Thank you for your patience and support during the most difficult of years. With 2020 behind us, we are trusting better times are ahead.

The performing arts, as you know, have suffered greatly, not just at SNCA, but worldwide. Still, there were windows and glimpses of hope we took advantage of as we chose. "Virtual" performances were abundant, but not all of us wanted to be yet even more tethered to our devices. And understandably so. Indeed, we all made the best of it.

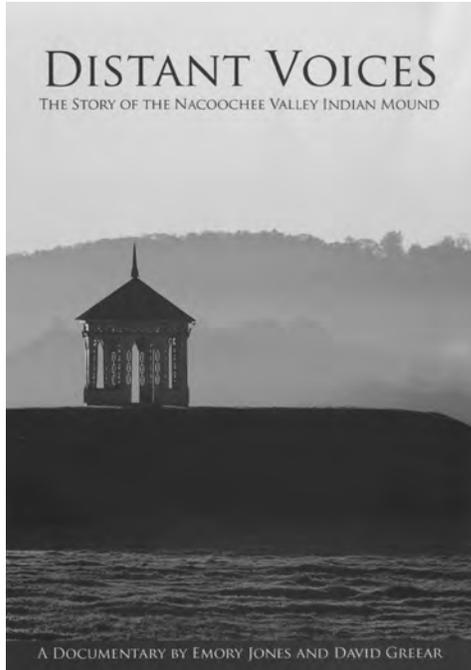
Because we are not quite sure how this winter will ensue, we will continue presenting mainly on Virtual Center Stage through the first of 2021 and then try to engage live performance as we move forward in the year.

Distant Voices, the highly acclaimed documentary about the Nacoochee Valley Indian Mound appears on **Virtual Center Stage, January 16&17**. Access to the documentary will be free with a donation request and will include an interview with authors/producers Emory Jones and David Greear.

Jon Schwartz, taking on the persona of Vinny Verelli, brings us *Blame It On The Boomers*, on **February 20**, live, in the Center Theater with restricted seating. Join us for this hilarious, one man-plus show that takes aim at what we thought we'd never become, our parents. Twenty tickets will be sold on a first-come-first-serve basis, masks will be required and socially distanced seating enforced for the live performance in the Center Theater. The performance will be available for purchase and viewing on Virtual Center Stage at a later date TBA. *Hwy 255 Blues Club* returns **Saturday, March 13** in the Historic Gym – come out, hear some great, live blues by *Frankie's Blues Mission* and dance your blues away.

That's the plan friends. Stay safe, happy and please join us for some shows!

DeDe Vogt, Performing Arts Director



Jon Schwartz as Vinny Verelli



Helen Cannon, 1939-2020

The Cannon Classical Music Series at the Center began in 2015, thanks to a generous contribution and continued support from Helen Cannon. Helen passed away on November 29, 2020 from an extended illness.

Helen was a longtime resident of Habersham County, a graduate of Wesleyan College and held a Bachelors of Art degree in Music. She loved all kinds of music, but classical music held a special place in her heart. She saw the value in our tiny, 98 seat theatre and knew that classical music performances would shine brightly there. She also knew that the intimate setting would provide a listening experience seldom available to classical music aficionados and eagerly responded to my sponsor request.

In the following years, more sponsors have thankfully come on board and the series has since provided both a quality listening environment as well as a quality performing environment.

We honor and celebrate the life of Helen Cannon. Thank you, Helen.

DeDe Vogt, Performing Arts Director

Judy Bynum George's 70th Year Retrospective Show Opens the SNC Galleries 2021 Exhibition Season

Starting January 15 and extending through March 7 the hallway art exhibition areas will be filled with a variety of paintings created by well-known local artist Judy Bynum George and some of her current and former students.

Judy will celebrate with 70 paintings in a retrospective exhibit showcasing ten paintings in each of several local galleries and restaurants during a seven month period. She celebrates this milestone in her accomplished career by sharing her creative work with others. Judy has been a juried SNC gallery artist for several years.

Large, colorful abstracts depicting her love of north Georgia are Judy's specialty. Texture dominates her paintings of landscapes, gardens, trees and flowers. They became instantly recognizable by her use of bold brushstrokes, rich color, plus her inspirational titles for her impressionistic paintings.

Judy comments, "Everywhere I look, I am overwhelmed with the beauty of nature, and also the many colorful people who grace my life. I paint in response to all of life, and I paint what lifts me up and gives me hope, using the forms of nature as symbols for expression: pathways, clouds, mountains, sunlight and shadows, flowers, trees, and flowing streams."

During this time period the twin galleries will be displaying art by local artists in an exhibit called "Winter Festivities". On display will be an array of paintings, fine art photography, pottery, sculpture, fiber art, jewelry, wood creations, books by local authors as well as prints, notecards and much more.

Beginning March 12 the galleries will present the "Strokes of Genius" exhibition with several types of art media in the main galleries. Our invitational artwork during this time will be Jacque



Howard's folk art paintings and jewelry by Joyce Willams. This is the celebrated duo, "Joyce and Jacque", who also grace our theater stage from time to time with their delightful musical performances.

Their visual art will be on display through May 2.

SNC will proudly present artwork by White County Schools special needs students starting March 11 during Celebrate the Arts with a display of student work from most of the local schools. Several hundred students will gather at SNC for an activity packed day of art, music and adventure.



What Art Studio Classes Would YOU Like to Take?

The Sautee Nacoochee Center art studio provides a wonderful opportunity for everyone interested to enjoy a reasonably priced art class experience.

Becky Peebles will continue her popular watercolor classes every Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00pm, resuming February 4. These classes are designed for beginning as well as advanced students of watercolor.

Each three hour session starts with loose washes and progresses to details. You will learn Becky's technique which could be described as realism with a dash of Impressionism (or soul!). Every other session begins with Becky demonstrating a particular technique, leading the class step by step. After this warm-up, the class will move on to individual work. Each demo is independent of the one before and after... you are never behind, even if you miss a class. The sessions in which there is no demo are to allow students to develop individual style with hands-on guidance.

There is no advance registration since these are ongoing classes. Limited seating is available. Becky's classes are \$35 per session. Please call Becky at 706-969-2052 to reserve your space. Temporarily these classes are being held in the Community Hall to allow for social distancing.

SNC has other art classes in the planning stages for the beginning of 2021 such as botanically dyed scarf making, leather art classes, iris fold notecards, drawing, acrylics and others.

What is your choice for an art class at SNC? Call us at 706-878-3300 and voice your likes as to what we should be offering. All classes are reasonably priced and at the end of each class you will proudly go home with an original piece of art that you created yourself.



WINTERFEST ARTS & COACH TOUR 2021

WinterFest is here again! Mark Valentine's Day Weekend, February 13 – 14, as the time to explore the three art festivals of WinterFest. The Sautee Nacoochee Center partners with Unicoi State Park & Lodge and Helen Arts & Heritage Center to present 145 artists at 3 locations over 2 days for 1 ticket price.

WinterFest dates and times are Saturday, February 13 from 10 AM until 5 PM and Sunday, February 14 from 10 AM until 4 PM, so there is no rush to see everything in one day. And, treasures found on Saturday may still be available for purchase on Sunday.

WinterFest is an interactive, move at your own pace event that is set in the winter beauty of Northeast Georgia. At all three locations, local and regional artists will demonstrate their skills and bring to life new and exciting pieces. Food vendors and live music are present at some sites.

Hop On/Hop Off Coach Service is offered both days, Saturday and Sunday, connecting the three venues. There is no charge for the festival at each venue, but a multi-part ticket and wristband is needed to ride the coach to each venue and be eligible for a Grand Prize. The ticket is \$10 per person and is good for both days. A book of five tickets for \$40 is also available.

The transportation ticket acts as a Grand Prize ticket, as well. Tickets that are stamped at all three locations go into the drawing for three Grand Prizes valued at over \$450 that are offered by each festival site.

While a fundraiser designed to support the educational efforts of the Sautee Nacoochee Cultural Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, WinterFest is an important economic driver for White County during an otherwise quiet time of year. The event is coordinated by the Sautee Nacoochee Community Association and funded in part by the White County Commission, the Georgia Council for the Arts and Sautee Nacoochee Corporate Partners Program™.

The artists at the Sautee Nacoochee Art Festival come from Georgia, the Carolinas, Florida, Tennessee and Alabama. All of the 20-plus artists who participate are juried, ensuring the best original local and regional artwork.

The timing of WinterFest could not be better for visitors. It occurs over Valentine's Day Weekend, which in 2021, is also Presidents' Day.

Information about and tickets for WinterFest Arts & Coach Tour are available at www.WinterFestArtsTour.com or by calling 706-878-3300.

COVID-19 safety protocols will be practiced at all three locations. Festival-goers will check-in at their first venue and have their temperatures taken. Contact tracing information will be taken, then a wristband will be given to indicate that the person has checked-in. Masks and social distancing are encouraged at each venue. Masks will be required on the coaches and will be available from coach drivers.



A festival of fine art & fine crafts

SNCA EVENTS JANUARY - MARCH 2021

EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

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THE CENTER & TWIN ART GALLERIES

• January 15 – March 7

Judy Bynum George –70th Year Retrospective

Invitational hallway exhibit with paintings by local artist Judy Bynum George.

Winter Festivities

Local and regional artists are featured in the two Gallery Shops.

• March 12 – May 2

Strokes of Genius

This exhibit with several types of art media in the main galleries.

Invitational artwork will be Jacquie Howard's folk art paintings and jewelry by Joyce Williams.

• March 11 – May 2

Celebrate the Arts

Features artwork by White County Schools special needs students for this annual event.

FOLK POTTERY MUSEUM OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

• Monday, January 11 – Monday, July 5

"The Men Won't Tell Us Anything": The Women of Folk Pottery (1890-1940s)

The first installation of "The Men Won't Tell Us Anything" will open on January 11, 2021. Focusing on female potters born between 1890 – 1940s, the exhibit highlights the women and the era they were brought up into. Find out how women in Folk Pottery moved from decorating pieces of pottery to throwing their own jugs, chickens, and churns.

This installation is part of a series that aims to highlight the evolution of women in folk pottery and to tell their stories about family, life, and folk pottery. For more information, visit our website at www.snca.org.

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SAUTEE NACOOCHEE HISTORY MUSEUM

• January 2021 –

In tandem with "The Men Won't Tell Us Anything" exhibit in the Folk Pottery Museum, a new exhibit in the Nacoochee History Museum will highlight the women who have made their mark on the community. For more information call 706.878.3300 or email acalliham@snca.org.

ONGOING CLASSES

All classes and exhibits will be conducted following CDC and OSHA Guidelines for Phase 2 Opening as defined by the State of Georgia.

• Mondays

QiGong Class with Cindy Dennis • 10:00 – 11:00 am Community Hall

Would you like an effective, low cost way to build and sustain health? Try Qi (chee) Gong! The slow, fluid movements and deep, rhythmic breathing of QiGong are designed to enliven the energy in the body. Our energy must flow freely and smoothly in our bodies for good health. "Stuck" energy results in discomfort and disease. This gentle form of exercise is a great proactive approach to improving health and well-being.

Cindy Dennis is a retired teacher who has been teaching QiGong for a little over 2 years. After taking QiGong classes for 5 years, she earned her teacher certification in February 2018. For more information, call 706.969.9516.

Yonah Yoga with Instructor Charlene Hammersen 5:30-7:30 pm • Community Hall

The yoga classes offered will be a blend between Hatha Vinyasa, Yin, Restorative, and Meditative practices. Each week we will explore one or a blend of these styles. Please bring a yoga mat, yoga blocks, a blanket or towel, and a bolster if you have one.

Contact information for Charlene Hammersen: 706-892.7211 or yonahyoga@gmail.com. The fee for this class is by donation.

• Tuesdays

Hapkido Martial Arts Class by Laurina Emery-Jacobs 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Historic Gym. For more information, phoenixrisingdefensivearts@outlook.com

• Wednesdays

Check our website www.snca.org

• Thursdays

Watercolor Class by Becky Peebles • 1:00 – 4:00 pm

The classes are designed for beginners through advanced students. Each class is \$35 per session. There is no advanced registration since these are ongoing classes. For more information contact Becky Peebles at 706.969.2052. **Classes meet in the Community Hall. Limited seating available.**

Hapkido Martial Arts Class by Laurina Emery-Jacobs 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the Historic Gym. For more information, phoenixrisingdefensivearts@outlook.com

• Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays

FREE DISCOVERY TOURS. Offered every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday beginning at 1:00 pm in the Folk Pottery Museum of Northeast Georgia. Tour guides conduct 45-minute tour of the Museum Galleries. Thereafter the tour is self-guided through the Art Galleries where art unique to the region is available for purchase. Call 706.878.3300 x 310.

Event times are subject to change. Check our website www.snca.org for information and tickets.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Every person or family has their own reason for joining SNCA. It might be the youth theatre program. It might be a love of local history. Whatever the reason, there is probably more to SNCA than you know. If you are a new SNCA member, please join us in the Conference Room of the Cultural Center on **Wednesday, January 13 at 2 PM.** To keep it safe, the orientation will be in the form of a walking tour, visiting the facilities on campus and meeting staff members who make it all happen. RSVP to Jennie by noon, Tuesday, January 12 at jinglis@snca.org or 706-878-3300 x314. Be sure to dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes. We'll see you soon!

SNCA EVENTS JANUARY - MARCH 2021 CONT.

JANUARY

All classes and exhibits will be conducted following CDC and OSHA Guidelines for Phase 2 Opening as defined by the State of Georgia.

Saturday, January 2 and Sunday & January 3
1:00 pm • Folk Pottery Museum

Discovery Tours – Tour guides conduct a free 45-minute tour of the Museum Galleries. Thereafter the tour is self-guided through the Art Galleries where art unique to the region is available for purchase. Call 706.878.3300 x 310.

Friday, January 8, Saturday, January 9 & Sunday & January 10
1:00 pm • Folk Pottery Museum

Discovery Tours – SEE JANUARY 2 Listing.

Saturday, January 9 • 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Heritage Site Interpreters – the Heritage Site features two structures: a slave cabin original to the Nacoochee Valley and a blacksmith's shop built onsite in 2014, which tell the region's history in many ways. The cabin provides a focal point for the story of the people whose labor contributed in countless ways to life in Northeast Georgia. The smithy offers a window into the ways in which functional and decorative tools and implements were created in communities all across the region.

The Heritage Site will be staffed and welcoming visitors on the second and fourth Saturdays. All are invited to come learn about nineteenth and early twentieth century life through demonstration and conversation.

Wednesday, January 13 • 2:00 pm

New Member Orientation - New SNCA members are invited for tea and a tour. Join us in the Conference Room of the Cultural Center. It will be a walking tour of the facilities, so dress warmly and wear comfortable shoes. RSVP to Jennie by noon, Tuesday, January 12.

Friday, January 15, Saturday, January 16
& Sunday, January 17 • 1:00 pm • Folk Pottery Museum

Discovery Tours – SEE JANUARY 2 Listing.

Saturday, January 16 – Sunday, January 17

Distant Voices: The Story of the Nacoochee Valley Indian Mound - Learn about and enjoy the stories surrounding the Nacoochee Indian Mound as told by author Emory Jones. SNC Virtual Center Stage. 706.878.3300 or www.snca.org.

Saturday, January 16 • 10-11:30 am • Native Peace Garden

Winter ID - The forest is not barren in the winter if you learn to observe the subtle details of buds and bark. Develop your landscape literacy and learn the names of your local forest friends in this Beginner Tree Identification course. Please wear a mask for the safety of my grandma. Instructor: Jake Blaydes, Local Horticulturist \$10 Register by calling SNCA 706.878.3300.

Friday, January 22, Saturday, January 23 & Sunday, January 24
1:00 pm • Folk Pottery Museum

Discovery Tours – SEE JANUARY 2 Listing.

Saturday, January 23 • 10:00 am-2:00 pm • Community Hall

Winter Wonderland Workshop – Come join us as we bake snowflake cookies and paint a snowflake scene! Ages: 6-12 Fee: \$55 Register at www.snca.org.

Saturday, January 23 • 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Heritage Site Interpreters – SEE JANUARY 9 Listing.

Friday, January 29, Saturday, January 30, Sunday & January 31
1:00 pm • Folk Pottery Museum

Discovery Tours – SEE JANUARY 2 Listing.

Saturday, January 30 • 10:00-11:30 am • Native Peace Garden

Winter ID – SEE JANUARY 16 Listing.

FEBRUARY

All classes and exhibits will be conducted following CDC and OSHA Guidelines for Phase 2 Opening as defined by the State of Georgia.

Friday, February 5, Saturday, February 6 & Sunday, February 7
1:00 pm • Folk Pottery Museum

Discovery Tours – SEE JANUARY 2 Listing.

Saturday, February 6, 2021 • 10:00 am – Noon

Native Peace Garden Work Day - Come help cut back invasive plants, pull weeds, and groom the garden! Contact Johnna Tuttle at JTuttle@snca.org

Saturday, February 13 • 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Heritage Site Interpreters – SEE JANUARY 9 Listing.

Friday, February 12, Saturday, February 13 & Sunday, February 14
1:00 pm • Folk Pottery Museum

Discovery Tours – SEE JANUARY 2 Listing.

Saturday, February 13 • 10:00 am-5:00 pm &
Sunday, February 14 • 10:00 am-4:00 pm

WinterFest Arts & Coach Tour/Sautee Nacoochee Arts Festival The best local and regional artists display and sell their work on the SNC campus. The festival is free; a \$10 transportation ticket is available for this weekend. 706.878.3300 or www.winterfestartstour.org.

Saturday, February 13 • 10-11:30 am • Native Peace Garden

Itching to Sow - Channel your winter, seed catalogue-browsing blues into direct action to facilitate future cultivation. We will discuss soil testing, fertilization, amendments, alternative methods, planning, and any questions you might have. Please wear a mask for the safety of my grandma. Instructor: Jake Blaydes, Local Horticulturist Fee: \$10 Register by calling SNCA at 706.878.3300.

Friday, February 19, Saturday, February 20 &
Sunday, February 21 • 1:00 pm • Folk Pottery Museum

Discovery Tours – SEE JANUARY 2 Listing.

Saturday, February 20

Blame It On The Boomers - Jon Schwartz as Vinny Verilli. Join us for this hilarious, one man-plus show that takes aim at what we thought we'd never become, our parents. See Performing Arts in this issue. For more info: 706.878.3300 or www.snca.org

Friday, February 26, Saturday, February 27 & Sunday, February 28
1:00 pm • Folk Pottery Museum

Discovery Tours – SEE JANUARY 2 Listing.

Saturday, February 27 • 10-11:30 am

Itching to Sow – SEE FEBRUARY 13 Listing.

Saturday, February 27 • 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Heritage Site Interpreters – SEE JANUARY 9 Listing.

MARCH

All classes and exhibits will be conducted following CDC and OSHA Guidelines for Phase 2 Opening as defined by the State of Georgia.

Friday, March 5, Saturday, March 6 & Sunday, March 7
1:00 pm • Folk Pottery Museum

Discovery Tours – SEE JANUARY 2 Listing.

Saturday, March 6, 2021 • 10:00 am – Noon

Native Peace Garden Work Day - Come help cut back invasive plants, pull weeds, and groom the garden! Contact Johnna Tuttle at JTuttle@snca.org

Friday, March 12, Saturday, March 13 & Sunday, March 14
1:00 pm • Folk Pottery Museum

Discovery Tours – SEE JANUARY 2 Listing.

Saturday, March 13 • 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Heritage Site Interpreters – SEE JANUARY 9 Listing.

Saturday, March 13

The Hwy 255 Blues Club featuring Frankie's Blues Mission - Hwy 255 Blues Club returns Saturday, March 13 in the Historic Gym – come out, hear some great, live blues and dance your blues away. Ticket info 706.878.3300 or www.snca.org.

Sunday, March 14

Irish music by "Ah Surely". Details TBA.

Friday, March 19, Saturday, March 20 & Sunday, March 21
1:00 pm • Folk Pottery Museum

Discovery Tours – SEE JANUARY 2 Listing.

Friday, March 26, Saturday, March 27 & Sunday & March 28
1:00 pm • Folk Pottery Museum

Discovery Tours – SEE JANUARY 2 Listing.

Saturday, March 27 • 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Heritage Site Interpreters – SEE JANUARY 9 Listing.

SAUTEE NACOOCHEE CENTER RECEIVES TECHNOLOGY AWARD

The Sautee Nacoochee Community Association is pleased to announce receipt of the 2020 Southeastern Museums Conference Bronze Award for the telephone application and brochure, "The Heart & Heritage of the Northeast Georgia Mountains". The SEMC Technology Competition recognizes excellence in the use of technology within southeastern museums and celebrates their work accomplishments.

The app is available to both Android and iPhone smartphones. It provides maps, directions based upon location, and an audio guide to critical points of interest. In conjunction with the app, a 12-panel, full-color brochure, Explore Helen & Sautee, was created for the Landmarks & Sites tour for those that do not have phone access or choose not to download the app.

Winning entries were expected to demonstrate innovation, effective design, accessibility, creativity, and institutional identity recognition. Recipients of the awards were judged by an appointed jury of museum professionals across the region who specialize in the fields of digital media and technology.

Partners in establishing this county-wide resource include:

- Appalachian Regional Commission
- Georgia Mountains Regional Commission
- White County Commission
- White County Historical Society
- Sautee Nacoochee History Museum, a committee of the Sautee Nacoochee Community Association, with matching funding from the Gregory New/History Museum Fund
- Private and business investors with gifts averaging \$50.00 or more.

The award winners were announced in October, during the virtual 2020 Southeastern Museums Conference Annual Meeting. This designation recognizes the Sautee Nacoochee Center's contribution to professional standards in Southeastern museums.



UPDATE FROM THE SAUTEE LUNCH & LEARN COMMITTEE

It has been almost ten months since Sautee Lunch & Learn has been able to meet. At our last gathering, in March 2020, a record 135 people filled the historic gymnasium for a presentation on the Cherokees of Southern Appalachia by director of Medicine Bow, Mark Warren. We had to set up additional lunch tables as more folks kept pouring in.

How we have missed those joyful and enriching gatherings and all the familiar faces!

One of SNCA's longest running programs, Sautee Lunch & Learn, because of its community-focused mission and format, is also one of the most vulnerable during these times when social distancing is required to limit the spread of Covid-19. Keeping the community safe is the top priority for the Sautee Lunch & Learn committee and for everyone at SNCA.

We want to reassure regulars that we do plan to resume meeting when we can, but for now have made a unanimous decision to keep the program on hold.

In the meantime, the committee is exploring how we might instead use our dedicated page on the SNCA website to keep the "little grey cells" stimulated in our Lunch-and-Learn community.

Watch for announcements and updates in the SNCA weekly E-update in February!

Until then, stay safe and well.

Mike Day, Peggy Sikes, Kathryn Vazquez, and Ann Willis



VOLUNTEERING AT THE CENTER

Web Master Craig Inglis, who himself is a volunteer, continues to support the Center by managing www.snca.org, and recently, he worked with staff to establish a webpage for volunteers. This page recognizes our volunteers' contributions of time and talent while featuring additional ways the community can get involved and become an active member of the Sautee Community. For additional information, go to www.snca.org/snc/contact/volunteering/



Volunteer Spotlight

TED HENDRY

"Donna and I value our connection to SNCA as members and donors. I have enjoyed being engaged as a volunteer as well, knowing that my service is appreciated and helps, in some small way, to sustain this wonderful asset for the Sautee community."

Youth Programs



AT THE SAUTEE NACOOCHEE CULTURAL CENTER



Our Sautee Stars, children's theater class, held a successful film production of Fairytale Theater, classic Brothers Grimm fairytales adapted by Janea Dahl. The students performed six fairytales including Hansel and Gretel, The Frog Prince, Rapunzel, Rumpelstiltskin, Little Red Riding Hood, and Sleeping Beauty.

We would love for you and your friends and families to enjoy the Fairytale Theater film performance which is linked on our website at www.snca.org. Programs like these for our local youth are made possible due to your support and generosity. Thank you for your continued love and support! We hope you enjoy our show!

Jessi Reed, Children's Theater Director



Winter Wonderland Workshop

COME JOIN US AS WE BAKE SNOWFLAKE COOKIES & PAINT A SNOWFLAKE SCENE!

DATE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

TIME: 10 AM - 2 PM

WHERE: COMMUNITY HALL

AGES: 6 - 12

COST: \$55

Register now at snca.org!

ANNUAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Come join us for a day of environmental activism & art activities for kids & families!

This event includes a nature walk, earth yoga poses, a planting project, recycled art, & more!

SATURDAY, APRIL 24 | NOON - 2 PM
OUTDOORS & HISTORIC GYM

Register now at snca.org!

FOLK POTTERY MUSEUM NEWS



Arie Meaders

“The Men Won’t Tell Us Anything”: The Women of Folk Pottery (1890-1940s)

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DISCOVERY TOURS

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After enjoying the Folk Pottery Museum, journey into the Cultural Center to see two galleries full of artwork created by local artists. For more information call (706) 878-3300 or email acalliham@snca.org.



TRADITIONS OF THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS at the African American Heritage Site

The Sautee Nacoochee Center is excited to announce the opportunity for learning through interaction with historic interpreters. Traditions of the Appalachian Mountains will come alive at the Heritage Site beginning Saturday, January 9.

Framed by nineteenth century landscaping and antebellum artifacts, the Heritage Site features two structures that will be brought to life on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. A slave cabin original to the Nacoochee Valley and moved to the SNC campus, along with a blacksmith’s shop built on site in 2014, tell the region’s history in many ways. The cabin provides a focal point for the story of the people whose labor contributed in countless ways to life in Northeast Georgia. The smithy offers a window into the ways in which functional and decorative tools and implements were created in communities all across the region.

The Heritage Site will be staffed and welcoming visitors on the second and fourth Saturdays from 10 AM until 4 PM beginning in January. All are invited to stop by to learn about nineteenth and early twentieth century life through demonstration and conversation.

DYNAMIC DUO

In January, the Folk Pottery Museum of Northeast Georgia and the Nacoochee History Museum will be debuting temporary exhibits that highlight local women. The Folk Pottery exhibit, “The Men Won’t Tell Us Anything”: The Women of Folk Pottery (1890-1940s), will focus on the women who have carried on the folk pottery tradition. The exhibit in the Nacoochee History Museum will highlight the women who have made their mark on the community. For more information call 706.878.3300 or email acalliham@snca.org.

NATIVE PEACE GARDEN NEWS

Plant Sale for Pollinators

Thanks to everyone who bought native plants at the “Plant Sale for Pollinators” this fall. The event was a great success, providing for the care and maintenance of the Native Peace Garden. More importantly, these plants provide food, shelter, and protection for insects.

Why protect insects? Our future may depend on it. Two thirds of crops worldwide require the service of pollinators according to the Xerces Society.

If you are not big on insects, but adore watching birds, foxes, or other carnivores, remember that food chain from elementary school. It is still happening. In fact, the base of that food chain, insects, is diminishing at an alarming rate.

Author and Entomologist (insect scientist) Doug Tallamy has seen the future and the choices read like ghosts from A Christmas Carol. We have sprayed, mowed, plowed, and bull-dozed our way into a precarious situation. Due largely to habitat destruction, 28% of bumble-bee varieties in the U.S. are “facing some degree of extinction risk (Xerces Society).” And, as of December 15, Monarch Butterflies were placed on the endangered species list.

Tallamy’s Ghost of Christmas Future bottom-line: Homeowners, plant native plants. The future of native insects are tied to native plants. To keep them going, we each can make choices in our own backyards. If you plant, go native! Among your dreams for a brighter future, imagine the fields and forests of our homes blooming with native plants and a-buzz with the pollinators that depend on them.

For more on the subject, read [Bringing Nature Home](#) by Douglas Tallamy. **Watch for the next Plant Sale for Pollinators coming April 10!**



The Sautee Nacoochee Center is now a proud member of Georgia Grown. With five gardens on the campus – the Adaptive Garden, the Heritage Garden, the Native Peace Garden, the Old Schoolhouse Gardens and the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail Garden – SNC qualifies in the Gardens & Arboretums category of Georgia Grown. Georgia Grown is a marketing program of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, which promotes agricultural products and agritourism destinations in Georgia.

Watch for the green Georgia Grown signs listing SNC on a roadside soon, and if you have not visited our gardens lately, take the time to explore them soon.

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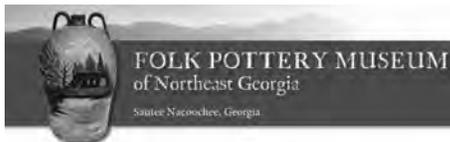
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Scavenger Hunt Available

Ask for details at the front desk of the Cultural Center. If you and your hunter(s) get five of the ten questions correct, you will win your choice of SNC branded prizes.

Happy hunting!

COVID-19 UPDATE
Please see
www.snca.org
for COVID-19 program updates



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