



HOMESTEAD HIGHLIGHTS

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New Activities Phone Line

Want to know what's going on at the Homestead but don't have your calendar handy? Just give us a call at 276-694-7181 and dial extension 24 for our new activities line. Find out the dates and times of upcoming events, classes and programs.



A Balkan scene photographed by Greg Arens

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“Balkan Interlude” Exhibition by Greg Arens

In 2007, local artist Greg Arens was invited to paint at an artists' colony in the mountains of Macedonia. He stayed there for four weeks, and then travelled to the coast of nearby Montenegro for two weeks. The works resulting from that trip are featured in an exhibition entitled **“Balkan Interlude,”** which will be on display September 2-30 in the gallery at the Reynolds Homestead Continuing Education Center.

The splendor of the land is the focus of Arens's work. He is fascinated with the beauty in these two countries which survived the recent Yugoslav break-up without suffering too much in the line of warfare. The paintings, mostly watercolors, depict the idyllic peasant lifestyle that is rapidly declining in the 21st century, but that is still practiced in rural areas of both countries.

“Neither country is, in its entirety, as scenic nor as idyllic as these paintings would indicate—after all, most people live in cities in big apartment buildings and work in trade or industry, just like the majority of humanity in 2008. But the land remains beautiful, and land

features Arens presenting a gallery talk on his experiences in Macedonia and Montenegro. Dessert and coffee will be provided by the Homestead, and the presentation begins at 3:00 p.m.

The gallery is open from 9:00 a.m.



is what fascinates me,” says Arens of the work in this exhibition.

The Homestead's September 7th **“Dessert and Coffee with...”**

to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and all exhibits are free and open to the general public. Many of the works are for sale and all proceeds go to the artist.

The CeltHix Release New CD; Launch Party at the Homestead

Fans of local musicians The CeltHix will be happy to learn that the group has released a new CD entitled **“Connected”** which will be celebrated with a launch party at the Homestead on Friday, September 26 at 8:00 p.m.

Come out and hear the band perform singles from the album that features their unique blend

of Scots/Irish and Mountain music.

Anyone who has grown up listening to bluegrass music will immediately recognize the connection that Celtic music has as a direct ancestor to Appalachian folk music.



The band creates original songs that span hundreds of

years and tell the story of the people who live in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia and their ancestors from Scotland and Ireland.

Admission is \$5 per person and the band will have CDs and t-shirts available for sale. Beer will also be sold.

Support this local band who have become members of the Reynolds Homestead family!

Learning-Discovery-Engagement

Learning. Lisa and I met with individuals from the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute of the University of Arkansas during their recent visit to Virginia. The Institute functions in much the same way as we do at the Homestead, in that we both fall under the umbrella of a large university while carrying out the legacy of historic figures. Using the expertise of faculty at the University of Arkansas, the Institute provides programs in support of education, economic development, and research, passing along Gov. Rockefeller's spirit of philanthropy. We shared with them the focus of the Outreach and International Affairs division of Virginia Tech and outlined the mission of the Home-

stead as stipulated by Nancy Susan Reynolds (to provide scholarships to Patrick County seniors, maintain the property, and make available programs in support of the arts, music, theatre, and literature). Learning from other universities helps us to improve our outreach efforts to the community!

Discovery. Last week-end, I was invited to visit the Historic Coalson Plantation & Inn and Pebble Hill Plantation in Thomasville, GA. I took tours of both plantations, observing their techniques and styles. I learned about their regulations and rental costs for scheduling weddings and other events on their grounds. As we expand and improve our tours and rental opportunities at the

A Message from Director Kay Dunkley

Homestead, it is good to see what is happening at other Southern plantations!

Engagement. Two members of the Reynolds Homestead Advisory Committee arranged a joint meeting with staff from the Reynolds Homestead and the Reynolda House Museum of American Art. The discussion centered around partnership ideas; most importantly, how we can combine our efforts to market our programs and activities. We begin by educating the public about the connectivity of the two historic homes. Reynolda, located in Winston Salem, NC is the restored 1917 mansion of Katherine and R.J. Reynolds. I encourage you to visit the Reynolda House website at www.reynoldahouse.org to view their activities and exhibits. As we engage and combine our services, we double the efforts in sharing the legacy of the R.J. Reynolds family!

Intern Joins Homestead Staff

Tara Mitchell, a senior at Virginia Tech majoring in Hospitality and Tourism Management, will serve as an intern during the fall semester. Tara's assignment is to conduct research on the Reynolds family history and the Victorian era. Her research will add value to the information that is shared when individuals tour the historic home

and the types of activities that are planned for upcoming Victorian Christmas events.

Tara grew up in Centreville, VA and attended Westfield High School where she was active in theatre and on the dance team. She had the opportunity to observe hospitality management practices in Italy and Switzerland this past

summer as a requirement for her minor in Global Business. Tara is an active member of Alpha Kappa Psi, a co-ed business fraternity, and her future plans are to pursue employment in hotel event planning.

We welcome Tara Mitchell to the Reynolds Homestead Continuing Education Center!



Frederick Moyer Classical Recital

During a 25 year span as a concert pianist, on such stages as Tanglewood, Carnegie Recital Hall, and the Kennedy Center, Moyer has established a musical career appearing as a soloist with world renowned orchestras. In recital, his delightful commentary from the stage brings the audience into the heart of the musical experience and has established his reputation as a highlighted event at the Homestead.

Join the staff of the Reynolds Homestead as they host Frederick Moyer in recital on Sunday, September 14 at 3:00 p.m. Whether you are a lover of classical music or just a lover of music, Moyer's recital is a delight to hear.

A wine and champagne cash bar will be open at 2:00 and during intermission. Tickets for the event are \$10 and reservations can be made by calling the Homestead at (276) 694-7181.

August Highlight: Girl Scouts and Global Education



Girl Scouts enjoy one of the crafts at the international recruiting event.

“This was a wonderful event that brought Girl Scouts together as they start the new year.”

*Lynda Calkins
Director of
Program Services*

Excited girls from Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline celebrated “The Cheetah Girls: One World” movie release as part of a new collaboration between Girl Scouts of the USA and Disney Channel.

The Reynolds Homestead played host to seventy-five scouts, parents, and leaders as part of this international recruiting event on Saturday, August 23rd.

This screening was the result of an exclusive new partnership with Disney Channel’s summer movie, which stars former Girl Scouts Adrienne Bailon, Sabrina Bryan, and Kiely Williams, and which was recently filmed in India. Along with promoting fun and friendship, this unprecedented opportunity al-

lowed Girl Scouts to highlight diversity and culture to a global movement of girls.

The scouts participated in Indian-themed activities, including henna tattoos and having photographs made in traditional Indian dress. Membership Ser-

vices Manager Dana Murdock was pleased with the event, ““The staff at Reynolds Homestead is always eager to help the Girl Scouts in any way, and this showed their support once again. The facility was great and we ALL had a great time, even Lisa

Martin who helped pull this event off.”

For the Reynolds Homestead, the event helped fulfill its mission as a Commonwealth Campus Center of Virginia Tech. According to Martin, “Part of our



Center: Brownie Macie Rogers models her traditional Indian sari.

Right: Membership Services Manager Dana Murdock signs up new Girls Scouts.



A New York State of Mind



Dinner and a Movie Night at the Homestead in September features a New York City theme. The highly rated drama “**Reign Over Me**” is the story of a man (Adam Sandler)

who lost his family in the 9/11 attack on the city. He runs into his old college roommate (Don Cheadle) and rekindles a friendship that enables each to deal with his life’s problems.

Dinner will feature traditional New York cuisine, including Rueben-style sandwiches and cheesecake.

Seating is limited for dinner and reservations and payment are due by September 16. The cost is \$8.00 per person and dinner begins promptly at 6:15.

The movie is free and is rated R. You do not have to attend dinner to attend the movie, which airs at 7:00 p.m.

September 2008

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 CEC Closed Historic Home Tours 1-4 p.m. | 2 | 3 Gentle Yoga 9:00 a.m. | 4 | 5 | 6 Quilters Ex- change 2:00 p.m. |
| 7 Dessert & Coffee w/ Greg Arens 3:00 p.m. | 8 Photo Club 6:30 p.m. | 9 Multi-Media Art Class 9:00 a.m. | 10 Gentle Yoga 9:00 a.m. Postcard Club 7:00 p.m. | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Frederick Moyer Concert 3:00 p.m. | 15 Decorative Painters 9:30 a.m. | 16 Multi-Media 9:00 a.m. Great Books 6:30 p.m. | 17 Gentle Yoga 9:00 a.m. | 18 Dinner & Movie 6:15/7:00 p.m. | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Weavers Exchange 2:00 p.m. | 22 | 23 Multi-Media Art Class 9:00 a.m. Chamber After Hours 7:00 p.m. | 24 Gentle Yoga 9:00 a.m. | 25 | 26 The CeltHix CD Launch Party 8:00 p.m. | 27 |
| 28 | 29 JEB Stuart Art Delivery 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. | 30 Multi-Media 9:00 a.m. JEB Stuart Art Delivery 2-5 p.m. | | | | |

Entries Sought for JEB Stuart Art Show

The Bull Mountain Arts Cooperative announces a call for entries for the 33rd Annual J.E.B. Stuart Art Show to be hosted by the Reynolds Homestead in October. All art must be original, and two dimensional art must be framed and wired for hanging. The group requests that no kits, wreaths, or dried arrangements be submitted for this show.

To be eligible, artists must be 18 or older and reside in one of the following counties: Patrick, Surry, Stokes, Henry, Franklin, Floyd, or Carroll. Artists may also qualify regardless of place of residence if they are natives of Patrick County or are members of Bull Mountain Arts. Submitted works must have been created within the past three years, and must not have been shown in a previous JEB Stuart Art Show.

There will be four artistic categories featured: Oil and acrylics; Water-color, drawing, pastel, and other; Pho-

tography; and Three dimensional (sculpture, weaving, quilting, jewelry, metal, glass, pottery, and decorative arts).

The student division is open to any student who either lives in or attends school in Patrick County, in grades 9 through 12.

Entry forms with complete guidelines are available at the Homestead, the library, and also Piedmont Arts Association in Martinsville.

For more information please contact Nelson McConnell at (276) 694-3844 or Janice Axelson at (276) 694-5678.

New Fall Classes

Challenging, enriching, enhancing, and fun! These are the ways to describe the fall activities at the continuing education center. In an effort to provide our community with a variety of offerings, we have put together a great package of art, music, literature, writing, exercise, and movies! It is the focus of the VA Tech Continuing

Education Center to enrich the lives of the citizens of our region, challenge your thinking, enhance your skills, and create fun and enjoyment.

Look for these upcoming classes and make plans to enroll:

Grammar Refresher-“I Knewed It, But I Done Forgot It”

Have email and text messaging ruined your grammar? Are you confused about when to use “lie” or “lay” in a sentence? The class consists of mini-lessons covering the most common errors in oral and written communication. The cost is \$25.00 per person and the class will be conducted on Oct. 8 and 15 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Lisa Martin is the instructor and pre-registration is required.

Beginning Calligraphy. Calligraphy is the art of making beautiful or elegant handwriting. This two-part beginner-level class on Oct. 23 and 30 will teach the basics of Italics-style calligraphy, including proper stroke technique, creating letters, and left-handed techniques as well. \$35 includes all class materials. Class size is limited to 10. Registration and a deposit of \$15 are due by October 15. 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.