

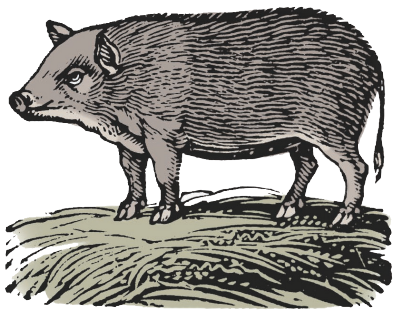
# MOUNTAIN ECHOES

Connecting with the spirit and history of Townsend, Cades Cove, and the Great Smoky Mountains.



■ FALL CELEBRATION AT THE HERITAGE CENTER

## BLUE RIBBON COUNTRY FAIR



*Join us for a fall celebration in the tradition of old-time county fairs with all-around family fun for the whole family.*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

**W**e will celebrate all that is good about an old-fashioned country fair with activities that include living history demonstrations of open hearth cooking, spinning, weaving, wood turning, blacksmithing and there will be livestock with cows, chickens, and goats.

Popular activities include historical games like **Farmer in the Cove** and the **Ladies Skillet Throw**. Farmer in the Cove

is a hands-on experience for children to learn the chores of a typical farm family in the 19th century. Some of the 'chores' include picking apples, gathering eggs, sweeping the cabin porch, doing laundry by hand, corn shelling, and planting crops.

The **Townsend Artisan Guild** will offer art activities for children

— no art skills are necessary and the children can take their creations home as a souvenir.



► The Blue Ribbon Country Fair features children's games, poultry, honey, baked goods, canning, student art, woodworking, floral design, and produce.



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**FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**W**e hope you find the fall issue of Mountain Echoes to be informative and fun. You'll learn about concerts, festivals, and more occurring during the rest of the year. Our summer concert series, festivals, and special events help provide support for all Heritage Center programming. Consistent with our mission, they are designed to communicate and celebrate the spirit and history of Townsend, Cades Cove, and the Great Smoky Mountains.

Speaking of communications, we have been working hard to build a new website and streamline our event management and ticketing processes. The new website should be attractive, informative, and simplify ease of use providing a far more positive experience for the consumer.

Please visit us this fall at the Heritage Center. We look forward to seeing you.

— BRENT LAMBERT



**2022 FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

FRIDAY, SEPT 9	WILD BLUE YONDER IN CONCERT
FRIDAY, SEPT 16	TENNESSEE SHEIKS IN CONCERT
FRIDAY, SEPT 23	JOHN DENVER TRIBUTE BY JIM CURRY
SATURDAY, SEPT 24	BLUE RIBBON COUNTRY FAIR
FRIDAY, SEPT 30	STEVE KAUFMAN IN CONCERT
TUESDAY, OCT 4	TUESDAYS @ TWO: DR. BOB HUTTON
FRIDAY, OCT 7	FLEETWOOD GOLD IN CONCERT
FRIDAY, OCT 14	DISMEMBERED TENNESSEANS IN CONCERT
FRIDAY, OCT 21	TALL TALES OF TENNESSEE
SATURDAY, OCT 29	TENNESSEE POTTERY FESTIVAL 10-4
TUESDAY, NOV 1	TUESDAYS @ TWO: SARAH PIRKLE
SATURDAY, NOV 12TH	HOLIDAY HANDCRAFTERS FESTIVAL

*Don't miss the fall slate of concerts & events at the Heritage Center in Townsend.*



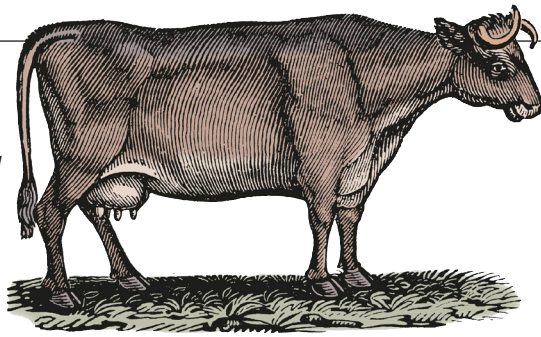
**Junior Appalachian Musicians®**  
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**Junior Appalachian Musicians**

We are excited to announce that the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center is launching a Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM) program to serve the young people of our community.

Known as the **Smoky Mountain Chapter of JAM**, this program seeks to preserve our important mountain music heritage by offering low cost lessons in fiddle, banjo, guitar, and other instruments of the Appalachian region to small groups of students in an after-school setting. *Classes will be offered every Monday from September 12 thru November 21.*

► You'll see weaving, wood turning, blacksmithing and there will be livestock with cows, chickens, and goats.



## Blue Ribbon Country Fair: *Continued from Page 1*

**Scottie Mayfield**, former Mayfield Dairy spokesperson, will be shaking hands and taking portraits with “Maggie” the cow, to highlight the great products from the state of Tennessee. For more than thirty years, Pick Tennessee Products has been connecting people everywhere to the great things that come from Tennessee’s farms and food businesses.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00	Ring of the Bell- Opening
10:45	Amphitheater-Ballad Singing Demonstration
11:00	Large Barn- Sheep Shearing Demonstration
11:00	Side Field-* Lodge Ladies' Skillet Throw Contest
11:45	Show Ring-Livestock Demonstrations
12:00	Large Barn- Sheep Shearing Demonstration
12:30	Amphitheater- Clogging Performance
1:00	Large Barn- Sheep Shearing Demonstration
1:45	Large Barn- Rooster Crowing Contest
2:00	Large Barn- Sheep Shearing Demonstration
2:30	Show Ring- Livestock Demonstration
3:00	Large Barn- Sheep Shearing Demonstration
3:15	Side Field-* Lodge Ladies' Skillet Throw Contest

\*Lodge Skillet Throw- Ladies may only sign up for one time

From produce and pumpkin patches to honey and handmade soaps, live local when you Pick Tennessee Products. Be sure to visit with Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell and take home a can of Bush's baked beans.



## HERITAGE CENTER HOLIDAY

# Handcrafters Fair

Saturday, November 12 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

This year's Handcrafters Fair features **30 vendors** from in and around the Smoky Mountain Region, and all goods are handmade and/or handcrafted.



There are no manufactured items to be found!

Make plans now to be with us on **Saturday, November 12**. There is no admission cost for the Fair — However, we encourage you to bring plenty of shopping money!



## DON'T MISS THE 6TH ANNUAL

# Tennessee Pottery Festival

Saturday, October 29 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Featuring some of the nation's finest potters, the festival offers a chance to see and purchase unique pottery and other handmade goods. Connoisseurs and novices alike will enjoy interacting and learning from experts.

This is a perfect time to learn from expert potters. Whether it's for decoration or function, this festival will have something for everyone at a wide range of price.



■ WE'VE GOT CABIN FEVER

## CABIN FEVER REIGNS

The **Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center** continues to promote the responsible restoration of Appalachian cabins and buildings where visitors and patrons can connect with the spirit and history of the past. These priceless artifacts provide the perfect setting for educational demonstrations of historic Appalachian culture and lifestyle.

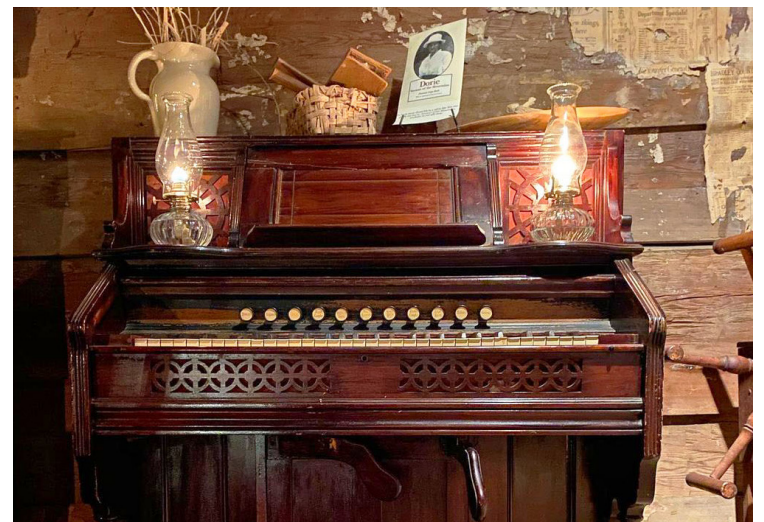


■ HISTORY ON DISPLAY

## SETOFF HOUSE

Although there are questions regarding its original purpose, this structure was once owned by the Little River Lumber Company. It is currently interpreted as a railroad “setoff” house with the interior designed according to the memories of someone who lived in such a house as a child. So, what is a setoff house? Quite simply, it was a one-

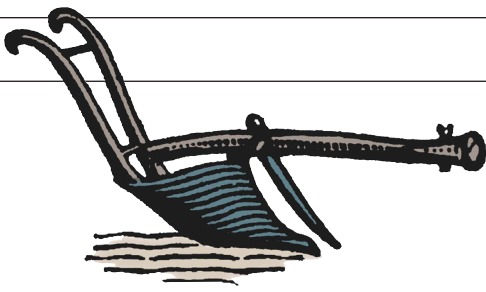
room shack that could be picked up or dropped off a railroad flatcar by use of a crane. Typically “set off” the flatcar in rows along the railroad tracks, this type of housing for railroad workers was uncomfortable, noisy, and often dangerous. This is just one of the historic structures you can see in the Heritage Center’s historic village!



## CARDWELL CABIN ORGAN

Back home again! We’ve talked a lot about the Cardwell Cabin lately, largely because that structure is so important to our living history demonstrations. However, its significance is enhanced by the fact that many Cardwell descendants are still in the area. They pass along stories, memories, and occasionally even artifacts we can use to better interpret the home. The organ shown here is one example. The Cardwells

purchased this small organ around 1910, and it illustrates that residents of the Smoky Mountain region weren’t quite as isolated during the late 19th and early 20th centuries as many think. They had access to mail order catalogs and could travel to nearby cities to pick up items they needed. Although the home and the organ have been separated for quite some time, we’re pleased to have them together again!



# THE HERITAGE CENTER HEIRLOOM GARDEN

During the Summer of 2022, the Heritage Center celebrated **“Mornings in the Garden”** on selected Tuesdays and Saturdays, the **Tuckaleechee Garden Club** offered tours and guidance about heirloom vegetables, traditional herbs, and edible flowers.



Adjacent to the garden is a new Heirloom Apple Orchard. With varieties such as William’s Favorite and the Aunt Rachel, we will have 16 total trees, all of which have a rich history among the families of the Smoky Mountain region. The mission of the Garden Club club is to promote education and interest to add beauty and charm to our homes and communities. We appreciate their on-going contribution to these new Heritage Center assets.

## DAVIS CABIN COMPLETE

It’s a happy day at the Heritage Center as the exterior of the **Davis Cabin** is complete! We will take care of the remaining interior details over the next couple of weeks, and then we’ll be ready for a dedication.



B&C Masonry, did an amazing job on the Davis Cabin chimney and fireplace! Except for the firebrick inside, the fireplace and hearth were constructed using only the 200-year-old brick salvaged from the original structure. The masons mimicked the crudity of the original joint work!



## VIRTUAL TOURS ON-LINE

For those who cannot physically come to the Heritage Center to explore the historic village, we have on-line created virtual tours of the structures! The curatorial staff and interns have created tours for five buildings, but the goal is to develop tours for all 18 structures, including those housed inside the museum galleries. Link with the QR code to see what we have so far!





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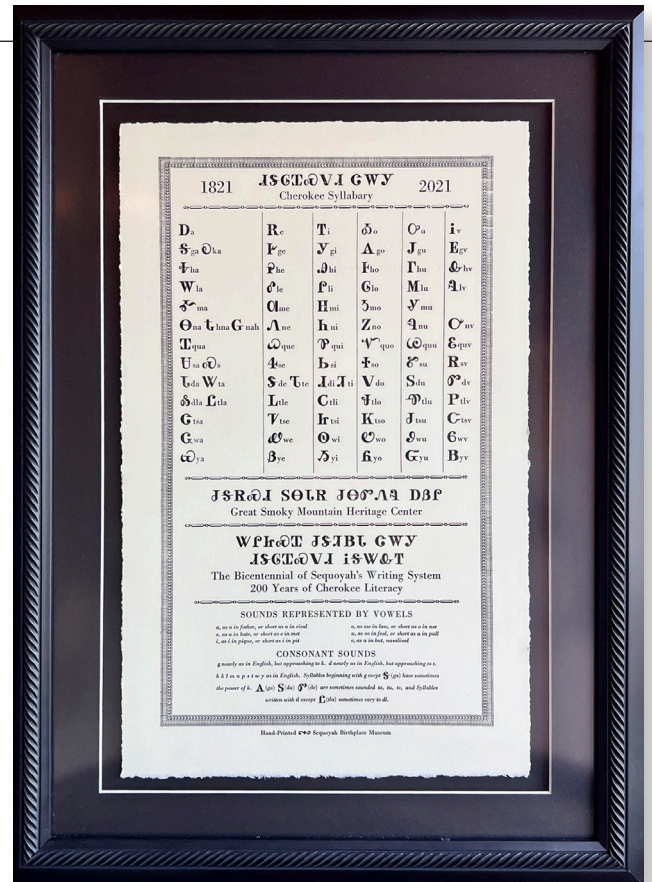
## CHEROKEE SYLLABARY

Many thanks to our friends at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum for providing copies of the Cherokee Syllabary!

These copies were printed using a circa-1830s Acorn printing press similar to the one used to create the original Cherokee Phoenix. If you

look at the center portion of the syllabary, you'll see the Cherokee translation of "Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center."

The framed copy you see here will soon be added to our main gallery at the Heritage Center.



*The Cherokee syllabary was invented by Sequoyah in the late 1810s and early 1820s to write the Cherokee language. His creation of the syllabary is particularly noteworthy as he was illiterate until it's creation.*

## STORY CIRCLE SERIES

The Heritage Center hosted six Story Circle gatherings on Wednesdays this past July and August.

Our purpose was to record and preserve family stories, memories, and folklore from the various cultures of the Smoky Mountain region.

Participants shared family stories and local tall tales

that will be preserved in the archives of the Center for future generations. We discussed why these stories have been preserved in the community and their role in the cultures from which they originate.

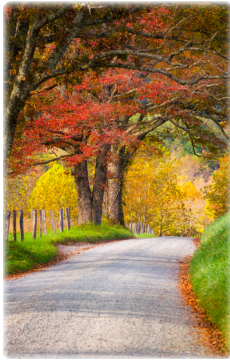
This program was made possible by a Creative Aging Grant from the Tennessee Arts Commission.



# CADES COVE HERITAGE TOURS

*Our 14-passenger Guided bus tours are offered on most Tuesdays & Thursdays until October 27.*

Take a seat with a seasoned driver-guide who will offer historical tidbits on the history of Cades Cove and the families that lived there. You may see bears, deer, and other wildlife on the tour. Tours begin at 9:00 am and return between 12:00 to 1:00 pm.



► **Sam Venable**, noted humorist, naturalist and writer, will lead fall tours to **Newfound Gap, Sugarlands, and Elkmont** on **September 29, October 8, October 21, and October 29, 2022**. You will experience the history and magnificent fall foliage of the Smokies. These tours are \$90 per person and include a boxed lunch. The tour lasts from 9:30 am until about 2:00 pm.



## CUSTOM TOURS AVAILABLE

► **Private Bus Tours** are also available for just you and your family or group to visit Cades Cove. Your guide can customize your tour to fit your schedule and interests. Call for private tour pricing.



► A **Behind-the-Scenes** tour with a **retired park ranger** is perfect for the Cades Cove aficionado. You will visit places like Gregory's Cave, the CCC camp, the WWII Memorial Tree, and learn how the Park Service manages wildlife. This all-day tour is set for Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at \$90 per person, including a boxed lunch.

## Standard Tour Fees

- \$42 PER PERSON
- \$29 PER CHILD AGES 4-12
- FREE FOR KIDS 3 AND UNDER

## HISTORY ON DISPLAY

# 10,000 YEARS AGO...

This state historical marker on Highway 321 in Townsend describes (in part) the genesis of the Heritage Center. A road-widening project in 1999 led to the discovery of thousands upon thousands of Native American artifacts in the vicinity of the Tuckaleechee Villages.



This discovery gave birth to the concept of a Heritage Center, a place where the human history of the Smokies could be collected, preserved, and shared. Many of the priceless artifacts from The Townsend Dig – or “Big Dig,” – can be viewed at the Center.

Stop in and see how the earliest settlers lived in and around the Smokies!

► *The Heritage Center has lots of settler history, but it also has a permanent exhibit dedicated to the Native Americans of East Tennessee, the first settlers here.*



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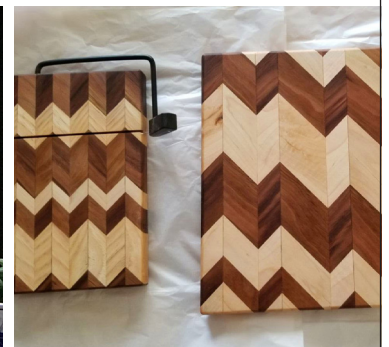
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**DON'T MISS: SATURDAY, NOV. 12: 10-4**

VISIT  
**TOWNSEND**  
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HERITAGE CENTER HOLIDAY

# Handcrafters Fair

Join the Heritage Center for our annual Holiday Handcrafters Fair! This fantastic holiday tradition is the perfect way to kick off the Christmas shopping season!



Admission to the Festival is FREE | Standard museum admission is in effect