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



THE ENTERTAINMENT ISSUE 2021

Announcing the 2021 Heritage Center Gala

Join us this year as we honor the past and prepare for the future.



T.G. Sheppard



T. Graham Brown

This year the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center is proud to celebrate its 15th year and will be hosting an in-person “**Heritage Happening Gala**” at the Hilton Knoxville Airport on the evening of **Saturday, May 15, 2021, 5:00pm – 9:30pm**. The evening will include dinner, on-line silent and live auction items for bidding, dancing, living history interpreters, photo opportunities, and live entertainment from the legendary **T.G. Sheppard** and **T. Graham Brown**.

- Event tickets are \$150 per person, (\$90 tax deductible)
- Guests may go online to purchase tickets at www.auctria.com/auction/HH2021
- Or simply call the **GSMHC at 865-448-0044** to register by phone

Safety is our Priority: The staff of the Hilton Knoxville Airport, the Heritage Happenings Gala staff, and volunteers will make guest safety a top priority. We will perform temperature checks on all attendees and staff. Masks will be required in all common areas like hallways, dining areas, rest rooms, lobby, dance floor, and bus transportation.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thanks to our Heritage Gala Sponsors

I know I speak for the entire staff when I say how much we appreciate the continued support of our sponsors. Your generosity has a great impact on our community. Thanks to you, the Heritage Center's future is bright as we continue to build our educational programming for children, teachers, and visitors. We take great pride in preserving, interpreting, and sharing the rich cultural heritage of the Great Smoky Mountains.



— BRENT LAMBERT

PRESENTING SPONSORS FOR THE 2021 HERITAGE CENTER GALA



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For full details on event tickets, table sponsorship, donated items, registration, donations and silent auction registration, you may visit our website at: **www.auctria.com/auction/HH2021**, or contact Sherry Harris at **sherryharrismkt@yahoo.com** or by phone at **865-448-0044**.

We are offering round trip transportation the day of the event from the **Heritage Center** to the **Hilton Airport**. Cost for round trip, \$10 per person. Space is limited, reservations are required. Reservations may be made by calling the GSMHC, or by visiting our HH Gala website at: **www.auctria.com/auction/HH2021**.

All guests interested in participating either in person or online must complete the **silent and live auction registration** through our Gala website at: **www.auctria.com/auction/HH2021**. Once registered, all guests will receive a bid card upon arrival.



T. Graham Brown will emcee the Heritage Happening Gala. Mr. Brown is an American country music singer. Active since 1973, Brown has recorded a total of thirteen studio albums, and has charted more than twenty singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart. Three of these singles — “Hell and High Water” and “Don’t Go to Strangers” from 1986, and “Darlene” from 1988 — reached Number One, and eight more made Top Ten.





▲ Simon and Garfunkle Tribute



▲ Neil Diamond Tribute



▲ The National Tom Petty Tribute

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2021 Friday Night Concerts

Friday, May 28th	Steve Kaufman
Friday, June 25th	Grizzly Goat
Friday, July 30th	Driftboat Cowboys
Friday, August 27th	Tennessee Sheiks
Friday, September 24th	Pistol Creek Catch of the Day
Friday, October 29th	Nicholas Edward Williams

Due to the continued restrictions of Covid-19 and to maintain a safe environment for our guests and staff, a lower capacity will continue to be employed. The GSMHC staff is constantly monitoring the situation and will open more seating as it is safe to do so. To be fair, reservations for each concert will be available on the 1st of the month that the concert is in. Reservations may be made on our website, www.gsmheritagecenter.org

2021 Specialty Friday Night Concerts

Tickets may be purchased through our website at www.gsmheritagecenter.org

Friday, May 7th	1981 - The Concert-Simon and Garfunkle Tribute Show
Friday, June 4th	Dom Flemons - GRAMMY Award winner and American Songster
Friday, July 2nd	On the Border - The Ultimate Eagles Tribute
Friday, August 13th	A Neil Diamond Tribute
Friday, September 3rd	Kelly & Ellis - Multi-Award Winning Artists Casey Kelly and Leslie Ellis
Friday, October 1st	The Petty Hearts: The National Tom Petty Tribute

*Tickets for all specialty concerts are exclusively available for pre-sale to GSMHC members until **April 10th, 2021.***

▼ Nicholas Edward Williams



▼ Grizzly Goat



▼ Steve Kaufman





▲ The Ultimate Eagles Tribute



▲ Kelly and Ellis



▲ Dom Flemons

■ HERITAGE CENTER ON-LINE

Tuesdays at Two Going Virtual

Due to the continued restrictions that Covid-19 has placed on in-person gatherings, Tuesdays at Two will be going virtual for 2021. Join us online on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm for the same fun and informative programs on history, nature, folk lore, music and more!



April 13th	Introduction to Pottery	Emily Burgess
May 11th	A Lesson in Blacksmithing	Michael Ensor
June 13th	The Saltmaker	Jim Bordwine

If you are unable to join us on-line on event dates, the programs are recorded and remain available on our website for viewing convenience. This monthly livestream is free for GSMHC Members and to AARP members.

Tuesdays at Two has been made possible by funding from AARP and First Horizons Foundation



■ DON'T MISS THE 5TH ANNUAL

Tennessee Pottery Festival

Saturday, May 8th | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

- Admission to the Festival is Free
- Vendor Applications are open until April 10th
- Standard Museum Admission in effect
- Learn more at [TennesseePotteryFestival.com](https://www.tennesseepotteryfestival.com)



▲ Our Featured Artist is Emily Burgess

Featuring some of the nation's finest potters, the festival offers a chance to see and purchase unique pottery and other goods made of clay.

▼ Driftboat Cowboys



▼ Pistol Creek



▼ Tennessee Sheiks



HISTORY ON DISPLAY

WE'VE GOT CABIN FEVER



The Heritage Center saves Historic Cabins of the Smokies

The GSM Heritage Center promotes the preservation of Appalachian historical buildings.

When appropriate, we have experts who can move and reassemble structures on the Heritage Center site where our visitors and patrons can connect with the spirit and history

of these priceless artifacts.

The Heritage Center has recently acquired, disassembled and safely stored two historical appalachian cabins.



DAVIS FAMILY CABIN

The Davis Cabin is circa 1820 from Seymour TN. Owned by the same family on its original site until donation to GSMHC. Currently stored at GSMHC while awaiting reassembly.

KELLER CABIN

The cabin is the original homeplace of Samuel Keller, who was probably the best known and most prolific gunsmith in this area. Currently stored at GSMHC while awaiting reassembly.

Stay tuned for exciting news on the future use of these valuable heirlooms.



▲ THE DAVIS CABIN PRIOR TO DISASSEMBLY AND STORAGE.



▼ We are raising funds to pay for moving the Davis Cabin to the Heritage Center. If you donate \$75 or more you will **receive a tee shirt** that celebrates your contribution to the effort.



I GOT CABIN FEVER AT THE

Great Smoky Mountains HERITAGE CENTER

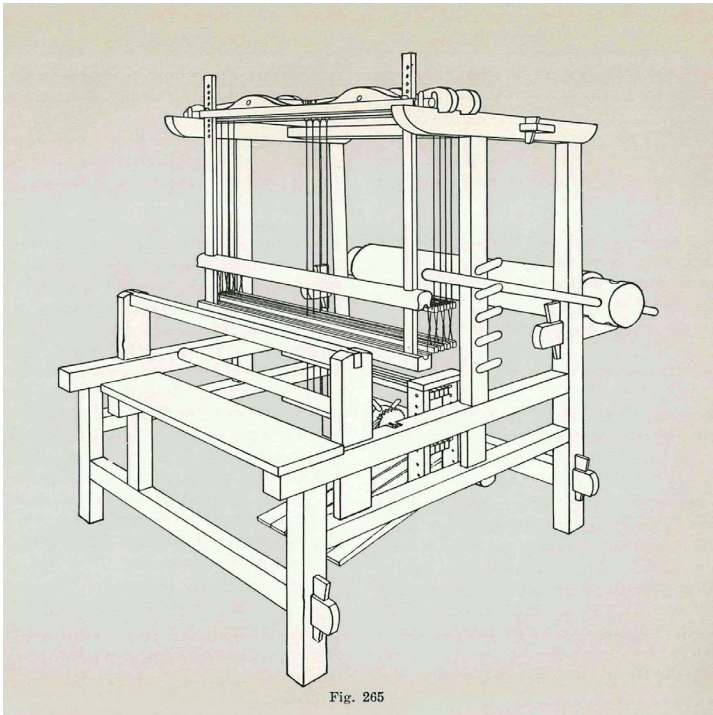
WE SAVED THE DAVIS CABIN

HISTORY ON DISPLAY: STORY BY TREVOR LANIER

The Immeasurable Beauty of a Special Gift

It's always special when someone donates an artifact to the Heritage Center, but we were taken aback and especially excited to receive a nearly-200-year-old loom coming directly from the original owner's family, right out of the log home where it resided for almost two centuries.

THIS LOOM, AND THE CABIN WHERE IT FIRST STOOD, ARE SILENT WITNESSES TO THE CHEROKEE REMOVAL AND THE INFLUX OF EUROPEAN SETTLERS WHO FOLLOWED, THE RENDING OF THE UNION DURING THE CIVIL WAR, THE REFORGING OF THE UNION, AND THE END OF WORLD WARS I AND II.



THE OWNER SHOWED US THE ORIGINAL CABIN BUILT IN THE EARLY 19TH CENTURY, AND THE FIELD NEXT TO IT WHERE HE WAS PLOWING WITH A TEAM OF MULES WHEN HE HEARD THAT WORLD WAR II HAD ENDED.



This counter-march loom came to us from a local family who still reside on their ancestral farm, which has been handed down from the original owners since the land was granted to them from the U.S. Government in the 1830s.

Artifacts like this give us opportunities to time travel, and to listen thoughtfully to the stories they tell.

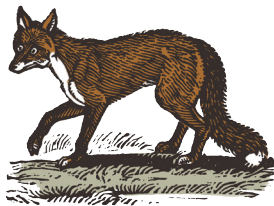
These stories may be difficult or hopeful, tragic or joyful, but they are always important, and we are thankful to have such considerate donors who want to share these stories with others.

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*Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center
PO Box 268, Townsend, TN 37882*

Connect with the spirit and history of Townsend, Cades Cove, and the Great Smoky Mountains. Our museums offer something for everyone, from hands-on activities to tours of original 19th-century buildings and our Cherokee Native American collection.



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

MORE INSIDE

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



Our featured artist is Emily Burgess. To learn more about Emily, visit emburgepottery.com

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