

# Winter Heritage Festival

## February 2-5, 2012

### Townsend, Tennessee

#### Highlights:

- *Thursday evening "Kick Off": Blount Co. Historical Museum. Storytelling with Charles Maynard, music by Pistol Creek.*
- *Friday evening dinner and Randy McGinnis flute music at Dancing Bear Lodge.*
- *Saturday "Mountain Craft and Mountain Music Showcase" at Townsend Visitors Center.*
- *Saturday Cast Iron Cooking by members of the Blount County Fire Department.*
- *Saturday evening Wayne Erbsen Concert, BBQ Supper, and Dance with "The Truffle Hounds" at The Barn Event Center.*
- *"Families of Cades Cove", Cades Cove Preservation Association; Exhibits and Programs at GSM Heritage Center.*
- *Bill Landry Book-Signing; Guided Hikes in the Smokies; Museum Exhibits; Shops and Art Gallery Open Houses; Music programs and guest speakers at The Chocolate Bar shop.*

**Please note:** Schedule is subject to changes, including cancellations due to inclement weather. Call 865-448-6134 for updates and visit the website: [www.smokymountains.org/winter-heritage.html](http://www.smokymountains.org/winter-heritage.html)

The 2012 Winter Heritage Festival is dedicated to the memories of our friends John Davis and Ann Schlichting.

Festival Booklet Sponsor: Trillium Cove Shopping Village

#### About the Winter Heritage Festival:

The Winter Heritage Festival is a community-wide event that celebrates the human history, natural beauty, and cultural traditions of Townsend, Cades Cove, and Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Speakers, hike leaders, tour guides, and musicians are knowledgeable and enthusiastic interpreters of our southern mountain heritage.

Townsend Visitors Center  
7906 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway  
Townsend, TN 37882  
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This project is funded under an agreement with the Tennessee Arts Commission.



**Advance Registration Required for Programs with a \*.** Call 865-448-6134 or 800-525-6834 for details. For meals and any events with a charge, call the numbers listed for the host business.

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Don't miss these 2012 events at Townsend Visitors Center, featuring the music, arts, history, and nature of the Smokies.

- Smoky Mountain Fiber Arts Festival: March 16-17
- Herb and Wildflower Day: April 7
- Spring Festival: May 4 & 5
- Trout Fest: May 18-20
- Smoky Mountain Pottery Festival: June 2
- Fall Heritage Festival: September 28 & 29

[www.smokymountains.org](http://www.smokymountains.org)  
[www.smokymountainfestivals.org](http://www.smokymountainfestivals.org)

More events take place throughout the community. Call 800-525-6834.

## Special Evening Programs:

### Thursday, February 2:

#### Kick-Off and Reception

6:00pm-8:00pm

Blount Co. Historical Museum & Cades Cove/Thompson Brown Museum: Storytelling with Charles Maynard, Music by Pistol Creek Catch of the Day, Civil War Exhibits, refreshments.

### Friday, February 3 \*

#### Dinner at Dancing Bear Lodge

6:30pm-8:30pm

Enjoy a festive gathering, flute music with Randy McGinnis, and order a delicious meal from the menu.

\* Call for reservations:  
865-448-6000.

### Saturday, February 4: \*

#### Concert, BBQ, and Dance at The Barn Event Center:

6:00pm-9:00pm

BBQ supper; Wayne Erbsen concert *sponsored by Great Smoky Mtns. Association*; country dance with "The Truffle Hounds", *Sponsored by Big Meadow Campground*

\* Reservations:  
865-448-3812. \$25 per person

## Museum and Gallery Exhibits:

### Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center Townsend.

Exhibit Gallery with Native American and other early history, plus "Families of Cades Cove" displays.

Visit with descendants of early settlers and view old photos and memorabilia. Hours: 10:00am—5:00pm Call 865-448-0044.

### Trillium Cove Village Townsend.

Specialty shops with displays of crafts, cafe, and garden center.

### Little River Railroad Museum

Townsend. Exhibits and tours about the logging and railroad days. Hours: Sat.: 10am—5pm; Sun.: 1pm—5pm. Call 865-448-2211.

### Blount County Historical Museum

Maryville, will feature the permanent Civil War exhibit, and the largest catfish ever caught in Tennessee waters. Hours: Thursday Kick Off: 6:00—8:00pm; Tues.—Sat.: 10am—3pm; Sun.: 2pm—4pm. 865-454-4256

### Townsend Artisan Gallery

Open House Fri., Feb. 3, 4:00-6:00pm, featuring a wide variety of artwork, pottery, jewelry, baskets, woodcrafts, weaving, and other treasures. Demos Sat. Feb. 4, 9:00am-4:00pm; 865-448-8018 Cades Cove/Thompson-Brown Museum Maryville, has wonderful exhibits depicting the heritage of Cades Cove. Hours: Thurs.—Sat.: 10am—3:00pm; Sun.: 2—4pm Call 865-982-0705; 982-3051

## Program Schedule: Friday, February 3

### At Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center

Historic programs, Cades Cove Preservation Association talks.  
9:00-9:45am: "Bear Creek Tales", Lonnie McMillan  
10:00-10:45am: "A Cades Cove Long Rifle", Stephen Weber  
11:00-11:45am: "Horace Kephart", Butch McDade  
1:00-1:45pm: "Living in the Cove", Bernard Myers  
2:00-2:45pm: "Sacred Places of the Smokies", Gail Palmer  
3:00pm: CCPA Panel: "Life in the Cove"



### At Townsend Visitors Center

\* programs require registration: 865-448-6134  
9:00-9:45am: "Cora's Story", Cherel Henderson  
10:00-10:45am: "Preserving our Heritage-The Foothills Land Conservancy", Elise Eustace  
11:00-11:45am: "Robert Sumter and Henry Timberlake", Charlie Rhodarmer  
2:00-3:00pm: "Mountain Dulcimer Workshop" \* with Sarah Morgan. *Sponsored by Friends of the Smokies.* Limit 20.  
3:15-4:15pm: "Music of the Mountains, Park Ranger Lisa Free  
4:30-5:15pm: "Black Leaders of Blount Co. during Reconstruction", Robert Glenn Slater

### Townsend Visitors Center, continued

12:00pm-3:00pm: Bill Landry Book-signing. Appalachian Tales and Heartland Adventures

At Cades Cove \* Meet at the Lequire Cemetery parking area, back side of the Loop. Limit 25. 865-448-6134.  
1:00-3:00pm: A Walk to Gourley Pond, Park Ranger Mike Maslona

At Little River Railroad Museum  
Meet at the Museum, Townsend  
3:00pm—4:00pm: "Walking Tour of Townsend", Don Headrick

At Great Smoky Mtns. Institute at Tremont Meet at the Tremont Office  
9:00am-11:00am: "Waterfall Hike", Dawn Dextraze

## Friday, Feb. 3 Lunchtime Concert \*

\* At "The Chocolate Bar", next to Subway (for lunch, call 865-448-9433 or 865-448-9895, \$12)

11:00am-12:00pm:

"Music of the Civil War",  
Conny Ottway

(Followed by lunch.) *Sponsor:*  
*Rocky Branch Community Club.*



## Saturday, Feb. 4 Lunchtime Concert \*

\* At "The Chocolate Bar", next to Subway (for lunch, call 865-448-9433 or 865-448-9895, \$12)

11:00am-12:00pm:

"Old Time Mountain  
Music", Tommy and  
Tammi McCarroll with  
Bobby Fulcher

(Followed by lunch.) *Sponsor: The Chocolate Bar.*



## Program Schedule: Saturday, February 4

At Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center Historic programs, Cades Cove Preservation Association talks.  
9:00-9:45am: "Smoky Mountain Bears, Bucks, and Wildflowers-A Video Presentation", Kate Marshall  
10:00-10:45am: "Bloomery Forge in Cades Cove", David Ledbetter  
11:00-11:45am: "A Park by Any Other Name", Kent Cave, Raymond Palmer  
1:00-1:45pm: "Noah and Sarah Burchfield of Cades Cove", Larry Sparks  
2:00-2:45pm: "Photographers and Photos of Cades Cove, Missy Green  
3:00pm: CCPA Panel: "Life in the Cove"

At Little River Railroad Museum  
Meet at the Museum, Townsend  
10:00am—12:00pm: "Tremont Walking Tour", Ron Briggs  
3:00pm—4:00pm: "Logging Railroads of the Smokies", Rick Turner

At Great Smoky Mtns. Institute at Tremont Meet at the Tremont Office  
10:30am-12:30pm: "Winter Tree ID Hike", Ken Voorhis

At Townsend Visitors Center  
\* programs require registration:  
865-448-6134

*Mtn. Craft and Music sponsored by the TN Arts Commission and Great Smoky Mountains Association.*



"Mountain Craft Showcase":

9:00-9:45am: "Dollmaking", Carolyn Gregory

9:45-10:30am: "Pottery", Carol Ware (Break)

11:00am-11:45am: "The Forgotten Baskets of the Mountains, Bill Alexander

11:45am-12:30pm: "Blacksmithing", Hugh Bowie



(Lunch Break)  
11:00am—5:00pm: Cast Iron Cooking by members of Blount County Fire Department.

At Townsend Visitors Center, contin.  
"Mountain Music Showcase":  
1:30-2:30pm: "Appalachian Music Workshop" \*, Wayne Erbsen



2:45-3:45pm: "Fiddlin' Carson Peters Band", Carson Peters and family

4:00-5:00pm: "The Mountain Dulcimer", Sarah Morgan

12:00pm-3:00pm: Bill Landry Book-signing. Appalachian Tales and Heartland Adventures

11:00am-3:00pm: "Hike to White Oak Sinks", Butch McDade. Meet on porch of Townsend Visitors Center.

At Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area:  
11:00am-2:30pm: Meet for hike to Walker Sisters Family Homesites, Mark and Janet Snyder. Bring sack lunch, drink, raingear, wear hiking shoes.

## Program Schedule, Sunday, February 5:

"Precious Memories—Cades Cove Homecoming VI" Cade Cove Preservation Association (CCPA). Shared memories of people, places, and events with descendants of Cades Cove families. Sunday from 2:00-4:00pm. Location to be announced. Call 865-448-6134.

Becky Cable House. Photo courtesy of CCPA



## Presenters (in alphabetical order of last names) & Program Descriptions

**Bill Alexander:** Saturday, Feb. 4, 11:00am-11:45am, Townsend Visitors Center. "Mountain Berry Baskets, Poetry, and Stories - The Forgotten Baskets of the Mountains" - two different styles, "scored and folded" and the Horace Kephart style of bark just folded in half.

Bill Alexander has been researching Mountain Berry Baskets for the past eleven years. He has traveled the mountains of North Carolina and East Tennessee to learn how to make this simple basket from a single piece of poplar bark and studied with several "old timers." He writes and performs spoken word.

**Hugh Bowie:** Saturday, Feb. 4, 11:45am-12:30pm, Townsend Visitors Center. "Blacksmithing".

Hugh is the blacksmith of Highlander Forge, near Chattanooga, TN. He has demonstrated his skill at several Townsend and regional events.

**Blount County Historical Museum:** Thursday, Feb. 2, 6:00pm-8:00pm, "Festival Kick-Off". Start your Winter Heritage Festival experience at the Blount County Historical Museum (BCHM) and the Cades Cove/Thompson-Brown House (CCTBH) Museum--1004 & 1006 East Lamar Alexander Highway--with a shared parking lot between the two. Extra parking is generously offered by Mountain National Bank as well. Storyteller Charles Maynard will entertain at 6:30pm. Your mind will enjoy all the learning and your mouth will enjoy the refreshments at the BCHM, and you'll see a wonderful Civil War Exhibit: "Courage, Conflict, & Chaos, Remembering the Union and the Confederacy: Blount County Celebrates the Civil War Sesquicentennial" to see, and there are terrific permanent exhibits that tell the histories of Cades Cove (in a two-century old log house) and of all of Blount County in the BCHM.

**Ron Briggs:** Saturday, Feb. 4; 10:00am-12:00pm. Little River Railroad Museum. "Tremont Walking Tour". This walking tour of the Tremont area highlights the timber operations of the last area logged by Little River Lumber Company. Locations of structures, facilities, and company houses will be shown. Meet at Little River Museum and carpool to the Tremont area.

Ron is a Board Member of the Museum and has spent many hours researching the Tremont area.

**Kent Cave and Raymond Palmer:** Sat, Feb. 4, 11:00am-11:45am, Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center. "A Park By Any Other Name". Ever wonder why some areas with our National Park System have different names, like National Monument, National Recreation Area, or National Historic Site? There are some differences in how some NPS sites are created and managed. Our own Great Smoky Mountains National Park has a unique establishment history. We'll explore some quirks in the nomenclature, but also look at the ties that bind these special places together.

Kent Cave supervises the North District Resource Education operation in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Ray Palmer is a long-time volunteer in the Smokies and a recognized authority on park history.

**Dawn Dextraze:** Friday, Feb. 3; 9:00am-11:00am, Meet at the office of Tremont Institute. "Waterfall Hike". Take a hike to Spruce Flats Falls with a Tremont naturalist! Spruce Flats Falls is one of the hidden gems in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This two-mile road trip hike is an excellent short day hike for those who seek a little more than just a walk in the Park. There are a few boulders to climb over and some tight spots along this moderate to moderate-plus difficulty trail, but you will be greatly rewarded. At the end, you will find the beautiful 125 foot waterfall! Wear sturdy hiking shoes and winter clothing.

**Wayne Erbsen:** Saturday, Feb. 4; 1:30pm-2:30pm, Townsend Visitors Center. "Appalachian Music Workshop". Call 865-448-6134 to register. AND: Saturday, Feb. 4; 6:30pm, The Barn Event Center. "Appalachian Music Concert". Wayne will hold an afternoon Appalachian music workshop and an evening concert where he'll demonstrate the fretless minstrel banjo, the open-back clawhammer banjo, the bluegrass banjo, as well as the fiddle, mandolin and National steel guitar. In addition, Wayne will sing Southern Appalachian folk songs, bluegrass songs and gospel songs.

Wayne Erbsen is a musician, teacher, author, publisher and radio host. Over a career of almost fifty years, he has authored over thirty songbooks and music instruction books, has recorded eighteen solo CDs, and performed and taught workshops in the US, Canada and western Europe.

**Elise Eustace:** Friday, Feb. 3; 10:00am-10:45am, Townsend Visitors Center. "Preserving Our Heritage-The Foothills Land Conservancy". Find out how voluntary efforts are protecting farms, forests, and wildlife in East Tennessee.

Elise is Development Director for the Foothills Land Conservancy. She has over 10 years experience in marketing in sales, client relations, event management, public speaking, and writing. Current FLC projects include donor, business, and media relations along with event planning, printed campaigns, and web development. Elise currently serves on City of Maryville Tree Board. Elise is an avid hiker who enjoys getting acquainted with all area parks and can often be found hiking with the Smoky Mountain Hiking Club and Tennessee Trails Association.

**Lisa Free:** Friday, Feb. 3; 3:15-4:15pm, Townsend Visitors Center. "Music of the Mountains". Learn about the music that echoed through the hills and hollows of the Smokies. Hear tales and tunes of the mountain musicians and participate in some old-time Appalachian music makin'!

Lisa is a Park Ranger in Great Smoky Mountains National Park and works in Cades Cove. She has a passion for the music of the folk of the Southern Appalachians, and for getting others involved in sharing it, passing it around, and keeping it alive.

**Bob Fulcher:** Saturday, Feb. 4; 11:00am-12:00pm, The Chocolate Bar. "Old Time Mountain Music with Tommy and Tammy McCarroll".

Bob Fulcher is the Park Manager of the Cumberland Trail State Park. He's worked as a park naturalist and ranger for more than 25 years and loves the Cumberlands above any other landscape on the planet. Since 1976, he has recorded and presented musicians from the Cumberland Mountains for the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institution, the Tennessee State Library and Archives, the Tennessee Arts Commission, the Tennessee Bureau of State Parks, and for County Records, the Tennessee Folklore Society label, and several other small labels. The Cumberland Trail radio program also keeps folks up-to-date on the work projects, as the Cumberland Trail continues to be built by volunteers from all over America, but, mostly, our own neighbors.

**Missy Tipton Green:** Saturday, Feb. 4; 2:00pm-2:45pm, Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center. "Photographers and Photos of Cades Cove". Pictures can tell a wonderful story and this presentation will consist of early photographers and their photos of the Cades Cove area. Many beautiful pictures of the Cove will show what life was like in this remarkable place.

Missy Tipton Green has lived in Blount County all of her life. She has loved hiking in the Smokies since she has been a teenager and has enjoyed researching her families' history of Cades Cove. Missy's Cades Cove lineage goes back to John Oliver, William "Fighting Billy" Tipton and Russell Gregory, some of the earliest settlers in the cove. She is the author of "Precious Memories", co-authored with Paulette Ledbetter, "From Mineral Springs to Bed Springs" and Arcadia Publishings book "Cades Cove". She is a charter member of the Cades Cove Preservation Association, a member of the Board of Directors, past treasurer and secretary and museum director. Missy lives in Maryville with her husband Ricky and son Cody Herron.

## Presenters, continued:

**Carolyn Gregory:** Saturday, Feb. 4; 9:00am-9:45am, Townsend Visitors Center. "Dollmaking". Learn about these beautiful and imaginative hand-made fabric dolls and teddy bears.

Carolyn has lived in Blount County all her life, and she has been making dolls for about 25 years. She exhibits regularly at Townsend Visitors Center, is a member of the Blount County Arts and Crafts Guild, and shows at "The House of Santa Mouse".

**Don Headrick:** Friday, Feb. 3; 3:00pm-4:00pm, Little River Railroad Museum. "Walking Tour of Townsend". Join Don for a walking tour of Townsend detailing Little River Railroad and Little River Lumber Company building locations and operations.

Don grew up in Townsend and as a young boy played around the remaining structures that Little River owned. He is also a Little River Railroad Board Member.

**Cherel Henderson:** Friday, Feb. 3; 9:00am-9:45am, Townsend Visitors Center. "Cora's Story". Born in 1901, Cora Alice Ogle spent her young years growing up on Mill (now LeConte) Creek near Gatlinburg. A serious illness and a harrowing, near-death experience, left her facing a life of disability. The determination of her close-knit family to rescue her provides fascinating insight into the character, fortitude, and faith of the mountain people, as well as into life in the Smokies.

Cherel B. Henderson has deep roots on both the North Carolina and Tennessee sides of the Smokies. She is the director of the East Tennessee Historical Society and has done extensive research into several mountain families. Cora is Cherel's great grandmother.

**Bill Landry:** Friday, Feb. 3 and Saturday, Feb. 4; 12:00pm-3:00pm, Townsend Visitors Center. "Appalachian Tales & Heartland Adventures" (Celtic Cat Publishing) is a 187-page coffee table book full of everything from moonshining to the natural beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to a tourist who wanted to ride an elk.

Bill Landry's book sprang from the television show, "The Heartland Series," which has been on the air since 1984 on Knoxville's WBIR-TV, Channel 10. It was begun during the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the park as a way to celebrate the park stories.

**David Ledbetter:** Saturday, Feb. 4; 10:00am-10:45am, Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center. "Bloomery Forge in Cades Cove".

David is former CCPA president and vice president. He coordinates with Great Smoky Mountains National Park the work on Cades Cove cemetery paths. David enjoys leading CCPA hikes. His families from Cades Cove include Ledbetters, Shields, Olivers, Anthonys, Sands, and Walkers.

**Mike Maslona:** Friday, Feb. 3; 1:00pm-3:00pm, Cades Cove. "A Walk to Gourley Pond", Meet at LeQuire family cemetery parking area, back side of Cades Cove. Limit 25, advance registration required. Join Ranger Mike for a short walk and exploration of the history of this interesting Cades Cove feature.

Mike is a Park Ranger in the Resource Education Division in the Cades Cove district of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He has been working in the Cove for over 5 years and in the Smokies for 15 years.

**Charles Maynard:** Thursday, Feb. 2, 6:30pm, Blount County Historical Museum Kick Off. "Storytelling". Hear tales from a master teller—people, places, events of our region.

Charles Maynard has had several seemingly diverse jobs and avocations over his career, but for him, they have all followed the same path - which has often been a nature trail. After several years of working mostly in outdoors-related fields, including being executive director of the Friends of the Smokies from 1994-2002, he has returned to church pastoral work with the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church. He was recently appointed to serve as district superintendent of the Maryville District, offering administrative and ministerial support to pastors and churches over a four-county region.

**Tommy and Tammy McCarroll:** Saturday, Feb. 4; 11:00am-12:00pm, The Chocolate B'ar. "Old Time Mountain Music" (With Bob Fulcher). Listen to lively fiddle and guitar, with some stories behind the tunes.

James T. "Tom" McCarroll, born in 1928, worked in city maintenance in Lenoir City for over 30 years, all the while playing fiddle, guitar, and banjo. His daughter Tammie, the only one of Fiddlin' Jim McCarroll's 13 grandchildren to take up music, was making 45 rpm records in junior high school, recording Rockabilly songs and some of her own compositions, as well as playing with her grandfather's band throughout his life, later performing with her father in the "Bonnie Lou and Buster" show on WJHL-TV in Sevierville, and at RV rallies and parks from Florida to Ohio. In recent years they've been frequent guests at the Laurel Theater and on WDVX, performed at the Festival of American Fiddle Tunes in July 2004, and released a CD *Generations*.

**Butch McDade:** Friday, Feb. 3; 11:00am-11:45am, Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center. "Horace Kephart".

Saturday, Feb. 4; 11:00am-3:00pm, Meet at the Townsend Visitors Center and carpool to Schoolhouse Gap trailhead. "White Oak Sink: A Geologic and Cultural Overview". Moderate to Strenuous hike. We'll discuss and view the external cave/karst features of White Oak Sink and some of the cultural history of the old "Anderson Road" on this 4.5 mile round trip hike. Moderate to strenuous in difficulty with one stream crossing and winter hiking conditions. Winter clothing, hiking boots, raingear, and hiking poles/stick.

Arthur "Butch" McDade recently retired from the National Park Service at Great Smoky Mtns Nat'l Park after a 35 year career. He is the author of two books, *The Natural Arches of the Big South Fork* (Univ. of TN Press) and *Old Smoky Mountain Days* (Panther Press), and is a contributor to the *Encyclopedia of Appalachia* (Univ. of TN Press).

**Randy McGinnis:** Friday, Feb. 3, 6:30pm, Dancing Bear Lodge. "Native American Flute Music". Call Dancing Bear for supper reservations.

Randy is Cherokee and grew up in a community of Cherokee in southern Ohio. Ancestors had fled the mountains of North Carolina to keep from being part of the forced relocation that became known as the Trail of Tears. Randy grew up learning songs and traditions from his parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. He has released two albums, "Ancient Voices" and "Walking With the Spirits," which won the Native American Music Award for Best Compilation Album.

**Lonnie McMillan:** Friday, Feb. 3, 9:00am-9:45am, Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center. "Bear Creek Tales". In his unique style, Lonnie will share stories of hunting, and of mountain men, women, and children—ordinary people who led extraordinary lives in these mountains.

Lonnie McMillan, Maryville, is a man of many interests and talents. Storytelling is one of his newer pursuits, but he is well known at historic gatherings, re-enactments, and crafts shows for his skills in making turkey calls, muzzleloading guns, pocket knives, and more. What began as a hobby became a full time career in making frontier tools, with a story to go with each one.

**Sarah Morgan:** Friday, Feb. 3; 2:00pm-3:00pm, Townsend Visitors Center. "Mountain Dulcimer Workshop". And Saturday, Feb. 4; 4:00pm-5:00pm, Townsend Visitors Center. "Mountain Dulcimer Concert" Friday-Come and learn the history and basics of playing the mountain dulcimer! This traditional instrument was developed in the Appalachian mountains and has it's roots in many European, zither-type instruments. No prior experience needed; you do not have to read music in order to play the dulcimer! Bring an instrument if you have one: contact Sarah Morgan to rent an instrument for the workshop for a \$5 fee (limited amount available). You MUST register to attend this workshop: limit - 25 students. Saturday-Enjoy the unique, versatile sounds of the mountain dulcimer!

## Presenters, continued:

Sarah Morgan, current Kentucky State Dulcimer Champion and Mid-Eastern Regional Dulcimer Champion, has been playing the dulcimer since she was 7 years old. Enjoy a musical afternoon and find out just what a simple 3-stringed, traditional instrument can do! Expect to hear all types of music, traditional folk music, Irish, blues, Civil War-era music, a little contemporary, as well as vocal pieces and sing alongs. Sarah's musical style embodies her respect & joy of folk music & the dulcimer with a creative approach to arranging. Backing traditional Appalachian melodies with fresh harmonies, she lends a new "feel" to traditional tunes.

Sarah taught her first class by the time she was almost 13. Since then she has taught, performed and given dulcimer programs at multiple places including the Big South Fork Storytelling Festival, the Ohio Valley Gathering, the Cumberland Dulcimer Gathering, and the Pickin' Porch in Townsend, TN, and with the Knoxville Area Dulcimer Club. <http://sarahmorganmusic.webs.com/>  
**Bernard Myers:** Friday, Feb. 3, 1:00pm-1:45pm. Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center. "Living in the Cove". Prior to establishment of the GSMNP, Cades Cove was a thriving community with schools, stores, neighbors and social events. As families relocated, neighbors became scarce and the residents experienced a different environment. The experiences and memories of a former Cades Cove resident who "grew up in Cades Cove" are recalled.

Bernard Myers is the son of Golman and Viola Burchfield Myers with a Cades Cove home in the northwestern area where he lived until nine years of age. Bernard attended the Cable School and has fond memories of neighbors, relatives and activities of the early Park years. After leaving the Cove, the Myers family bought property in Townsend where Bernard resides with his wife, Jo Ann.  
**Conny Ottway:** Friday, Feb. 3; 11:00am-12:00pm. The Chocolate B'ar. "Music of the Civil War". Conny will perform music from the Civil War on fiddle, mandolin, guitar, and voice. The songs are patriotic, camp songs, silly songs, and ballads that the soldiers and the nation enjoyed 150 years ago during the time of the Civil War. Conny has researched the music of the North and the South and enjoys passing on the information, particularly to children who have never learned the music. The audience is encouraged to sing along.

Conny Ottway moved to Knoxville from Western Kentucky in 2010 and has a private music studio for violin/fiddle, viola, mandolin, and guitar students. She has been teaching privately and performing for over 40 years. Her current students range in age from six to ninety-one. Conny's Civil War Music programs are very popular in East Tennessee, with the recognition of the Sesquicentennial of the War.

**Gail Palmer:** Friday, Feb. 3; 2:00pm-2:45pm. Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center. "Sacred Places of the Smokies". Gail will tell about people who lived in Smoky Mountains communities and their stories of love, courage, romance, murder and mayhem. Sometimes humorous, sometimes sad, their stories serve as a window into their world.

Blount County native Dr. Gail Palmer has produced two DVDs about the people of the Smokies, "Sacred Places of the Smokies" and "When Mama Was the Doctor." Before retiring, Palmer was director of advising in UTK's Communications College as well as an adjunct journalism instructor. A book she has written, "Cemeteries of the Smokies," is scheduled for publication by Great Smoky Mountains Association.

**Carson Peters and family:** Saturday, Feb. 4; 2:45pm-3:45pm. Townsend Visitors Center. "Fiddlin' Carson Peters Band". Carson has just recently formed a new band and they have been performing bluegrass, old-time and gospel music at local venues around the region. The band consists of Tom and Bobbie Dier from Green County, TN and Carson's father Jamie.

Eight-year-old Carson Peters, or "Fiddlin' Carson Peters," as he is becoming known, has been playing the fiddle since the ripe old age of 3 1/2. Carson lives with his parents, Jamie and Robin Peters, in Piney Flats, Tennessee and he is quickly making a name for himself with his fiddle by winning competitions and entertaining audiences across the region. Carson says winning trophies and getting your name in the newspaper is "really cool" but that is not the main reason he works so hard at his music. "It's all about using the talent GOD gave me to make people smile," he says. Carson truly loves to entertain people! [www.fiddlincarsonpeters.com](http://www.fiddlincarsonpeters.com)

**Pistol Creek, Catch of the Day:** Thursday, Feb. 2, 6:00pm. Blount Co. Historical Museum. Music for the Kick Off. Pistol Creek Catch of the Day is a musical ensemble comprising guitar, fiddle, doghouse bass, tenor banjo, mandolin, maybe a ukulele and an assortment of percussion instruments, whistles and squeaky toys. Genre: Americana, rockabilly, eclectic. Spectators have noted that Edward Harper, Bill Cabage, Scott Hinds and Carl Gombert seem to be having a lot of fun with it.

**Charlie Rhodarmer:** Friday, Feb. 3; 11:00am-11:45am. Townsend Visitors Center. "Thomas Sumter and Henry Timberlake". Charlie Rhodarmer will give a talk on Lieutenant Henry Timberlake who visited the Cherokee Overhill in 1762. Timberlake wrote his memoirs about the two months in which he lived with the Cherokee and the months following when Lieutenant Timberlake and Sargent Sumter escorted three Cherokee to England. The program that Charlie Rhodarmer will present will be from the perspective of Sargent Sumpter (Timberlake continually misspelled Sumter's name). Due to his zeal and enthusiasm during the Revolution a British general referred to General Sumter as a gamecock. That is how they get the name of South Carolina's mascot name of the "Gamecocks". He serves as a South Carolina Senator from 1801-1810 and Fort Sumter at Charleston was named in his honor. Uniforms and items that Sumter and Timberlake would have been using on their expedition, and Cherokee artifacts will be displayed.

Charlie Rhodarmer had been the Manager/Director of Sequoyah Birthplace Museum since July 2000. He attended Western Carolina University and worked at the Mountain Heritage Center. He has volunteered at Ft. Loudoun State Historic Area since 1987.

**Robert Glenn Slater:** Friday, Feb. 3; 4:30pm-5:15pm. Townsend Visitors Center. "Black Leaders of Blount Co. During Reconstruction". Following the Civil War, an unusual political atmosphere prevailed for a time in Blount County as several black leaders emerged to play major roles in rebuilding the county's economy and community. Mr. Slater examines the contributions and legacy of these leaders through the stories of nine key leaders.

Robert Glenn Slater is a doctoral candidate at the University of Tennessee and was chosen by the board of editors as the winner of the McClung Award for best article in the 2009 *Journal of East Tennessee History*.

**Mark and Janet Snyder:** Friday, Feb. 3; 11:00am-2:30pm. Meet Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area. "Hike to the Walker Sisters Family and Friends Homesites". Bring a sack lunch, drink, winter/raingear, and wear good hiking shoes. There will be off-trail walking, with some stream crossings.

Mark and Janet are retired educators who love hiking. They have hiked all the trails on the Tennessee side of the National Park and 1,400 miles of the Appalachian Trail. They do not hike fast; they enjoy reflecting on the history of the land and the people.

**Larry Sparks:** Saturday, Feb. 4; 1:00pm-1:45pm. Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center. "Noah and Sarah Burchfield of Cades Cove". Their life will be discussed and slides presented by Judy Myers Johns. Lecture by Larry Sparks to follow slides. Two bluegrass singers wrap up the presentation.

Larry Sparks is a Cades Cove native, one of twelve children born to Asa and Amy Burchfield Sparks. He is a great-grandson of Noah and Sarah Burchfield. His ancestors were among the first to own land and live in the Cove. His immediate family was forced to sell their land with the establishment of The Great Smoky Mountains National Park in the 1930s, but although most neighbors moved out, his family remained in the Cove as lease holders until 1960 when Larry was 12. Larry graduated from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and lives in Loudon, TN with his wife Katie. He serves on the board of the Cades Cove Preservation Associ-

ation, and is a member of The First Families of Tennessee as a descendant of Col. John Tipton.

**The Truffle Hounds:** Saturday, Feb. 4; 8:30pm-9:30pm, The Barn Event Center. "Square Dance with Live Old Time String Band". Enjoy a called country dance after the Wayne Erbsen concert and the BBQ supper. This five piece old time string band has been playing music in East Tennessee for many years. They play every month at Laurel Theater in Knoxville.

**Rick Turner:** Saturday, Feb. 4; 3:00pm-4:00pm, Little River Railroad Museum. "Logging Railroads of the Smokies". This program provides an in-depth look at how railroads forever changed the Great Smoky Mountains, and specifically the Elkmont area, in the way people lived and worked there prior to the establishment of the Park in 1934.

Rick is the current president of the Little River Railroad and Lumber Company Museum and a volunteer in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

**Ken Voorhis:** Saturday, Feb. 4; 10:30am-12:30pm, Meet at the office of Tremont Institute. "Winter Tree Identification Hike", Ken Voorhis. Learn how to identify trees in the winter by looking at their bark, twigs, leaf scars, and buds. Ken will explain how to use dichotomous keys and then take participants on a hike with stops along the way to identify trees.

Ken has served as Executive Director of Great smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont since 1984. He has been involved in environmental education over 25 years working in programs in Ohio, North Carolina, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee. Ken's interests include family, hiking, canoeing, nature, storytelling, music, Christianity, and exploring the Smokies.

**Carol Ware:** Saturday, Feb. 4; 9:45am-10:30am, Townsend Visitors Center. "Pottery"

Carol Ware is a retired art teacher who began working with native Tennessee clays in her childhood spent on Watts Bar lake. She received graduate scholarships to attend both Penland School of Crafts and Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts. She did additional post-graduate work at the Appalachian Center of Crafts. She has demonstrated at both the Museum of Appalachia and Townsend Pottery Festival since their inception. Her work in clay still retains its childlike whimsy.

**Stephen Weber:** Friday, Feb. 3, 10:00am-10:45am, Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center. "A Cades Cove Long Rifle". A long rifle made by Baxter Bean prior to 1850 that was used in Cades Cove will be shown. A short history of the Bean family and their contribution to American independence will be presented as well as some of the more colorful Beans. The ownership of the rifle will be traced as well as some interesting visitors to Cades Cove who came in contact with the rifle. Characteristics of Bean rifles and evolution of the American long rifle will be shown.

Stephen Weber is a great, great, great grandson of John Oliver, one of the first permanent settlers in Cades Cove. Stephen graduated with a B.S. degree in Forestry from the University of Tennessee. He has worked for the TN Div. of Forestry, TVA, and the Dept. of the Interior. He served in the army in the Panama Canal Zone and Vietnam. He is on the Board of the CCPA.

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