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Happy New Year! In 2016, Jonesborough will be 237 Years Old!

Heritage Alliance Receives Grant for Archives Update

The State of Tennessee announced in late December that it has awarded the Heritage Alliance a Local Archives Development Grant of \$3000. This grant will be used to purchase archival supplies and storage materials for the preservation, description and arrangement of historic records.

The Heritage Alliance archives are located in back rooms of the Jonesborough Visitors Center, and consist of both written documents and artifacts. The collections have outgrown the available space, so organizing and editing the collections will assist in making them more accessible in the future.

The archives currently are not open for public access, but specific items can be viewed on a case by case basis. One of the goals of this project will be to organize the archives so they can be open for historical research.

If you are interested in assisting with this organization effort (and getting a firsthand look at interesting information), please contact the Heritage Alliance Office (no experience necessary).

Several other historical archival sources are available for research in the local area, these include the Washington County Archives (on Main Street, Jonesborough), the Washington County Genealogical Society (in the Washington



Current Archives Space

County Library), and the Archives of Appalachia (on the campus of East Tennessee University).

The Heritage Alliance Annual Meeting will be held on February 4 at 6:30 p.m.

At the Jonesborough Visitors Center

Program will include a short business meeting and a special sneak peek at our June fundraiser

Please bring a covered dish, side dish or dessert

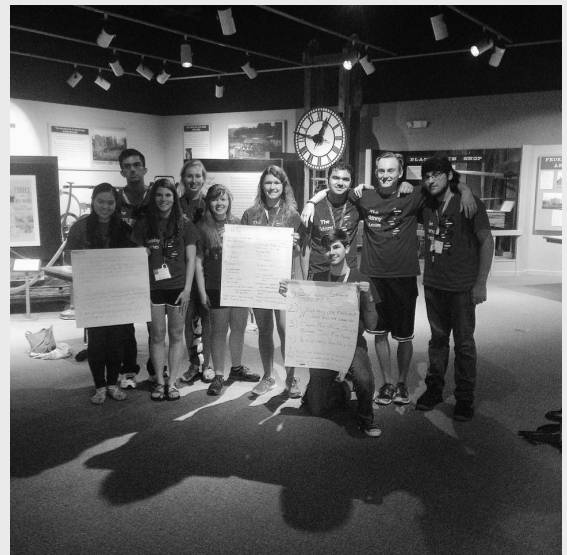
Please R.S.V.P by calling 423.753.9580 or emailing info@heritagealliance.org.



A Look Back at 2015 - A Very Successful Year!



School groups enjoyed visiting our museums and touring downtown



2015 Visitation:

Chester Inn Visitors.....11,958
 Other Presentations.....11,802
TOTAL VISITATION...23,760
 (7% increase from 2014)

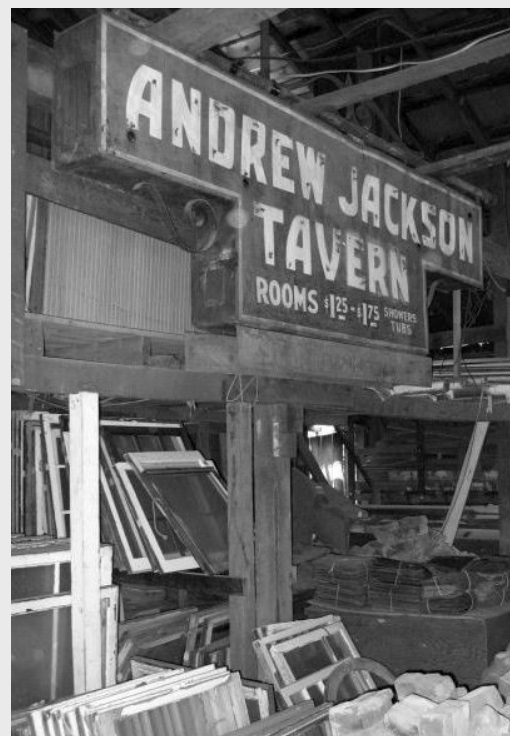


Heritage Alliance staff visited schools, senior centers and other venues to give presentations about area history

The Chester Inn offered a new room for visitors to explore, as well as revolving exhibits on the ground level



A Spot on the Hill continued to evolve, with new characters and format



The Architectural Salvage Warehouse did a brisk business accepting and selling architectural pieces



Town Tours and Cemetery Tours were popular with Jonesborough residents and visitors



**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED
TO MAKE THE YEAR A SUCCESS!**



2015 Progressive Dinner was a Tasty Success

The HA's Progressive Dinner was held on December 5, and was another sold out success. 184 hungry participants visited four venues in historic Jonesborough to partake of gourmet holiday cuisine and enjoy live music.

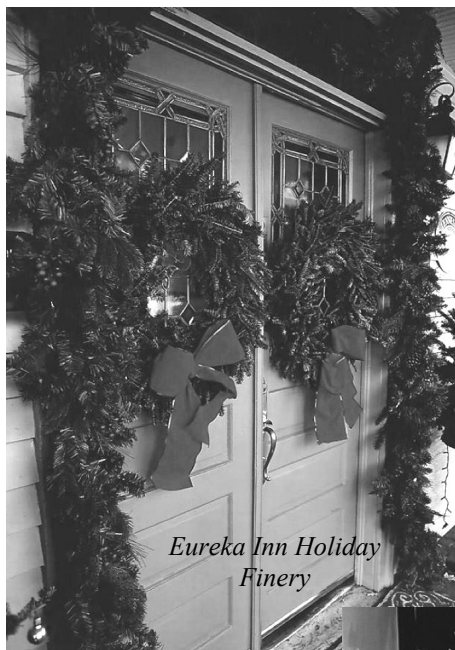
To start off the evening, hors d'oeuvres and holiday punch were served at the Eureka Inn, with music provided by Eileen Collie.

The diners were then off to the Panhorst/Floyd home to partake of potato leek soup, prepared by the Boone Street Market, and enjoy the music of Dr. Joseph Sobol.

At the McKinney Center, they sat down to an entrée, prepared by Main Street Catering, of pork tenderloin with apple chutney, roasted potatoes and vegetable medley, with music by Harrington Music Studio.

The feast was completed at Oak Hill School with "I'm dreaming of a" white chocolate finale, and music by the Jonesborough Novelty Band.

Thank you to our Sponsors and hardworking Volunteers who made the event possible: First TN Bank of Jonesborough, Celebrate!, Food City of Jonesborough, Lowes of Jonesborough, the Town of Jonesborough, and Amber Crumley & Marcy Hawley for decorations.



*Eureka Inn Holiday
Finery*



Soup's Up!



*Holiday
Fun, Food,
and Friends*



Musical Interlude



The Main Entree

*Photos courtesy of Charlie Mauk of the
Herald & Tribune*



A Look Ahead at 2016

This will be an exciting year for the Heritage Alliance, with favorite events returning and some new opportunities to enjoy the history of our area:

- The Heritage Alliance Annual Meeting will be on February 4.
- Chocolate Fest is a new event coming on February 13. The Chester Inn Museum will be open from 11:00-6:00 with fresh fudge available for ticketholders. Historic chocolate & dessert recipes will be included as a part of the historic cooking exhibit, and we'll have a Town Tour at 1:00.
- Chester Inn Museum will reopen for regular hours on March 4. Revolving exhibits will continue to be available for viewing.
- Jonesborough/Washington County History Museum is open year-round. New exhibits are planned for 2016.
- Town and Cemetery Tours Town Tours will resume in the Spring of 2016. Cemetery Tours will resume when construction on the Main Street sidewalks has been completed.
- Salvage Warehouse will return to its Saturday hours on April 2 to provide a source for historic architectural materials (and a place to donate items in need of a new home).
- Progressive Dinner. This holiday favorite will return on December 3 for its 39th year!



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Save the Date!

New for 2016! The Heritage Alliance will present "Not Your Ordinary Dinner Party" on June 11th at 6:30. Held near Jonesborough's historic cemetery, this all-new original outdoor drama features tales from Jonesborough's past, served with cocktails, a BBQ dinner from Commissioner Joe Gandy and a show-stopping dessert.

The drama, written by Anne G'Fellers-Mason, will be directed by Jules Corriere.

Tickets are \$80 (through Apr. 16; \$85 thereafter). Reserve your seat by calling 423-753-1010.



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Calendar of Events

- **Heritage Alliance Annual Meeting:** February 4 @ 6:30 (please RSVP).
- **Chocolate Fest:** February 13 from 11-4, Chester Inn will be open from 11-6, Town Tour at 1:00. Tickets are available online through the Town of Jonesborough.
- **Jonesborough Yarn Exchange:** February 22 & March 28 @ 7:00.
- **Chester Inn Museum:** Opens for regular season on March 4. Open Fri, Sat, Mon 11-6 and Sun 1-5.
- **Architectural Salvage Warehouse:** Reopens for Sat hours on April 2. Open the first and third Sat of the month from 8-11.

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From the Director's Desk

It is a matter of pride that we can look back at the last 14 years and see a steady increase in the numbers of programs, opportunities and individuals we have served. The roughly 7% increase seen in 2015 is modest, especially in comparison to certain other years, but it represents, at least in my mind, some of our very best work. In terms of new programs, new volunteers and new exhibitions, 2015 was all about quality!

And 2016 is going to be even better! This new year brings with it great opportunities to reach even more people, to share more stories, to learn and to ponder what our region's history can tell us.

We are excited about the completion of the sidewalks to the Historic Cemeteries and look forward to new cemetery tours. Our cemetery outreach (accomplished with the patience of Job by HA volunteer Gordon Edwards) has expanded exponentially! Gordon's work is bringing new research to light and confirming locations of lost cemeteries every day! In Jonesborough we are inspired by our historic cemeteries. We are

very aware of the role they play in historical research. Long before Paul Fink wrote his *First Century of Tennessee's Oldest Town*, Jonesborough's cemeteries bookmarked the names, the families, the struggles, the times, which help us to tell our stories. All historic cemeteries are a fount of historical data. Our GA Chad Bailey refers to them as America's first and oldest Archives. (The completion of his thesis is another thing we are excited about in this new year.)

In June of 2016, we will hold a new fundraiser; one we hope will rival the Progressive Dinner in terms of potential impact, to both our community and to our organization. "Not Your Usual Dinner Party" will provide opportunity to meet new friends, add to Jonesborough's growing reputation for quality events and dedication to the arts, and experience our stories in a new way. Tickets will be available to members at the February 4th Annual Meeting, before going on sale to the public!

Thanks to a grant from the Tennessee State Library and Archives, we are using the first part of this year to do some rearranging in our Collections area behind the Jonesborough/

Washington County History Museum. The exciting part of that news is the potential for allowing more public access to our archival holdings! We are in the process of creating a research area for historians and other interested folk to work with our collections.

All of the successes we have had, all of the work we do, everything we are...you make it possible! With the great gift of your time, your good wishes, your financial resources and your experiences and knowledge, you have joined us in forging a community of individuals who understand that our future is brightest when lit by the lessons of the past. We thank you for it.





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