



## History Guild

The Okefenokee Heritage Center is forming a History Guild to research, discuss, promote, and celebrate the collective story of our area.

Together we will share in an incredible journey through the wonderful people, places, and traditions that make this corner of southeast Georgia such a unique area to call home. The goal of our efforts is community wide engagement through publicity, education, and creative storytelling that honors our past and facilitates an even brighter future.

If you have any interest in being a part of our group, you are invited to attend an informational meeting at the OHC on Thursday, March 22, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. All are welcome so please come and join us!

## Upcoming Community Yard Sale

It's almost Spring! That means it's time to start cleaning out your closets and garages. The Okefenokee Heritage Center will be having a community yard sale Saturday, April 7th 8 AM -12 PM. You can rent booth space for \$20. Contact [okeheritage@gmail.com](mailto:okeheritage@gmail.com) for more information!



March  
April  
2018

## OHC Calendar

### March

Mar 2—Homestead Guild Conference*	
Mar 3—Homestead Guild Conference*	
Mar 5—Genealogy	230PM
Mar 7—OHC Board	12PM
Mar 8—Homestead Guild	6PM
Mar 9—Black Heritage Comm	12PM
Mar 10—Paint & Sip*	2PM
Mar 13—Writers Guild	7PM
Mar 14—Quilt Guild	10AM
Mar 15—Photography Guild	630PM
Mar 17—Waygreen Event	
Mar 21—Executive Board	230PM
Mar 22—History Guild	630PM
Mar 27—Art Guild	7PM
Mar 31—Color Run	8AM

### April

Apr 1—Easter	
Apr 2—Genealogy Guild	3PM
Apr 4—Board Meeting	12PM
Apr 6—Swampfest	
Apr 7—Community Yard Sale	8AM
Apr 10—Writers Guild	7PM
Apr 11—Quilt Guild	10AM
Apr 12—Homestead Guild	6PM
Apr 13—Black Heritage	12PM
Apr 14—Autism Awareness Day	8AM
Apr 17—Music Recital	6PM*
Apr 18—Executive Board	230PM
Apr 19—Photography Guild	630PM
Apr 24—Art Guild	7PM

\*--Off-Site Event. Contact OHC for more information

# A Letter from the Director

Have you ever heard someone say there's just nothing to do in Waycross? Well I'm proud to be part of several organizations that are doing a lot in Waycross.

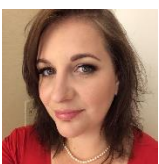
March is a big month for the Okefenokee Heritage Center. We do one big fundraiser a year to raise money for our summer camp programs, The Color Run. This year we are going to be doing a drama camp, courtesy of Purlie Productions, in June and an Art Camp in July. All of the money raised for the Color Run goes right back into our community to support our artists. This year the Color Run is the Saturday before Easter, March 31<sup>st</sup>, and all registrations and sponsorships are tax deductible. You can help your community and your accountant at the same time. The great thing about the Color Run is it promotes wellness and participation in the community, but it's also a lot of fun. Instead of painting canvases we're painting people! You can sign up as a volunteer by emailing [okeheritage@gmail.com](mailto:okeheritage@gmail.com) and there's still time to register online on our square store: <https://squareup.com/store/okefenokee-heritage-center-inc/>

Speaking of volunteers did you know that you could volunteer at the OHC and get course credit for college, build your resume, and learn valuable skills to transfer into the workforce? If you contact us by phone (912) 285-4260 or email you can stop by and go through a tutorial of our operations and become part of the story. There are plenty of jobs to go around! You could be part of the hospitality team greeting people, setting up events, graphic design and marketing online on social media, and so much more! There's never a dull moment at the Heritage Center and we love to help people get plugged in to the community.

There's also ways to get involved with our guilds. We are starting a new History Guild which we are super excited about. But there are monthly classes and opportunities to connect with other people with a range of topics like homesteading, growing your own food, writers workshops, quilting, art, photography, and genealogy. You could be part of historical preservation with the Black Heritage Committee or participate in our theater program with Purlie Productions. You can be at any level and find resources and network in the community with these organizations. Or you could be part of the lifelong learning committee and help us find teachers for an education program focused on interests. These classes could be retired teachers who are fascinated by the oceans or students who are writing papers on different parts of history or stories about the railroad. Some people have collections of music and could do an entire class about The Beatles. There's a lot of ways to help you get plugged in to our community.

As the weather starts to warm up don't forget that you can come and enjoy our beautiful park as members of the OHC. There's plenty of space for picnicking or enjoying quality family time. Soon the Waygreen Market will be starting again, stay tuned for more information about that! Don't forget the Homestead Conference taking place at the Ware County High School the first weekend of March. And right around the corner is Shakespeare in the Park. Over 2 dozen cast members are working hard to bring Shakespeare alive right here in Waycross! You don't want to miss this amazing show sponsored by DaVita and Georgia Council of the Arts. "Grassling" seating will be available and free for everyone. Bring your own blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the show. There will also be reserved center stage seating with tickets starting at \$10. Whole families can also book a picnic table for \$50 for up to 4 people or you can enjoy special VIP seating right in the middle of the action for \$15. Contact the OHC to reserve your spot. You don't want to miss this show!

Everyday at the Heritage Center we're learning and growing. We are so proud and privileged to be able to share the story of our community and preserve it for generations to come. Won't you help us make some new friends and encourage people you know to come out to an event with us? Our annual friendraising is starting and we'd love to bring more people into the OHC family. Stop by anytime and enjoy a tour of the exhibits or participate in our events. Our door is always open.



Elizabeth Welch  
Executive Director

# REGISTER NOW!!!

OKEFENOKEE HERITAGE CENTER PRESENTS


## OKEFENOKEE COLOR RUN

*Saturday March 31, 2018*

**5K RUN AT 8 AM**

**1 MILE RUN & WALK AT 9 A.M.**

Contact [okeheritage@gmail.com](mailto:okeheritage@gmail.com) for registration or  
Sponsorship information (912) 285-4260



SHAKESPEARE  
IN THE PARK

# ROMEO & JULIET



Admission FREE for grass  
seating. Center Stage Seats  
starting at \$10

May 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 PM

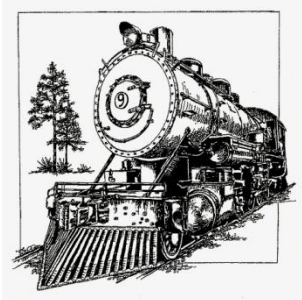
May 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

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May 6<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM

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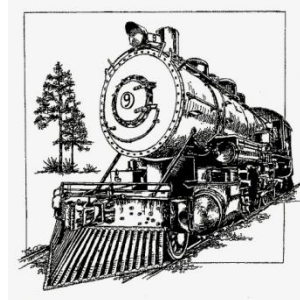
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#### OHC Mission Statement

*The Okefenokee Heritage Center is an art center and local history museum for all people, which seeks to promote an appreciation of the arts and an increased understanding of history and development of the Okefenokee region through its cultural and educational programs, collections, and exhibitions.*

Proudly serving Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Pierce & Ware.

### Invite a friend to join the Okefenokee Heritage Center

Individual	\$36
Family	\$60
Heritage Club	\$100
Small Business	\$150
Business	\$500
Corporate Sponsor	\$1,000

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### RENT OUR SPACE

You can rent the facilities at the Okefenokee Heritage Center for parties, reunions, etc.

- Conference Room \$75
- Depot \$125
- Studio \$125
- Warehouse \$250
- Grounds \$300