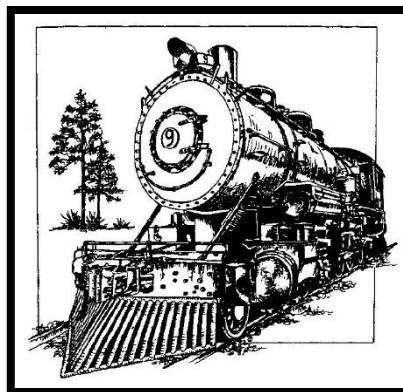


Okefenokee Heritage Center NEWSLETTER



January
February
March
2020

“We’re On the Right Track”, by John Jordan

In ancient Greek Mythology, the Phoenix is a long-lived bird that cyclically regenerates or is reborn. To say OHC has been reborn would be a stretch; however, to say an awaking is occurring is spot on. With the installment of Clint Bowman as Chair of the Board of Trustees and the hiring of Carla Cornett King as the new Executive Director, OHC is stirring from a sleep to an exciting new chapter. Our board meetings are being well attended, informative, concise and with active participation. Clint is providing excellent, sound leadership. Carla is providing great follow through on the board’s desires and excellent guidance of daily OHC activities and excellent representation of OHC to the community. Clint Bowman recently awarded Nancy King, Judy Kurrasch and Steve Strickland Volunteer of the Year plaques of appreciation for their guidance through the interim period. So much is happening, it is hard to relate all of it. We have a new flag pole thanks to Steve Strickland and Danny Barnes. Now we can proudly display our flag and remind ourselves how wonderful it is to live in this great country and more importantly remind us of the men and women who stand in harm’s way to protect our freedom.



OHC Calendar

February

Feb 1 - OHC Warehouse Sale	8AM
Feb 3 - OHC Genealogy Guild	3PM
Feb 4 - Exhibit Committee	11AM
Feb 5 - OHC Board	12PM
Feb 10 - Black Heritage Com.	630PM
Feb 11 - OHC Writers Guild	7PM*
Feb 12 - Quilt Guild	10AM
Feb 13 - WayGreen	630PM
Feb 14 - Valentine's Day	
Feb 15 - Paint Party	12PM
Feb 17 - President's Day	
Feb 18 - Photography Guild	7PM
Feb 22 - Black Heritage Tour	10AM
Feb 25 - Art Guild ~ Patsi Wolfe	7PM
Feb 27 - Executive Board	1PM
Feb 27 - History Guild	7PM

March

Mar 2 - Genealogy	3PM
Mar 4 - OHC Board	12PM
Mar 9 - Black Heritage	630PM
Mar 10 - OHC Writers Guild	7PM*
Mar 11 - Quilt Guild	10AM
Mar 11 - Color Run Early Reg. ends	
Mar 12 - WayGreen	630PM
Mar 13 - Scout Group	4PM
Mar 17 - Photography Guild	7PM
Mar 20 - Wm Heights	8AM
Mar 24 - Art Guild	7PM
Mar 26 - Executive Bd.	1PM
Mar 26 - History Guild	7PM

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

Mark your calendars:
April 11 - Okefenokee Color Run!!

Veteran's Day Celebration ~ November 2019

Steve Strickland, Danny Barnes and the OHC Board and Staff, put together a great Veteran's Day display and program at OHC. It was well attended, appreciated by all, and will become an annual event. Other veteran appreciation events are also being contemplated.



LOWE'S of Waycross Beautification Grant ~ December 2019

Now to the real biggie: Carla, in her efforts, received a commitment from Lowe's. Did they ever come through!! The exterior of OHC has been repainted and the front landscaped by Lowe's employees, and OHC volunteers, with paint, plants, supplies and tools donated by Lowe's. Along with all this, they donated a new pressure washer! Now we don't have to burn up Steve's. If you haven't seen the place lately, please, come by, look around and let Carla know how you like us now and thank her for her efforts. It is great to see more member involvement.



Pictured: LOWE'S of Waycross Volunteers with OHC Volunteers

Clean Up Work Days

Many of our volunteers are tireless and dedicated in their efforts to improve OHC. They have cleaned the storage rooms and the depot, currently cleaning the carpenter shop, emptied and cleaned the baggage cars. The depot porch has been pressure washed. Shrubbery around the depot has been trimmed. The fence at the Hilliard House was reset after cleaning out vines and unwanted vegetation. Trails were reclaimed. Just some of the things that have been happening at OHC. Naming all those involved in these projects would be unwise; someone would be inadvertently missed. However, THANKS TO ALL INVOLVED!! Watch facebook and the website for upcoming work days and come out and join us. For 20 volunteer work hours, you will receive a FREE OHC Volunteer T-shirt.



Pictured: John Jordan, Lamar Deal, Clint Bowman, Danny Barnes and LaFerrell Barnes

Moving Forward ~

Now, what is going on besides painting, planting, cleaning, etc. Where to begin. All the Guilds are active. Maybe, you have not attended in a while. Now is a great time to return and bring a quest. The Art gallery is now displaying Coastal Arts paintings, and will change to Black Heritage Art in February. Drop by and take a look. The Black Heritage Committee is very actively working on the Red Hill Cemetery Project. This is a major effort and lengthy process; however, it will be extremely rewarding in its completion. Way Green had a good year with its Local Fare Market and is planning on another. Maybe you have a green thumb want to become involved. Give it a try. Christmas at the Cross was again a success with over 600 attendees and 44 vendors. And guess what? We gonna do it again this year! Plan to volunteer. The exhibit committee is working on needed improvements and the process of applications for exhibits. OHC has received a \$5,000 grant from ALLSTATE. A major long-range project has been proposed. That is to utilize the old Scout Lake property. Clint has started the ball rolling by meeting with the City of Waycross, Southern Forest World and RESA. It has a long way to go; but, it is rolling onward. Maybe you have an idea for a project, class, guild, or anything that creates member involvement and community interest. Put your thoughts on paper and drop by for a chat with Carla. Thank you, John Jordan, Board of Trustee member.



Carla Cornett King, Executive Director

**The Okefenokee Heritage Center ~ We're On the Right Track!!
So, come on board!!**



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**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

**OKEFENOKEE HERITAGE CENTER PRESENTS**

# **OKEFENOKEE COLOR RUN**

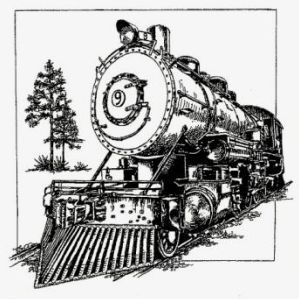
*Saturday April 11th, 2020*

**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





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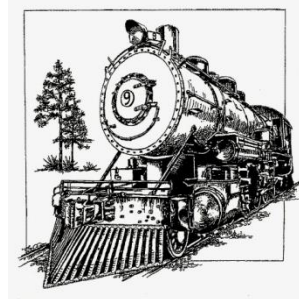
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#### OHC Mission Statement

*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 |

### 2019-2020 OHC Board of Trustees

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### RENT OUR SPACE

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

- Conference Room \$100
- Depot \$150
- Studio \$150
- Warehouse \$250
- Grounds \$300

For more information, call our office.