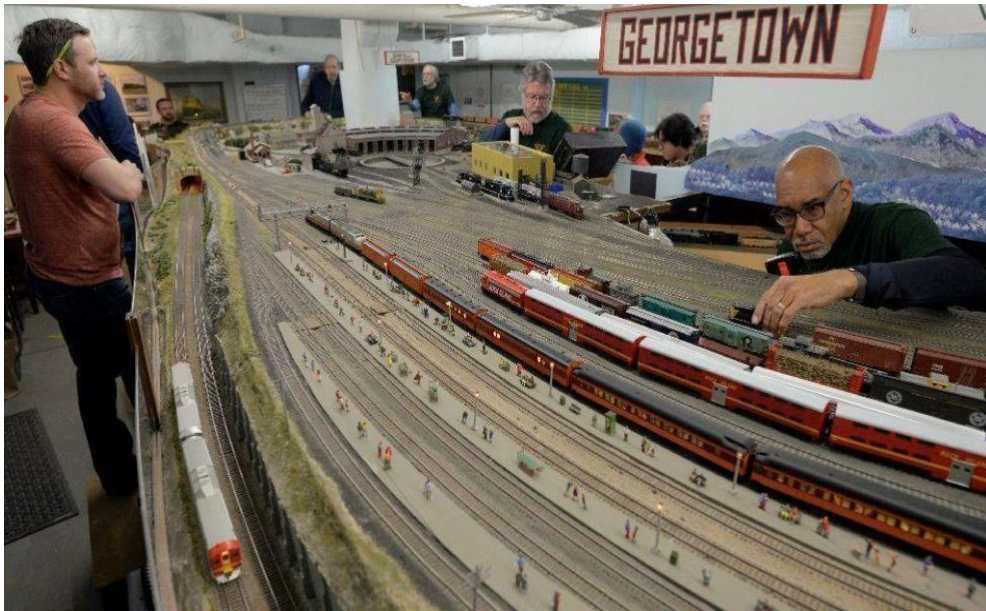




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Model Railroading

What if you could control the trains? Well first of all I know there would be zero traffic congestion anywhere in Southeast Georgia. But really, what if you could control the trains? In a railroad community like this one it has come to the attention of the Okefenokee Heritage Center that some people enjoy creating miniatures and building railroad sets and pieces of the surrounding environment. The Heritage Center wants to honor the contribution of our local railroad by creating a model railroad guild. This group would meet monthly to build sets, paint, and display their railroads at the Heritage Center and the surrounding community. If you or someone you know would be interested in participating, sharing, or coming out to learn more about the railroad system and model railroading please contact Steve Strickland: (912) 281-7137 Or email redfish1950@outlook.com. Come share your passion at the Heritage Center.

OHC Calendar

April

Apr 1—Genealogy Guild	3PM
Apr 8—Trustee Board	5PM
Apr 9—Photography Guild	630PM*
Apr 9—Writer's Guild	7PM
Apr 10—Quilt Guild	10AM
Apr 11—Homestead Guild	6PM
Apr 18—Black Heritage Comm	1230PM
Apr 20—Color Run	8AM
Apr 23—Art Guild	7PM
Apr 25—History Guild	630PM
Apr 27—Autism Awareness	9AM

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

A Letter from Our Director

Dear Friends,

Today I want to feature one of our young local artists: Meredith Youngblood. If you haven't been by to see the Youth Art Show featuring 8 schools this year I implore you to not miss it.

Meredith's story is truly remarkable and I want to tell you a story about her and her art. Meredith is 12 years old and the recipient of our Best in Show award for the Steve Bean Youth Art Show. She very active in her church, but her mother told us she uncharacteristically stayed home one afternoon to be able to create this beautiful piece. Talent like this is from years of dedication to listening to your inner voice and not letting self-doubt plague you.

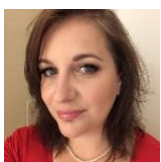
Meredith's piece showcases a beautiful gradient of darkness to light. Broken pieces make up a gorgeous fence, showing how even the broken parts of us can be used to make something beautiful. Though shrouded in darkness this piece shows light and hope. A crown is on top of the fence, showing light and love and brilliance, the light of The King some people would say.



People stood in front of this piece and marveled at everything from the space around the light to guarantee it wouldn't overheat to what it made them feel. Art isn't about technicalities and perfection. Art is about telling a story and sharing your heart and soul and spirit on a canvas or a computer screen or with a camera. Art is capturing a common image in your own way and telling a story in that way. Art is about us hearing how YOU see the world and the lessons YOU want to teach us, and being able to connect with YOU through your expression. Art isn't perfect because

we aren't perfect, but art is essential to the human experience and allowing us to express ourselves. How many of us have ever made a playlist or a mix tape for a loved one because the songs meant something? The music and the lyrics moved your heart and you made a connection. How many people have ever saved a card or a show or a movie because of what it meant to them and how they related to the characters or the story?

Art is connection. Art is community. Art is life. Thank you for sharing your heart and your art like Meredith. Remember helping the Heritage Center programming helps keep people's dreams and hope alive. And your story matters. Come tell a story with us today.



Elizabeth Simpson
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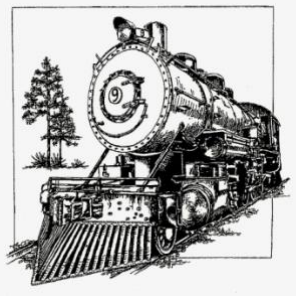
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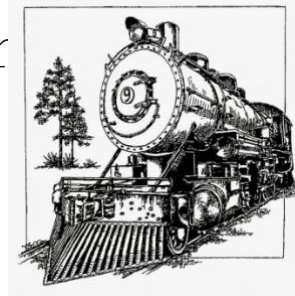
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