

Jonesborough Genealogical Society
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JOIN US!

The Washington County, Tennessee Heritage Fair will span two days in 2021!
School Day on Friday, September 3rd and
Community Day on Saturday, September 4th

Visit: jgstin.org/annual-heritage-fair/

The Washington County, Tennessee Heritage Fair planning has begun once again. The first fair took place on Friday, May 17, 2019, in Historic Jonesborough, Tennessee. More than 70 students participated in the Student Heritage Poster Competition at the Jonesborough Visitors Center, over 20 heritage organizations participated in the individual / organizations exhibits and 12 living history tents were on display throughout the day. Over 240 people visited and learned about the Washington County, Tennessee's history and heritage.



Plans for 2020, were cancelled due to COVID-19, but 2021 will feature many of the same events including the Living History Timeline, and Individual / Organizational Exhibits and Presentations. The format of the event will be more defined and located throughout the town of Jonesborough's Historic District.

“The Washington County Heritage Fair is a two-part heritage event that is open to the public, but specifically targets Washington County, Tennessee students through local heritage engagements that brings together local cultural and heritage organizations and sites to showcase local heritage and culture.”

We want to encourage our teachers and parents to bring their students to Historic Jonesborough - Tennessee's Oldest Town - to allow their students to learn about our county's history through living history interpretations, exhibits, and presentations that community members have researched and designed.





INDIVIDUAL / ORGANIZATION EXHIBITS

The Individual/Organization Exhibitions bring together local heritage and cultural organizations and sites in the Historic Jonesborough Visitors Center and Emporium, which gives participants an opportunity to engage with heritage and cultural sites, knowledge, and techniques. These exhibitions provide students, teachers, and parents with a taste of public and private heritage and cultural sites, in which, they can visit at later dates to fully take in the educational experiences. In addition, organizations can showcase their missions, visions, programming, and projects to the public through the use of visual and/or oratory exhibitions. Knowledgeable individuals will also have the opportunity to showcase their individual research, cultural work, and craft to provide another perspective of learning.



LIVING HISTORY TIMELINE

The Living History Timeline, which will be presented in Mill Springs and Jimmy Neil Smith Storytelling Parks and other sites around the town of Jonesborough, will consist of tradespeople and reenactors in particular time period based camps from pre-Revolutionary to early 20th Century regalia. The Living History Timeline presents educational experiences through the visual representation of life throughout history, which includes period clothing styles, language, techniques, and experiences. In addition, it provides a look at jobs and trades, as well as economic, social, racial, and gender stature throughout time.



PRESENTATIONS

On Friday and Saturday, from 9 am to 4 pm, there will be presentation based learning experiences for students and the community. These presentations are on a variety of topics related to Washington County history, heritage, and culture from archeological digs to interpretive dance to recreational rail-to-trails project. These presentations will be given in the classroom at the Jonesborough Visitors Center. They will also require registration, as a max of 20 individuals can attend each presentation.



***** All Presentations, Living History Timelines, and Individual / Organization Exhibits are Subject to Change. Please be sure to check out jgstn.org/annual-heritage-fair/ for updated information.**

PRESENTATIONS

Friday's Speakers Schedule

9 - 9:45 am Gordon Sisk, Rev. Samuel Doak
 10- 10:45 am Megan Tewell, History of Ashe Street Courthouse
 11 - 11:45 am Walk in their Boots
 12 - 12:45 pm Walk in their Boots
 1 - 1:45 pm Joy Branham, The Perfect 36: Tennessee's Crucial Part in Securing Women's Right to Vote
 2 - 2:45 pm Dr. Ron Roach, Tweetsie Trail and the historic and cultural events commemorated along the trail
 3 - 3:45 pm Sabine Hill Social Society, Dance

Saturday's Speakers Schedule

9 - 9:45 am TBA
 10 - 10:45 am Walk in Their Boots
 11 - 11:45 am Sabine Hill Social Society, Dance
 12 - 12:45 pm Reagan Cornett, Geographical and Archeological Investigation at David Crockett Birthplace State Park
 1 - 1:45 pm Dr. William Kennedy, "Celebrating 50 years of Historic Zoning in Jonesborough"
 2 - 2:45 pm Dr. Patrick Stern, Embree House Farm
 3 - 3:45 pm TBA

LIVING HISTORY TIMELINE

Green Space Pre Revolutionary / Indigenous People James Hilton, Spirit of the Wolf Native American Style Flutes Thunderbolt Warriors	Lawn of Central Christian Church Pre Revolutionary / Settlers / Longhunters / Crafters Will Vogt, Blacksmith Demonstrator Scott Thompson, Woodworking Demonstrator	Kings Mountain SAR (Friday only) OVTA Gordon Sisk, Rev. Samuel Doak Gerald Muskin, Longhunter
Mill Springs Park Revolutionary / Pre 1800s		Lawn of Christopher Taylor House 1790-1860 Sabine Hill Social Society
		Storytelling Park 1860-Present Walk in Their Boots
		State of Franklin DAR - Women's Suffrage Movement

INDIVIDUAL / ORGANIZATION EXHIBITS

Archives of Appalachia East Tennessee Historical Society Heritage Alliance Johnson City Women's Suffrage Centennial Coalition Rocky Mount Historic Site Kings Mountain Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution Embree House Farm - Patrick Stern (Only on Friday) Knob Creek Museum United Daughters of the Confederacy, Johnson City Chapter John Sevier - Sarah Hawkins DAR Elijah Cross II Chapter US Daughters of 1812 / Katherine Marbury Scott Chapter of the Colonial Dames	Herald and Tribune Tipton-Haynes Historic Site Callie Ruble - Adam Alexander Broyles House Clinchfield Railroad Museum The Reece Museum Northeast Tennessee Museum Association (must be beside the Reece Museum Table) Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society - East Tennessee Chapter Birthplace of Country Music Museum Netherland Inn McKinney Center Washington College Academy Alumni Association Dr. Ron Roach - ETSU Dept. Of Appalachian Studies Mountain Home National Cemetery
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