



GEORGIA HISTORY FESTIVAL

2011 Schedule of Events

+ ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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GEORGIA HISTORY FESTIVAL KICKOFF LECTURE

Thursday, February 3, 2011, 7 p.m.
Trinity United Methodist Church, Savannah

Sponsored by: 

Join us as award-winning author and historian Gary Moulton (editor of the *Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*) discusses the dramatic and tumultuous events leading up to the forced removal of the Cherokee from Georgia in the 1830s. The lecture will examine the struggles and pressure within the Cherokee Nation as well as challenges faced from the outside. Free and open to the public.

COLONIAL FAIRE AND MUSTER

Saturday and Sunday, February 5-6, 2011, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Wormsloe State Historic Site, Savannah

Sponsored by:  with additional support from The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Georgia

Experience the everyday life of colonial times through historical re-enactments, cannon firings, demonstrations of cooking and craft techniques, and music and dance. Free and open to the public.

SUPER MUSEUM SUNDAY

Sunday, February 6, 2011, 12 – 4 p.m.
at multiple sites throughout coastal Georgia

(visit www.georgiahistory.com after January 1, 2011, for museum list, or contact individual sites of interest)

Sponsored by: 

From downtown to the edge of the city, from Statesboro to Darien, over 40 cultural institutions, historic sites, house museums, art museums, and other points of interest in Savannah and coastal Georgia open their doors to the public for this Georgia Historical Society tradition. Free and open to the public.

SHUMAN CUP CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Thursday, February 10, 2011, from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Shuman Elementary School, Savannah

Come cheer on the teams for the first ever colonial cricket tournament for Chatham County elementary schools! Local teams are introduced to the Georgia colony's favorite sport during this fun and educational experience the day before the annual Georgia Day Parade. Team registration is open to all Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools. Call Shuman Elementary School at 912.395.4500 for more information. Free and open to the public.

DIGNITARIES' COFFEE

Friday, February 11, 2011, 9 a.m.
Savannah

Sponsored by: 

Books for Schools Sponsored by: 

An invitation-only event for dignitaries, sponsors, and special guests to commence the time-honored custom of the Georgia Day Parade. The event features greetings from dignitaries, introductions of costumed historical characters, and the unveiling of new plaques in the GHS Library honoring the creators of named endowment funds committed to the mission of the Georgia Historical Society.

GEORGIA DAY PARADE


Friday, February 11, 2011, beginning at 10:30 a.m.
along Bull Street from Forsyth Park to City Hall, Savannah

Sponsored by:  

As part of the annual commemoration of the founding of the Georgia colony on February 12, 1733, by James Edward Oglethorpe, a tradition dating back to the earliest years of the colony's founding, we invite you to join us as students, musicians, local dignitaries, and costumed historical characters march through Savannah's historic squares during this beloved annual event. Free and open to the public.

TRUSTEES GALA

Saturday, February 12, 2011
Hyatt Regency, Savannah

Raffle sponsored by: 

A black-tie affair attended by Georgia's most influential leaders, this elegant evening culminates with the induction of the 2011 Georgia Trustees, legendary UGA football coach and athletics director **Vince Dooley** and influential public policy expert and former U.S. Senator **Sam Nunn**. This year's theme is "Georgia Blues Juke Joint" – it's sure to be a rollicking good time! Reservations required.

275TH ANNIVERSARY OF FORT FREDERICA LIVING HISTORY ENCAMPMENT

Saturday and Sunday, February 19-20, 2011, from 10 a.m - 4 p.m.
Fort Frederica National Monument, Saint Simons Island

As part of the commemoration of the 275th anniversary of the founding of Frederica, demonstrations and hands-on activities will help bring to life the history of the site. Call Ft. Frederica at 912.638.3639 or visit www.nps.gov/fofr for more information. Free and open to the public.

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND DINNER

Saturday, February 19, 2011, 7 p.m.
Fort King George State Historic Site, Darien

This annual event features a Scottish dinner, hosted by Oglethorpe himself, at the Fort King George barracks. Call Ft. King George at 912.437.4770 for more information. Reservations required.

Additional Educational Opportunities

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BANNER COMPETITION

Sponsored by: 

Elementary school classes compete by creating an original banner on the subject of the 2011 Festival Honoree, Sequoyah. Banners are brought to the Georgia Historical Society for judging and then picked up again for students to carry in the Georgia Day Parade on February 11, 2011. The three winning schools are announced and trophies are awarded at City Hall at the end of the parade. Complete information and guidelines will be available online at the GHS website (www.georgiahistory.com) by following the *Georgia History Festival* link after January 1, 2011.

SEQUOYAH CURRICULUM GUIDE

Available online at www.georgiahistory.com after January 1, 2011

(Available online at www.georgiahistory.com and in print to *Savannah Morning News*' Newspapers in Education subscribers)

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The 2011 Online Curriculum guide contains detailed biographical information, archival images, tips for classroom instruction, and a listing of other related resources on 2011 *Georgia History Festival* Honoree, Sequoyah— inventor of the Cherokee syllabary. Curriculum guides are designed to correlate with state learning standards and are available for free download at www.georgiahistory.com by following the *Georgia History Festival* link.

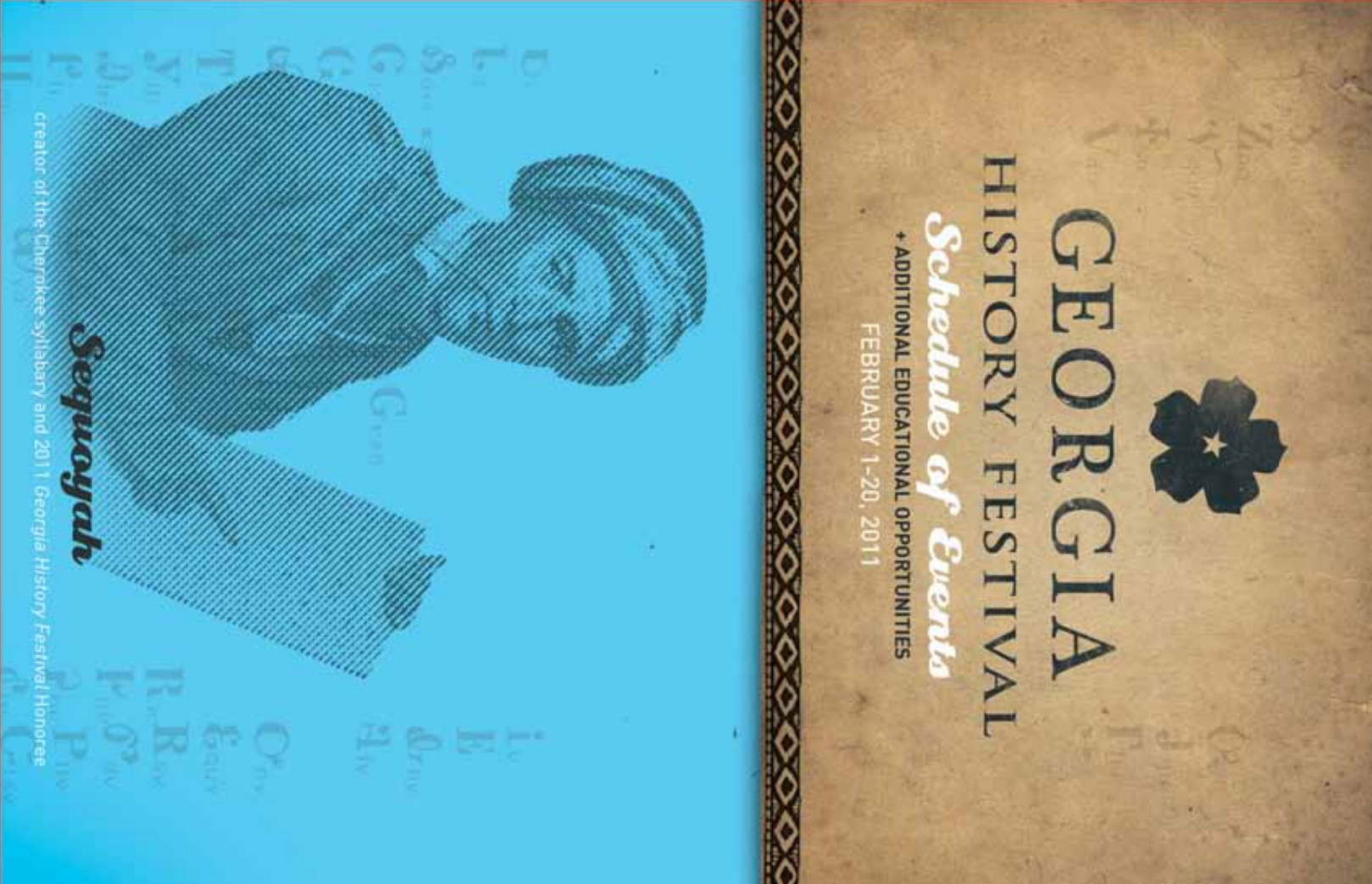
SEQUOYAH IN-SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS FOR STUDENTS

Sponsored by: 

Local elementary and middle school students are invited to participate in an interactive program with a professional interpreter portraying the 2011 *Georgia History Festival* Honoree. Focusing on Cherokee leader Sequoyah, this interactive presentation will provide students with insights into his life and his efforts to unite the Cherokee people during the turbulent years that included the Trail of Tears. There is no charge for these programs, but reservations are required.

Sequoyah

creator of the Cherokee syllabary and 2011 *Georgia History Festival* Honoree



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Georgia History Festival Honoree

Sequoyah (also called George Gist or George Guess) was born in eastern Tennessee during the 1760s or 1770s. As an adult, he became intrigued by the idea of communication through writing. After more than a decade of work, Sequoyah designed approximately 86 characters representative of the syllables or sounds of the spoken Cherokee language.

By 1825, following years of dedicated effort by Sequoyah to convince others of the importance of written language, the Cherokee Nation had adopted his writing system. From 1828-1834 the newspaper of the Cherokee Nation, the *Cherokee Phoenix* (published at the Cherokee capital of New Echota, Georgia), printed articles in English and Cherokee using his syllabary. Throughout his life, Sequoyah continued to work for the benefit of his people. His burial site is unknown.

About the Georgia Historical Society's Georgia History Festival

The *Georgia History Festival*, formerly known as Georgia Days, is the signature educational program of the Georgia Historical Society. Held annually around the anniversary of the founding of the colony of Georgia on February 12, 1733, this commemoration brings history to life for students of all ages through a variety of programs including a series of school events and curriculum, the two-day Colonial Faire and Muster living-history program held at Wormsloe State Historic Site, and the colorful Georgia Day parade. By engaging students in interactive learning experiences, the *Georgia History Festival* sparks the imagination, develops critical thinking processes, and opens the exciting world of the past to exploration, study, and understanding.

The Georgia Trustees

In conjunction with the Governor's Office, the Georgia Historical Society reconstituted the Georgia Trustees as a way of recognizing Georgians whose accomplishments and community service reflect the highest ideals of the founding body of Trustees. The original Georgia Trustees, a governing body chartered and appointed by His Majesty King George II of England in 1732 to establish a new colony in North America, founded the Georgia colony upon the principle of *Non Sibi, Sed Aliis*, "Not for Self but for Others." They established and governed the colony with this vision until their disbandment in 1752, after which Georgia became a royal colony. Reestablished in 2009, the Governor will make an annual appointment of new Trustees whose history-making accomplishments and service reflect the original Trustees' ideals.

2011 Trustees: Vince Dooley Athens, Georgia Sam Nunn Perry/Atlanta, Georgia



Trustees Gala Program Information

The Georgia Historical Society's premiere annual fund-raising event and the exciting finale of the *Georgia History Festival* is the annual Trustees Gala. Each year, this elegant and much-anticipated event draws Georgia's top business and civic leaders to honor and pay tribute to the best our state has produced.

This year, GHS's two-week commemoration of Georgia history culminates in a lavish banquet with the theme "Georgia Blues." Guests will enter through a festively decorated juke joint atmosphere to an elegantly appointed ballroom for a sublime evening of dining and entertainment, featuring the live music of John Lee Hooker, Jr.

The highlight of the Gala is the induction of the 2011 Georgia Trustees, two citizens of Georgia who exemplify a lifetime of excellence in their work and philanthropic accomplishment. The 2011 Trustees, legendary University of Georgia football coach Vince Dooley and former U.S. Senator and global policy maker Sam Nunn, will be in attendance to receive this honor. Following the presentations, the new Trustees will engage in a moderated conversation, featuring questions on topics ranging from business to philanthropy to history and life philosophies.

GHS will hold a raffle of enviable items related to the evening's theme, and live music and dancing will round out the night. Held in Savannah the weekend before Valentine's Day, the 2011 Trustees Gala honors the service and accomplishments of the new Trustees, celebrates the founding of our state, and highlights the richness and diversity of Georgia history and its people.

Georgia Historical Society

The Georgia Historical Society is the premier independent statewide institution responsible for collecting, examining, and teaching Georgia history.

For more information about these and other *Georgia History Festival* events, please visit our website at www.georgiahistory.com and follow the *Georgia History Festival* link!

2011 Georgia History Festival

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