

## **Native American Celebration** **Saturday, November 18, 2017 at Hagood Mill**

In observance of Native American Heritage Month, we invite you to join us for a special day of milling, memories, and a **Native American Celebration** at the **Hagood Mill Historic Site** in Pickens, SC, on Saturday, November 18, 2017. The mill will be operating, rain or shine, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. The Hagood Creek Petroglyph Site of South Carolina will be open from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

This very popular annual event celebrates our own Native American history and influences. A number of tribal groups will be represented, including some born and raised in the Upcountry as well as those who have made South Carolina their home.

Visitors and guest performers will participate in the festivities of the day which will include: **traditional drumming, singing, dancing, Native American flute playing, storytelling, Cherokee hymns in the Cherokee language, and traditional crafts**. Demonstrations will be going on all day throughout the Mill Site including traditional **Cherokee blow-gun demonstrations, traditional Catawba pottery making, beadwork, basket making, flint-knapping, finger-weaving, atl atl spear throwing, bow and arrow shooting and more**. Many of the participants will have traditional handmade crafts for sale, as well.

Featured performers for this year's event will include **Keepers of the Word** drumming group from Saint George, SC. Members of **Keepers of the Word** are of **Ojibwa, Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw, Catawba, and Wassamassaw** tribal heritage from Colleton, Berkeley, Dorchester, Orangeburg, and Sumter counties. Directed by **Cathy Nelson**, Keepers of the Word has presented a variety of Native American educational programs as well as spiritual formation seminars and retreats throughout the Southeast.

Also joining us for this year's event will be the **Kau-Ta-Noh Jrs** Native American singing group from Maxton, NC. Don't miss these talented entertainers as they demonstrate the traditional drumming, singing, and dancing from South Carolina and North Carolina's most ancient indigenous tribes.

We are honored to have **Nancy Basket** on site to demonstrate her world class basket making skills. She will also share some Native American myths and legends with visitors and guests.

**Dr. Will Goins**, Chief Executive Officer of the Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois, and United Tribes of South Carolina will be present to interpret Native American culture while also serving as emcee for this year's event.

Demonstrations of food-way traditions such as **stone grinding of cornmeal, cooking fry-bead, and roasting corn** will take place throughout the day.

Collected over generations, some of the truly awesome **Crawford Collection** of local prehistoric stone points, blades, and tools will be on display for the day. Barry Crawford's **pre-historic cooking demonstration** using ancient soapstone bowl is too artful to be missed.

Members from the **Foothills Archaeological Chapter** will be on site to identify Native American stone tools and artifacts.

There will be a special "**children's corner**," where visitors can make beaded necklaces, and have their face painted in a Native American style. For a special treat, we will have several Spanish Colonial horses on site that are actually descended from the first horses brought to the continent by early Spanish explorers. Children will be allowed to "paint" the horses with their hand prints in the style of the Plains Indians. This is always lots of fun for everyone.

Additional programming is being developed and will continue being added to this year's Native American Celebration until the actual day of the event. Please continue checking in with the Hagood Mill Historic Site Facebook page for the latest updates.

There will be much more to see and do on November 18<sup>th</sup> as we host a variety of folk life and traditional arts demonstrations. There will be **blacksmithing, bowl-digging, flint knapping, chair-caning, moonshining, broom-making, basket-making, pottery, quilting, spinning, knitting, weaving, woodcarving, bee keeping, hearth cooking, metal-smithing, leather-working** and more. You can ask questions of the artists and make a purchase of their Traditional Arts to take home.

The **Centerpiece of the Hagood Mill historic site is the water-powered 1845 gristmill**. It is one of the finest examples of nineteenth century technology in the Upcountry and operates just as it has for the last century and a half. The mill will be running throughout the day. In the old mill, **fresh stone-ground corn meal, grits, and wheat flour will be available**. In addition rye flour, Basmati rice flour, oat flour, oatmeal, popping corn meal, and grits, organic yellow corn meal and grits, and buckwheat flour are produced and may be available. Hagood Mill cookbooks and a variety of other mill related items are also on sale.

There is a **\$5.00 parking fee** for the day but **admission is FREE** to the Hagood Mill Site as well as the Hagood Creek Petroglyph Site. All proceeds from parking help offset costs at the Mill Site.

So, head on out, grab a plate of great food on site from one of our fabulous food trucks and enjoy a fun-filled day exploring our ancestral grounds. This will be a very special November Third Saturday at the Hagood Mill Historic Site – a day that will make memories for you and your loved ones. It is sure to be a day well spent.

The Hagood Mill Historic Site is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am until 4 pm all year long. The Hagood Creek Petroglyph Site is open Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. The mill operates, rain or shine, with a major festival the Third Saturday of every month.

The Hagood Mill Historic Site is located just 3 miles north of Pickens off Highway 178 W or 5 ½ miles south of Cherokee Foothills Scenic Hwy 11 off Highway 178 E at 138 Hagood Mill Road.

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