Ringing In The New Year
January 17, 2015 - 11:00 am till 4:00 pm
at Hagood Mill Historic Site

Traditional musicians from our area will gather to celebrate a new year with 100 year old music from the mountain culture that surrounds our beloved Hagood Mill. Yes, it's true, the Blue Ridge mountains begin right here in South Carolina at Hagood Mill. When you leave Pickens, SC on highway 178 North and cross the beginnings of the Twelve Mile River, you approach Hagood Mill and you're in the very first mountain community of the historic Blue Ridge.

On January 17th, 2015 Hagood Mill will feature the "Pretty Little Goat String Band" delivering a fresh, driving, energetic take on Old-Time String band music. This five piece group from Brevard NC includes the driving and innovative bass fiddle work of JT Linville, the train-whistle fog-horn buck dancing of Tim Fisher's Fiddle, the cigar-box chunking mandolin rhythm and leads of Josh Carter, the charming percussion of Mallory Carter's home-made washboard contraption, and Owen Groom's fretless banjo sounds like water rolling off rocks. Everyone in the group trades off strong old-time vocal leads and harmonies. Just as musicians of the Southern Appalachians have done for centuries, the Goat Band creates their own music from old mountain ballads and fiddle music, while paying as much respect to the tradition as possible. Gates open at 10:00 am. Pretty Little Goat String Band will be performing between 12:00 and 3:00 pm.

2003 Jean Laney Harris Folk Heritage Award recipient, Steve McGaha, will be heating up the stage around 11:15am on January 17th. Steve will be playing a variety of traditional folk songs along with a sampling of acoustic blues.

There will be lots of other things to see on January 17th as Hagood Mill hosts 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, metal-smithing, bee keeping, 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 available.
There promises to be lots to do and lots of fun! So, head on out, grab a plate of great food on site from the Gatehouse Restaurant and enjoy a special day at the Hagood Mill.

The Hagood Mill historic site is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm all year long. The Mill operates, rain or shine, for a special festival the third Saturday of every month.

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

“Music in the Mountains 2015” is sponsored by a private benefactor. For additional information, please contact the Hagood Mill at (864) 898-2936 or check out our website at www.visitpickenscounty.com/calendar.