

Do you have Cherokee Ancestry?

Do you have Cherokee blood somewhere down your ancestral line?

Do you remember hearing stories from parents, aunts, uncles?

The Gardner-Webb University Appalachian Culture Series is focusing on The Cherokee Culture Friday & Saturday, October 12 & 13, 2012

Some of the interesting activities going on that weekend:

****Friday evening dinner (\$20 with registration), with a traditional Cherokee menu, featuring awards for Appalachian Book of the Year and readings by members and award winners. **Following dinner, storytelling by Freeman Owle, a former GWU graduate, accompanied by Matthew Tooni, a Cherokee flute player.**

****Saturday: Panel presentation and discussion of life in the 21st century for the Cherokee people led by three leaders of the Cherokee people on the Qualla Boundary. Chief Justice William Boyum and Casey Cooper, CEO of Cherokee Indian Hospital are two of the leaders.**

**** Art gallery featuring work of Cherokee artists set up in the GWU Tucker Center**

****Boiling Springs Museum will feature stories about Cherokee connections by local families**

****opportunity for children of all ages to learn about Cherokee pottery making and try your hand at making a piece of your own.**

The Boiling Springs Museum will be working on this Culture Series with GWU and would like input from people in our community with information on anything to do with the Cherokee in this area.

Note: The Cherokee & Catawba Indians inhabited the Boiling Springs area before European settlers. This area was known as a bountiful hunting land for their people, and we still find their arrowheads in the earth today. If you have any items we could use for this series, please contact Betsy Beason, 704-434-6244 or 704-473-3446, or Nancy Bottoms, 704-313-3118.

