



# Magic

July - August 2017



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## Magic on the Mountain

Things are heating up at Burrirt but not on the thermometer. Remember it is usually 6 to 8 degrees cooler up here so it is a great place to come and beat the heat and we have something for everyone in the family this summer. Summer Under the Stars is in full swing, so bring the blankets or chairs and enjoy one of our final concerts with breath taking views and cool summer breeze as the sun sets and the stars come out. We also have one more of our Stories Under the Stars story telling events that you won't want to miss.



If you have kids, I am sure you want to get in some more summer fun before they head back to school and we have that covered with Treasure Hunt at Gold Mountain and of course our many Super Saturdays, Tuesdays @ Two and of course summer camps-our specialty.

Speaking of school we also have that covered. The Dorothy Davidson Rosenwald School is running ahead of schedule and under budget and we will be ready to open just in time for the new school year. The completion of this project also means that our Folklife School plans can be expanded with new classroom space available on nights, weekends and during the summer. We have a great new offering of classes over the Labor Day Weekend so look for your opportunities to learn a new craft or art form.

Thank you all for being members. We are thrilled to have so many generous supporters that make all that we do possible. I am happy to report that our year end appeal was successful and we will be able to get Dr. Burrirt's beautiful Steinway repaired in January. We have you to thank for that! More exciting news will be reported in the September issue of Magic. If you see me here this summer, ask me and I will give you some hints.

*Leslie Ecklund*

CEO Burrirt on the Mountain

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# Summer Under the Stars

## 2017 STORYTELLING & CONCERT SERIES

### City Lights & Stars

24<sup>TH</sup> CONCERT SEASON



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August 11<sup>th</sup> - Mo' Sol *sponsored by Damson Honda Acura*  
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# Historic Park Programs

(Topics subject to change without notice; due to weather or staffing constraints. For more information call 256-536-2882.)

## TUESDAYS @ 2PM

Join us every Tuesday at 2:00 in the Historic Park for a FREE hands-on look at the skills needed to live on a farm in the 1800s. Call 256-536-2882 for more information.

### July

- 4 Chair Caning
- 11 Blacking the Stove
- 18 Crochet a Shawl
- 25 Weaving a Horse Fly Net

### August

- 1 Chair Caning
- 8 Feeding the Chickens
- 15 Herb Garden Explained
- 22 Weaving a Horse Fly Net
- 29 Shaving Horse

## STEP BACK IN TIME

Every weekend has something to offer at Burritt! Join us in the Historic Park for a FREE demonstration of a historic skill every Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 pm.

Add to your afternoon fun with a FREE guided Historic Park tour every Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 pm!



### July

- 1 **SUPER SATURDAY:** Family Fun and Games
- 2 Weaving on a Tri Loom
- 8 Weaving on a Tri Loom
- 9 The Price Is??? (1900)
- 15 The Price Is??? (1900)
- 16 Wool Carding on a Drum Carder
- 22 Wool Carding on a Drum Carder
- 23 What Knots (which knot to use and why)
- 29 What Knots (which knot to use and why)
- 30 Spinning on a Walking Wheel

### August

- 5 Spinning on a Walking Wheel
- 6 Rope making
- 12 Rope making
- 13 Basket Weaving
- 19 Basket Weaving
- 20 Living by the Lunar Calendar
- 26 Living by the Lunar Calendar
- 27 Preserving Our Harvest

## HOME SCHOOL 2017-2018 Schedule



Burritt is excited to announce next year's Home School Happenings, our monthly homeschool enrichment classes for K-8th grade. We use Burritt's unique campus to combine history, science, and art into fun and educational classes for your student. We offer classes on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday during the second week of the month. Members only pay \$10 per class, while non-members pay \$11. Registration opens in July, and if you register for a whole semester of classes before August 31st, you save 20% more! More information about classes can be found on our website under Education and Homeschool, or by calling 256-518-3931.

September: Letterboxing  
October: Agriculture  
November: Floor Coverings

December: Holiday Ornaments  
January: Quilling  
February: Fossils

March: Pysanky Eggs  
April: The Civil War  
May: Plant Identification

Full descriptions of each month's classes and more registration information can be found on our website.



# Volunteer Opportunities



## City Lights & Stars Summer Concert Series

Our summer concert series, City Lights & Stars, is in full swing. We need Volunteers to bartend, park, and serve dinners in the mansion. The remaining concert dates are July 21st and August 11th from 5:45 - 9:30.

## Nature Rangers' Summer Camp Counselors for July

We still have 3 weeks of camp this Summer and we need our high school helpers. Weeks of July 10th, July 17th, and July 24th. A great way to get your required volunteer hours! You can volunteer 1 day, 1 week, or 1 month. Camp shifts are from 8:30-2:30 or 1:45-5:30.

## On-Going Volunteer Opportunities

- **Garden Gurus** – Every other Thursday from 9am-11am
- **Burritt Brigade** works every other Monday from 9am-12pm.
- Clerical Assistance 1/2 day weekly. Experience with Excel & Word is necessary as well as experience working within a database.

Would you like to receive our "Volunteer Opportunity" emails?  
Call 256-533-1365 or email [burrittvolunteer@yahoo.com](mailto:burrittvolunteer@yahoo.com) to be added to our list.

## Thank YOU!

to all of our wonderful  
volunteers for all that  
you do to make  
Burritt on the Mountain  
a very special place!

## CONGRATULATIONS Volunteers of the Month!

May 2017:  
**Kari Boisvert**

June 2017:  
**Bob Felis**





# Burritt Nature Rangers SUMMER CAMP

## Join us this summer for SEVEN weeks of FUN!

Burritt camps are back to provide your child with a summer full of learning and laughter! Each week of camp revolves around a different theme. These camps are open to children who have completed grades K-5th and are led by Burritt's CPR-certified staff. Camp days run from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Students should bring their own sack lunch, but Burritt will provide a snack each day. You may also choose to register for our extended day options with drop-off available as early as 7:45 a.m. and pick-up as late as 5:30 p.m. The cost for each day of extended day is an additional \$5/morning only, additional \$10/afternoon only, or \$15/both morning and afternoon.

### Fiddle Dee Dee (July 10-14)

Burritt and HSO's Symphony School are excited to partner for our 7th year of violin camp! This perennial favorite offers campers the opportunity to receive quality instruction on the violin from the Symphony School's experienced staff, plus the crafts, games, and active fun that Burritt does best. This year we'll celebrate the Alabama Gold Rush and "fiddle" around with some traditional songs. No experience required! Join us for a memorable week with music and fun that you won't find anywhere else.

**Registration deadline: July 5**

**Cost: \$185 members, \$195 nonmembers,  
\$15 weekly violin rental**

### Geology Really Rocks (July 17-21)

Did you know there is gold in the hills of Alabama? Join us to discover where and when the Southern gold rush happened. Let's investigate different types of rocks right here in Alabama. Campers will become Junior Geologists as they explore, hike, view a real coal mine, learn about and make their own fossil, and take home their own geode. Your child will start their own rock collection and pan for "gold" and gems in our sluice. We will also go on an interactive Treasure Hunt at Gold Mountain. Come have an adventure as we explore rocks and learn about the history of gold mining in Alabama.

**Registration deadline: July 11**

**Cost: \$155 members, \$165 nonmembers**

### Eco Adventures (July 24-28)

Come take a fresh look at nature when you join us on an Eco Adventure! Our days in the great outdoors will have us using our senses on the trails, playing out on the green, and exploring our relationship with nature. We will hear stories about the discoveries and accomplishments of some famous Eco Adventurers and learn how we can follow in their footsteps. While we make friends, crafts, and memories, we will also learn how we can make the world a better – and more fun! – place for everyone.

**Registration deadline: July 18**

**Cost: \$155 members, \$165  
nonmembers Registration deadline July 19<sup>th</sup>  
\$155 (members) \$165 (nonmembers)**



# 2017 SUMMER CAMP

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# Ther's gold up in them thar hills!

## UNTIL SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

The gold rush is here! Don't miss your chance to hunt for treasure at this exciting, interactive adventure. Experience the Alabama Gold Rush of 1829 and try life as a prospector when you shop in the General Store for provisions, dress up and take a family portrait, play on 3 different themed-playgrounds, follow the Underground Railroad in our life-sized maze, pan for gold in the sluice, pick up an instrument to play along with some old-fashioned music, and much more! Clues are given along the way so you can find "gold nuggets" and stake your claim! This adventure, geared for children ages 3 to 11, will provide hours of family fun and hands-on learning while presenting the excitement of pioneer life in early Alabama.



## Super Saturdays of Summer

### **Family Fun & Games Day - July 1 (10:00 – 4:00)**

Family Fun & Games - Play an old fashioned game of croquet on the green, toss horseshoes, compete at lawn darts or race your friends in the sack race. Can you be the fastest in the watermelon eating contest? This day is full of fun as you play games that families have enjoyed for centuries – and maybe some more modern games too. This is a great way to start off your Fourth of July celebration.

\*(Watermelon eating contest to be scheduled and will be opened on first-come-first-served basis; supplies of watermelon are limited).

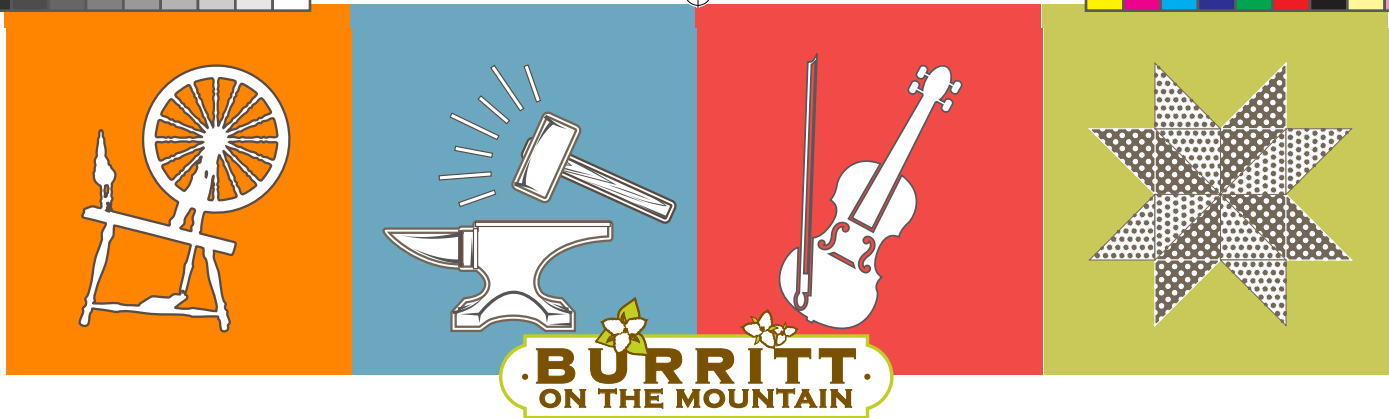
### **Native Americans of the Southeast and the Trail of Tears - August 26 (10:00 – 4:00)**

**Native Americans of the Southeast and the Trail of Tears** – Learn about Native Americans of 1800s Alabama – what tribes lived in our area, what their lifestyle was like, and when they were forced to move from their lands and why. Experience the Trail of Tears simulation to learn about the journey they were forced to endure as they relocated to the west. Celebrate their culture as you learn to write using Sequoyah's Cherokee alphabet and make a Native American craft. Trail of Tears simulation and informational introduction will be offered at 10:00, 12:30 and 2:30. Craft activities are available throughout the day.

### **Introduction to Geocaching and Letterboxing - August 1 (10, 12:30 & 2:30)**

Do you like to solve puzzles and riddles? Then come have fun learning about the Victorian scavenger hunt called letterboxing and the high-tech scavenger hunt using GPS technology called Geocaching. We will learn the history of these two activities and then try our luck hunting for the Burritt Letterbox and Geocache. When we find the letterbox you can use your own rubber stamp or one we provide to leave your mark in our log book. We have one GPS device to help us locate the geocache but you are welcome to bring your own or use your smartphone and the geocaching app to find the hidden cache on the mountain.





# FOLKLIFE WEEKEND

THREE DAYS FULL OF WORKSHOPS AT BURRITT

SATURDAY — MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND—4TH

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH

Join us for **three days** of engaging classes that give adults (19 years of age and older) the chance to learn and practice traditional skills and crafts. Select from a variety of topics. Find a complete description of classes offered during our next Folklife Weekend on our website by ??????. Class size is limited.



## DOROTHY DAVIDSON ROSENWALD SCHOOLHOUSE

The education staff is eagerly anticipating the opening of the Dorothy Davidson Rosenwald Schoolhouse. The building will provide much needed office space and storage for our growing education staff and expanding education programs. Two of our new education programs will be fully or partially located in the new schoolhouse.

The new **4th Grade School Day Experience** will be housed in the schoolhouse. This exciting program, developed in conjunction with a team of educators from Huntsville City Schools, Madison City Schools and Madison County Schools, allows students to experience a day in the life of a 1918 Alabama school. Fourth graders will be transformed into 1918 students as they are outfitted in era-appropriate clothes, repack their lunches in baskets and pails, say the Pledge of Allegiance and study reading, writing, and 'rithmetic. Students also get to experience writing with a nib pen and ink, doing their lessons on slates, weaving a basket (vocational training), and games of the time period during recess. Visiting teachers will receive additional before and after lesson plans to further their students' educational experience. Students (and their accompanying teachers and chaperones) who have participated in test runs of the program are very excited about this day-long learning experience.

The **Industrial Room** of the new schoolhouse will be used on weekends and evenings for adult Folklife workshops. Burritt on the Mountain is in the process of establishing the Burritt Folk School, and the new schoolhouse is a vital part of this new venture. It provides a wonderful space for adult students to learn and practice traditional skills such as tinsmithing, basket weaving, chair caning and much more. We have offered several Folklife classes this past year and those offerings are expanding as new classroom spaces open up.

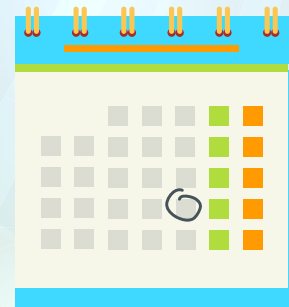






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## Dates to Remember:

### July:

- 1 - Super Saturday: Family Fun & Games 10am - 4pm**
- 4 - Independence Day – **Open 9am-5pm**
- 9 - Huntsville Forge Meeting - 1pm
- 11 - North AL Woodworkers Association - 6:30pm
- 21 - City Lights & Stars Concert: KUSH -7:30pm**
- 25 - Huntsville Traditional Music Association – 7pm
- 27 - Stories Under the Stars - 6:30**

### August:

- 7 - Sacred Harp Singing - 7pm**
- 8 - North AL Woodworkers Association - 6:30pm
- 11 - City Lights & Stars Concert: Mo'Sol -7:30pm**
- 13 - Huntsville Forge Meeting - 1pm
- 22 - Huntsville Traditional Music Association - 7pm
- 26 - Super Saturday: Native Americans 10am - 4pm**
- 28 - Guild Meeting - 9:30am

### September:

- 2-3 - Folklife Weekend (Reservation Required)**

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Don't forget to visit...  
The Life and Work of:  
*Maria Howard*  
*Weeden*  
exhibit on-going in the Mansion!