



Magic

May - June 2018



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Magic on the Mountain

All of us on the Mountain are thrilled to share our latest and greatest project with you! We have just completed the much anticipated 3,000 square foot overlook project that we are calling The View. We will be open to the public for weekly cocktail experiences beginning May 9th and continuing through Oct. We will also host a monthly luncheon and look for other events like storytelling and chefs' dinners announced in our email blasts and of course on the website.



The Burritt Folk School is now in full swing with so many class choices. There is something for every person and every skill level. Nourish your creative side, learn a new craft or skill and become a Folk School student at Burritt. It is never too late to LEARN, DO and EXPERIENCE.

Celebrations continue and we began the 25th season of City Lights and Stars. It is so exciting that this wonderful Huntsville tradition is as strong as ever after so many years. It will be wonderful to experience this with the newly updated Gazebo and the Lights and Stars will be even brighter from The View.



Thank you for your support!

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Tues. - Sat.: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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The View

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Cruise with Burritt October 27 - November 3, 2018 from Memphis to New Orleans

Join Burritt as we travel down the Mississippi River on the brand new, state-of-the-art river cruise ship, *The American Song*. Their onboard experts bring the history and culture of this region to life. Delve into the history of the Civil War in Vicksburg, see the old plantation homes in Natchez and Oak Alley, enjoy the delights of Baton Rouge and the beauty and charm of New Orleans.

For more information call Judy Link at 256-551-9433 or visit burriftonthemountain.com/event/cruise/.

STEP BACK IN TIME

Join us for a demonstration of a historic skill every Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 pm. Add to your afternoon with a guided Historic Park tour every Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 pm!



May

- 5 Etiquette and Manners in 1900
- 6 Feed the chickens
- 12 Celtic Day
- 13 Walk with the Sheep
- 19 The Price is Right (1900)
- 20 Walking Wheel
- 26 Walking Wheel
- 27 Rope Making

June

- 2 Rope Making
- 3 Triangle Loom
- 9 Triangle Loom
- 10 Drop Spindle
- 16 Southern Power on the Farm
- 17 Netting
- 23 Netting
- 24 Living by the Lunar Calendar
- 30 Living by the Lunar Calendar

Historic Park Programs

TUESDAYS @ 2PM

Join us every Tuesday for a hands-on look at the skills needed to live on a farm in the 1800s.

May

- 1 Rope Making
- 8 Crocheting
- 15 Shave horse
- 22 Life with Mules
- 29 Corn Grinding

June

- 5 Making a Fly Net
- 12 Life of Bees
- 19 Friendly Loom
- 26 Feeding Chickens

(Topics subject to change. Activities included with regular admission. For more information call 256-536-2882.)

Super Saturdays of Summer

Super Saturdays are Back. Just in Time for Summer!

Join us for Saturdays that your family will find SUPER FUN (and educational too)!

June 16th - Introduction to Letterboxing and Geocaching: 10am, 12:30 & 2:30pm

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 2 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 computer to help us locate the geocache but you are welcome to bring your own GPS or use your smartphone and the geocaching app to find the hidden cache on the mountain. We will offer this class 3 times on Saturday June 16th at 10am, 12:30, and 2:30pm. Regular Burritt admission applies or free to our Burritt members.



FOLK • FAMILY • FUN

OPEN THROUGH September 3rd!

Join us for hands-on exploration of the life and crafts of the past. Learn more about the outdoors, how people kept house and made their living in the 1800s, and the many ways artists find to make the world around them more beautiful! Pan for gold, imagine you're a blacksmith, try your hand at weaving, and see what you can spy in our barnyard. With stations throughout the park geared for kids aged 3-11, this fun summer activity will show the whole family that the past can still teach us something new!

Folk Art Fridays

If you've enjoyed this summer's new stations out in the park, come join us for more interactive activities in association with Folk Family Fun! Starting in June, Burritt will offer weekly folk art class for rising 1st-6th graders accompanied by an adult, where they get to delve deeper into a skill and take home their work.

June 1 – Quilling

June 22 – Basket Weaving

July 13 – Felted Sheep

June 8 – Pinch Pot Face Jugs

June 29 – Tin Punch

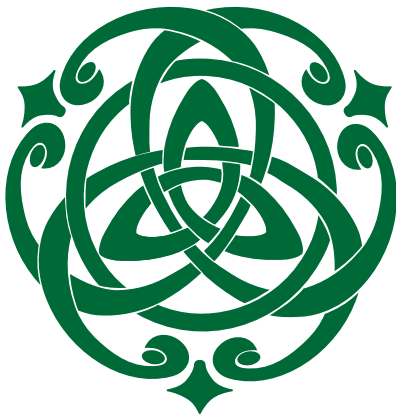
July 20 – Soap Carving

June 15 – Paper Plate Loom

July 6 – Candlemaking

July 27 – Corn Shuck Toys

\$5.00 supply fee per child due at time of reservation. Admission charges apply. Keep an eye on our website and social media pages for information about these folk art classes, or call 256-518-3931 with any questions!



Celtic Day

Saturday, May 12th • 10am – 3pm

Burritt's third annual Celtic Day, celebrating the history and culture of Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, is an event you won't want to miss. In conjunction with Clan Davidson Society of North America and the Irish Society of North Alabama, Burritt will host a day of Blarney Stones, Scottish harpers, Irish Step Dancers, music, and arts of Celtic countries. Come see lacemaking and blacksmithing demonstrations, discover how to trace your genealogy, and enjoy creating children's crafts. Children will want to join in our Junior Games while adults get a kick out of watching a caber toss with swim noodles, potato and spoon relays, and a modified stone put competition. Feicfidh mé ann thú! (See you there!)

Mansion Exhibit: Quilts from our Collections

For over 60 years Burritt Museum has become the home to a unique collection of quilts. A selection of our quilts will be on display May 8, 2018- January 6, 2019 in the Burritt Mansion. Dates of when the quilts were made range from early 1800s to the 1930s. Some of the quilts are of local significance while others are a wonderful example of the skill and labor and love that went into making these works of art. One quilt was made by Ellen Steele Tracy, daughter to famed architect George Steele and another quilt is from the Jones-Criner families. Be sure to also notice the quilts in the cabins in the Historic Park. While most of the quilts in the park are historic reproductions, they are still beautiful and a testament to the handwork and skill of this age-old traditional craft.



ON THE MOUNTAIN

**LEARN. DO.
EXPERIENCE.**

**LEARN TRADITIONAL ARTS, SKILLS & HANDICRAFTS
AT BURRITT'S HISTORIC FOLK SCHOOL.**

May 19-20:

Fiddle – "Getting Started"
Banjo – "Getting Started"
Mandolin – "Feel the Rhythm"
Guitar – "Flat Picking Fiddle Tunes"
Woodworking – "The Classic Bench Plane"

June 1-3:

Blacksmithing – "Candle Holder"
Photography –
"Getting to Know Your Digital Camera"
Photography – "Finding the Light"
Tinsmithing – "Lanterns and Light"
Spinning and Weaving – "Sheep to Shawl"
Fiber Arts – "Marbling and Dyeing"
Fiber Arts – "Summer Felted Flower Pin"
Paper Arts – "Paper Making and Marbling"

June 23:

Woodworking – "Creating Wooden Toys"
Stained Glass – "The Dragonfly"



May 11th - Mambo Gris Gris

Sponsored By: Mercedes Benz of Huntsville
Food Trucks: The Steakhouse Mobile & Kudzu Cafe

June 1st - The Flashbacks Show Band

Sponsored By: Athens State University
Food Trucks: I Love Bacon & Suzy's Pops

June 22nd - Claire Lynch Trio

Sponsored By: Jerry Damson Automotive Group
Food Trucks: O Taste & See BBQ & Sugar Belle

July 6th - Seminole Strut

Volunteer Concert: In honor of our 800+ Volunteers
Food Trucks: Fire and Spice & Suzy's Pops

July 27th - Huntsville's In the Mood

Sponsored By: S³
Food Trucks: Highway Kabobery & Sugar Belle

**August 17th - Phil Weaver,
Dave Anderson & Ken Watters**

Sponsored By: Alabama Farm Credit
Food Trucks: O Taste & See BBQ & Suzy's Pops

ADVANCE TICKETS \$10 MEMBERS \$12 NON MEMBERS
ALL TICKETS \$15 AT THE GATE
GATES OPEN AT 6:30PM CONCERTS START AT 7:30PM



FOR TICKETS AND MORE INFORMATION VISIT...
BURRITONTHEMOUNTAIN.COM



Volunteer Opportunities



Celtic Day - Craft and game volunteers are needed
May 12, 2018 from 9:30-3:00. This will be a delightful celebration on the mountain.

Summer Concerts - Volunteer and create some fun!
May 11, June 1, June 22, July 6, July 27, and August 17.

Summer Camp Counselors - Great time to get those volunteer hours for school!
Join us one or more weeks in June and July 2018 and assist with camp. The adventures never end!

Burritt Brigade - Come join us every other Monday morning and get your hands a little dirty and enjoy the outdoors. This is what professionals do post retirement!

Congratulations Volunteers of the Month!

March 2018:

Betty Cherry

April 2018:

Graham Foster
Michael Clark



Dr. Burritt's 1895 Steinway and Sons piano has had a face lift and looks beautiful! A few broken keys, chipped veneer and a sun-bleached top: the piano was starting to show its age. Phillip Burke and Richard Davis at Woodpride did an outstanding job in restoring the case.

They stripped the lid and re-stained it to match the original finish, applied a conditioner to the rest of the wood and polished the chrome accents. Lou Thiry regulated and repaired the action. And a big thank you to M&S Deliveries for moving the piano with such care, twice! Burritt is grateful to the Burritt Museum Guild for their fundraising efforts to provide us the opportunity to preserve this incredible piece of Dr. Burritt's estate. And donations by YOU, our members, really put us over the top in the preservation of a beloved piece of our history. With your help the mansion will again be filled with beautiful music.

Thank you

The View an Elevated Burritt Experience Cocktails at *The View*

Every Wednesday May through October, 4:30-8:00

Watch the sun go down and enjoy a cocktail on our NEW cantilevered overlook. You bring your friends, we provide The View, seating, full service cash bar and gourmet food items to purchase from our cafe cart. *These events are subject to weather.

Lunch at *The View*

Once monthly at 11:30am

Join us at Burritt for our "by reservation only" luncheon experience series. Enjoy a presentation by one of our expert guest speakers, followed by a delicious catered box lunch from The Chef Next Door. Tickets are \$25 in advance.

Make your reservations now for our first event on May 16th Lunch & Experience with Beth McCormick more information and future events can be found on the website at www.burrittonthemountain.com/venue/the-view

2 Chefs at *The View* - Elevated Fare

Chef Gillespie, of Back Alley Bistro, and Chef Vonk, of the acclaimed Rooftop Dinners, will be featuring fresh, local ingredients that celebrate the rich heritage of our Tennessee Valley. Join us at our table for an exclusive evening of exquisite dining and wine pairings under the stars. Seating is limited.

Check the website for information and tickets to the FIRST 2 Chefs Dining Experience on May 24th

*All ticketed events will be held rain or shine and will be moved indoors to Baron Bluff in the event of inclement weather



BURRITT NATURE RANGERS

A SUMMER

~CAMP~

JOIN US THIS SUMMER FOR 7 WEEKS OF FUN!

Burritt camps 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.

Earth Explorers & Beyond (June 4-8)

Humans have always been driven to explore the world and travel to new and different places. Become an Earth Explorer by learning about the early explorers, orienteering, early modes of transportation, and earth's different environments, countries, and continents. As an Earth Explorer, you will explore and hike Burritt's wooded nature trails along with playing games and making creative crafts. No exploration camp would be complete without talking about our solar system and beyond. Space is the final frontier, so boldly come to Burritt's Earth Explorers & Beyond camp.

Registration deadline: May 29

Cost: \$155 members, \$165 non-members

Everything Tells a Story (June 11-15)

Once again, Burritt with the Fresh Air Family for a fun-filled week of camp! Step back to a time when the world was filled with stories, when plants were created by the footprints and foibles of gods and goddesses, and secrets could be shared by the meanings of flowers. Expressions like dyed in the wool, strike while the iron is hot, or burning a candle at both ends, will come alive in a week filled with imagination and creativity. Campers will enter a world of cloud animals and new stories to be created through word play inspired by Burritt's historic and natural setting.

Registration deadline: June 5

Cost: \$185 members, \$195 non-members

Beaks, Bills, Feathers, Flight (June 18-22)

Ever wonder what makes a bird a bird? Come have fun exploring the many different kinds of birds that live all around us. Raptors,

songbirds, domesticated, nocturnal, and scavengers all have similarities and differences to adapt to the world around them. We will also find out how the whooping cranes of North America were rescued from the brink of extinction. Campers come ready to learn as we hike, bird watch, play games, create crafts, and even get to meet up close some of our fine feathered friends with wildlife animal presenter and educator Tommy Howell and his Bird Encounter Nature Program.

Registration deadline: June 12

Cost: \$155 members, \$165 non-members

Paints, Pots, and Patterns (June 25-29)

Have you ever wanted to make a statue out of junk, paint a colorful self-portrait, or build your own basket? Bring out your creative side with a camp all about folk art! For hundreds of years, people have been using what they have on hand to make the world around them beautiful. We'll try out all different kinds of art – from 2D doodles to 3D pottery. We'll get inspired by nature, learn from pieces in our historic park, and play games to round out a truly hands-on camp!

Registration deadline: June 19

Cost: \$155 members, \$165 non-members

Fiddlin' Around (July 9-13)

Burritt and HSO's Symphony School are excited to offer an eighth year of violin camp! This perennial favorite offers campers the opportunity to receive quality instruction in the violin from the Symphony School's experienced staff, plus the crafts, games, and active fun that Burritt does best. It is sure to be a toe tapping good time! Family and friends will enjoy the campers' concert on

Friday afternoon. Join us for a memorable week with music and fun that you won't find anywhere else. No previous violin experience is required.

Registration deadline: July 3

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

Down Under Adventure (July 16-20)

Enjoy an Australian adventure planned by a camp leader who recently returned from her own Down Under Adventure. Australia is not just a country but a continent that is full of wildlife and environments not found anywhere else on earth. We will discover its location, history, culture, diverse environments, and of course its exotic unique animals. Come explore and learn about dingoes, koalas, crocs, platypuses, kangaroos, and many more amazing Australian animals. We will hike, play games, and make some down under crafts. Kids won't want to miss this hopping Down Under Adventure!

Registration deadline: July 10

Cost: \$155 members, \$165 nonmembers

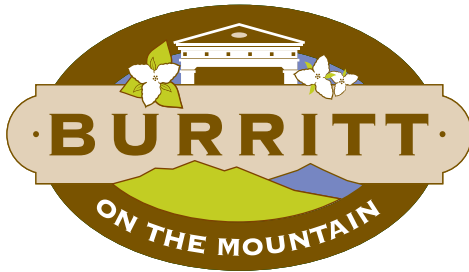
Barnyard Bonanza (July 23-27)

For our last camp of the year, we're heading down to the farm! We'll spend the week learning what it takes to grow food and raise animals, both in the past and today. Farming's hard work, but we'll have lots of fun meeting animals, exploring our gardens, and trying out life as a farmer. And all week we'll practice our games and brush up our crafts to get ready for our very own "county fair" on Friday!

Registration deadline: July 17

Cost: \$155 members, \$165 nonmembers

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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

Dates to Remember:

May:

- 5 – Sacred Harp 9am-2pm
- 8 – Homeschool 9:30am and 12 pm (RR)
- 8 – North Alabama Woodworkers meeting – 6:30pm
- 9 – Homeschool 9:30am and 12 pm (RR)
- 11 – City Lights and Stars Concert – 7:30pm**
- 12 – Celtic Day (10am-3pm)**
- 13 – Huntsville Forge Meeting – 1:00pm
- 16 – Lunch & Experience @ The View – 12pm (RR)**
- 19 – Folk School Workshops (RR)**
- 21 – Guild Meeting – 9:30am
- 22 – Huntsville Traditional Music Association – 7pm
- 24 – 2 Chefs at The View Dinner (RR)**
- 28 – Memorial Day – OPEN – 9-5

June:

- 1 – Folk Art Fridays - 3:00pm - Quilling (RR)
- 1 – City Lights and Stars Concert – 7:30pm**
- 1-3 – Folk School Workshops (RR)**
- 8 – Folk Art Fridays – 3:00pm - Pinch Pot Face Jugs (RR)
- 10 – Huntsville Forge Meeting – 1:00pm
- 12 – North Alabama Woodworkers meeting – 6:30pm
- 15 – Folk Art Fridays - 3:00pm - Paper Plate Loom (RR)
- 16 – Super Saturday (10-4) – Letterboxing and Geocaching**
- 20 – Lunch & Experience @ The View – 12pm (RR)**
- 22 – Folk Art Fridays - 3:00pm -Basket Weaving (RR)
- 22 – City Lights and Stars Concert – 7:30pm**
- 25 – Guild Meeting – 9:30am
- 26 – Huntsville Traditional Music Association – 7pm
- 29 – Folk Art Fridays - 3:00pm - Tin Punch (RR)

For detailed event descriptions
and future event listings for
the Burritt Folk School
& The View...

Visit us online at
BurrittontheMountain.com



The 2018-2019 schedule
will be available online
June 1st. Registration
will begin in July.

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questions.