



The Florida Chautauqua Association Presents



A Journey into Science, Technology, Medicine, and Society

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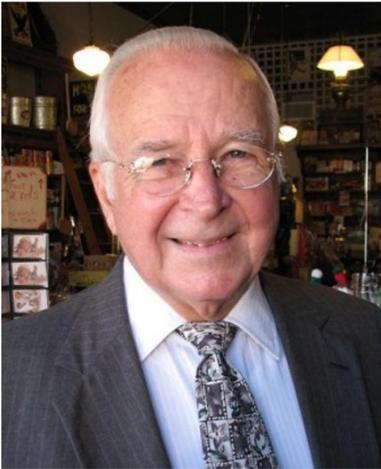
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Campus

- **Florida Chautauqua Lakeside Building:** Our headquarters will be the location of guest registration and ticket sales.
- **First United Methodist Church:** Breakout sessions on Friday afternoon and Saturday. The Saturday Carrico Bass Concert.
- **Lake Yard:** Living History exhibits and others, and will and demonstrations will fill the Historic Original Grounds of the Florida Chautauqua.
- **Community Center:** Location of performance teas, and our Friday Performance Dinner.
- **Walton High School:** Friday Keynote, and morning breakout sessions.
- **Walton County Heritage Museum:** Located in the old Depot, breakout sessions.
- **Octagon House:** Saturday Wine and Cheese Location
- **Ten 8 Fire Equipment:** Located at 1549 U.S. Highway 90 East. Just East of the Magnolia Cemetery.
- **Piney Grove Church:** Located at 1097 Piney Grove Church Road.





Dennis Ray
Chair

Welcome to the 2017 Florida Chautauqua Assembly, “A Journey into Science, Technology, Medicine, and Society.” This year’s journey showcases a variety of programs guaranteed to challenge and entertain us as we explore the traditional Four Pillars of the Chautauqua Movement: Religion, Education, Cultural Arts, and Health.

The Florida Chautauqua Association owes much gratitude to former President/Program Chairman Chris Mitchell, and Freida Thibodeau, past Secretary/Treasurer, for their hard work and dedication over the years. Chris and Freida left superb records and provided expert guidance that helped the current board and Pillar Chairs plan and execute the 2017 Assembly. The Assembly continues to depend upon our local network of supportive volunteers (staff, faculty, etc.). Without them there would be no Florida Chautauqua Assembly. Very special thanks go to our returning faculty who have supported us so generously in past assemblies. We are fortunate, too, to have Dean Debolt and wife Judy’s participation. Their knowledge of the Chautauqua Movement is invaluable as we seek to carry on the traditions of the Florida Chautauqua.

The bond between the Florida Chautauqua and Historic DeFuniak Springs goes back to the founding of the Florida Chautauqua Association in DeFuniak Springs (known as Lake DeFuniak) in 1884. We appreciate the loyal support of our city officials and we are proud to claim DeFuniak Springs as the home of our Florida Chautauqua Assembly. We encourage you to visit and support local businesses during your time with us. As you explore Historic DeFuniak you will be excited to see the energy and subsequent growth taking place in our little town. Visit our restaurants, shops and historic sites and enjoy the small town atmosphere as you experience what DeFuniak has to offer.

It is my honor to continue to serve as Chairman of the Board of the Florida Chautauqua Association. The board of directors is optimistic about the future as we consider new ideas that will stimulate awareness of the Florida Chautauqua. Tell your friends about us, and make plans to return for the 2018 Assembly. Enjoy your stay with us. We’re glad you’re here!.

Sincerely,
Dennis Ray, Chair

The Florida Chautauqua Association Board of Directors would again like to thank the DeFuniak Springs Rotary Club for serving as the Florida Chautauqua Assembly’s Volunteer Welcome Team.



The Florida Chautauqua Association’s Board of Directors:

Greg Cain, Program Chair
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The Carrico Bass

The Florida Chautauqua Association wants to extend a huge thank you to Mr. John Lohr for his many hours and dedication to restoring the Carrico String Bass.

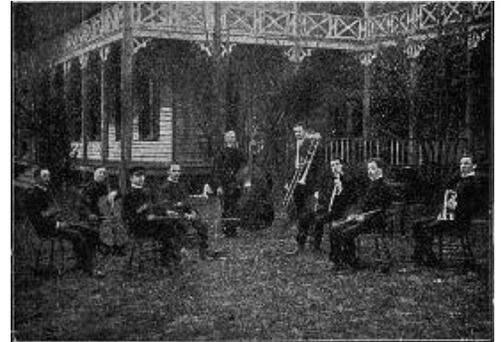
Donated by the family of W. L. Carrico, a music teacher and leader of the Carrico Orchestra. From 1904-1909 Mr. Carrico provided the Orchestra for the Florida Chautauqua Assembly. Mr. Carrico's Orchestra was the first to play inside the new Florida Chautauqua Auditorium in 1909, when the Hall of Brotherhood opened, which was constructed to replace the original Tabernacle that was built in 1885. We had the instrument inspected by a specialist who estimates it was built between the late 1880s and early 1890, most likely in France.



When we received the instrument, it was in sad shape with several cracks in the body, and the neck of the instrument was detached. During the 2016 Florida Chautauqua Assembly, our chairman Dennis Ray happened to mention to Mr. Lohr that we had the instrument and hoped to return it to playable condition. Mr. Lohr was intrigued and asked to see the instrument. After inspecting the instrument, Mr. Lohr advised us he could repair it and would take pleasure in doing so.

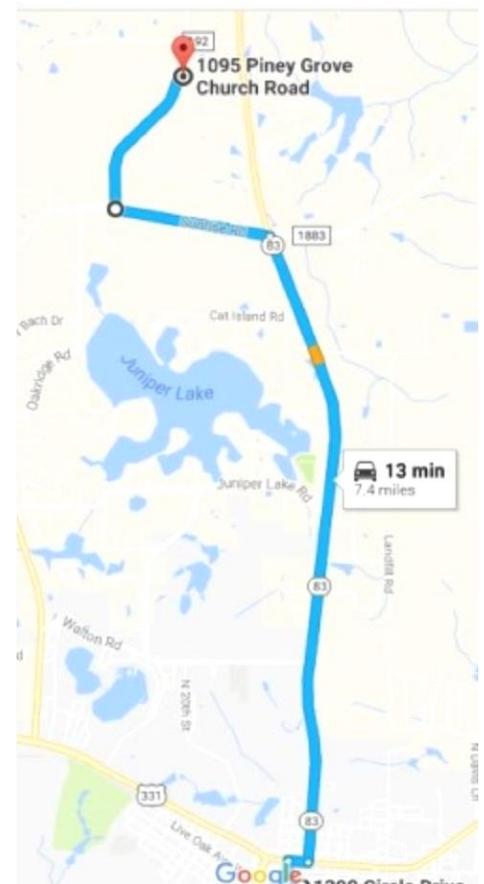
Mr. Lohr disassembled, inspected, and with his great talent, repaired and reassembled the instrument. When we visited with him to see the instrument, he shared with us all the intricate details of the work he had done. Mr. Lohr is a true craftsman, and his talent can be seen in the violins he constructs from

scratch today. It is with great pleasure we are able to showcase the Carrico Bass during the 2017 Florida Chautauqua Assembly. As it is displayed and played during the coming years, it will be with great pleasure of having had the instrument repaired by such a talented and knowledgeable individual. If you chance to meet Mr. Lohr during the assembly, please take time to speak to him, he is truly a candidate for the "Most Interesting Man in the World." Mr. Lohr has given voice back to the Carrico Bass, and it will once again entertain those who attend the Florida Chautauqua Assembly.



Excursion to Piney Grove Church - *Dennis Ray*

Piney Grove Church, established with the first church built in 1913, was one of the small community churches that served so many communities throughout early America. The churches served to not only fill the spiritual needs of the community, but often served as a refuge in times of disaster, a meeting place for conducting the business of the community, for gatherings, and even as courtrooms at times. The churches witnessed the happiest, and the saddest moments of a community. These small churches were often the only places people of a community would see each other on a regular basis to keep up with the news and happenings in the community. These small buildings played a huge role in early communities in America. On this excursion, you will be guided through the history and functions of these churches and hear Dennis' personal connection to Piney Grove Church.



Piney Grove Church was Dennis Ray's childhood church. A "Union" church, it served Baptist on Sunday a month, and Methodist another Sunday, with preaching by their respective ministers. Sunday School, attended by both congregations, was held every Sunday. Dennis says it was hard to tell the Baptists from the Methodist! However, the two denominations did maintain their respective identities with their conferences. The church today is unique in that it retains its original character. Little has been changed in its physical appearances both inside and out. Dennis is pleased to share memories and treasured artifacts from Piney Grove Church. The excursion will truly be a step back in time!

The church is located at 1097 Piney Grove Church Rd, Take Highway 83 N, turn left on Sunrise Road, then right on Piney Grove Church Road. The church will be on the left 1 mile down the road. Follow the Chautauqua signs at the intersections.

Featured Keynote Speaker – Wesley Boles RN

Wesley Boles, RN, BSN serves as the Director of Trauma Services at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center has been actively involved in every aspect of Emergency & Trauma Services over the span of his 28 year career. He is currently focused on transitioning his community hospital into a Level II Trauma Center; which is actively seeking verification through the American College of Surgeons.. Wes has had unique opportunities to partner with the Boeing Corp. over a span of 2 years to learn about process improvement, LEAN and Six Sigma concepts, and implementation into the healthcare system. He actively worked within the EMS system in Missouri. He became an RN/BSN in 1997 and moved into the hospital in the emergency department. Under his leadership, Fort Walton Beach Medical Center Emergency Department has been recognized by Trauma Intervention Programs Inc. in which they were a recipient of the prestigious 2014 “Hero with a Heart” Award and Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for “outstanding and invaluable service to the community.



”Wes was awarded with the 2016 Abstract Competition Performance Improvement Abstract Award by the American College of Surgeons, Committee on Trauma, Trauma Quality Improvement Program for his submission “Trauma Opportunity for Improvement System: An Enhancement to Process Improvement Through the Use of Technology” in which he created a system for rapid cycle process improvement which is rapidly becoming a best practice system in multiple trauma centers

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

12:00pm-4:30pm: REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN – *Florida Chautauqua Lakeside Building.*

3:00 – 6:00pm: The History of DeFuniak Springs in Pictures - *Florida Chautauqua Lakeside Building*

6:00pm – 8:00pm: “Welcome Party” *DeFuniak Springs Civic Center*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

7:30 am -4:30pm: REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN – *Florida Chautauqua Lakeside Building.*

8:00 – 5:00pm: Free Living History Exhibits on the shores of Lake DeFuniak, sponsored by the City of DeFuniak Springs

9:00am – 10:15am: KEYNOTE PRESENTATION – **The Evolutions of Trauma Centers - Wesley Boles RN.** - *Walton High School Auditorium*

The Evolution of Trauma Centers

The Trauma Centers, evoke visions of serious injuries, limbs amputated, people near death from major automobile accidents, shootings, stabbings, medical teams hovering over the gravely injured in large city hospitals. These images are often provoked from our exposure to the high energy television shows we see. In truth a Trauma Center is so much more. Many factors go into building a trauma center program and becoming certified. The practices of medical trauma care have evolved from the early days of “patch them up and hope” to a more systematic approach of patient care. This presentation will cover the evolution of trauma centers, the effects that trauma centers have on patient survival, what is required to become a trauma center, and the benefits of trauma centers in the community.

10:30am – 11:45: BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Thinking about a Career in Foreign Affairs – Gregory Garland. - *Walton High School Classroom A*

No career offers more variety, satisfaction, sense of service, and pure enjoyment than that of a U.S. Foreign Service Officer. Greg Garland, a 27-year veteran of the Foreign Service, will present a lively description of the kind of work he has done over the years, the people he has met, and the places he has seen. He will explain how to plan for a career in a foreign affairs agency—what to do, when to do it, and what not to do. If you are looking to serve your country, see the world, and do interesting, meaningful work, this may be the career for you.

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Story Mapping Historical Points of Interest in Walton County, Florida – Virginia Ryals. - *Walton High School Classroom C Hosted by the Walton County Heritage Association*

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NOON-1:30pm – Lunch Break (No lunch provided)

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm: SPECIAL EVENT. DeFuniak Springs Lake Yard (Free)

Tree Planting Ceremony - Join leaders of the Florida Chautauqua Association, the Florida Forest Service and the City of DeFuniak Springs in honoring the Honorable Wallace Bruce. Mr. Bruce was the longest sitting Florida Chautauqua President (1888-1889, 1893-1914), Former U.S. Consul General to Edinburgh, Scotland, author, lecturer, and beloved citizen of DeFuniak Springs. Everyone looked forward to his annual return to DeFuniak from Brooklyn, New York for the winter

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of the facility and show you the inner workings of a Fire Truck. He will show you just what it takes to make sure these vehicles are safe for those who ride them, and keep them ready to respond when you need them the most.

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Supernumerary Intelligence: A New Approach to Analytics for Management – Dr. Richard Larkin.-First United Methodist Church Classroom A

Much of our life is consumed looking for quantitative relationships. For example, How much more sleep do I need at night to make me feel better? How many calories do I need to eliminate to lose weight? How much larger does my budget on the job need to be for me to be more effective? All these quantitative questions are preceded, and depend on, qualitative questions. For example, before I decide how much extra sleep I need at night, I need to determine if extra sleep will actually make me feel better. In another example, I need to determine if a larger budget will make me more effective on the job, before I think about how much more money I will need. What elements influence job performance, and how do they interact? We spend much of our life trying to find answers to such quantitative and qualitative questions. We are, then, in search of a kind of intelligence that includes numbers but is also above and beyond them. We call it 'supernumerary' intelligence (Si). To aid our quest for Si, we use Quantitative CyberQuest (QcQ) and the Public Administration Genome Project (Pagp) as useful tools. QcQ is a philosophy as well as an analytic tool that helps in exploring the supernumerary. QcQ is particularly well suited for sorting out variables as well as their interrelations. It involves a combination of statistics, systems analysis, research methodology, qualitative research, and artificial intelligence. QcQ also provides a relatively easy to understand but still powerful set of tools and guidance mechanisms to pilot (the 'Cyber' part) users in their 'Quest' for supernumerary relationships.

From The Dixie to the Interstate: How Transportation Technology Built the Sunshine State – Thomas Cloud.-First United Methodist Church Classroom C

For centuries, Florida was accessible only by boat. While railroads opened up some of our state to human habitation and development, Florida’s astounding growth in the 20th Century is inconceivable without the

development of the automobile and its necessary companion, the paved highway. Without the auto and our state's highway system, Florida would still be largely a land of farms and elite coastal resorts. For better or worse, autos and highways made Florida accessible to the rest of America. This new technology has benefited, and at times harmed, Florida. Without it, much of Florida's farm produce would be forced to go by train or boat. Our modern tourist state would be unthinkable without our state's road system. At the same time, the very thing that attracts tourists, Florida's climate and ecology, have been decimated by the mass influx of cars and the paving over of our state, to say nothing of the impact of road building on Florida's politics. Tom will explain this history and how it has played out over the last century in Florida.

The Who, What, and Where of Walton County – Bruce Cosson. *Walton Heritage Museum*

Hosted by the Walton County Heritage Association

This presentation covers the early years of Walton County (1820s -1860s). This fun, and informative trip through Walton County's history will include stories and tales that are factual, fictional and folklore. People and places (some known and unknown) of the time, and stories told of hardships endured by the early settlers in the center of the Florida Panhandle. Bruce has long been a metal-detecting enthusiast and, through his love of the hobby, has been able to locate long-forgotten locations and relics from our past.

The American Chautauqua Movement – Dean Debolt. *First United Methodist Church Classroom B*

Join Dean to learn more about the American Chautauqua Movement, what it was, how it began, and how it grew. Also learn its role in bringing to the rural areas information and demonstrations of the latest technology, medicines and medical practices and science as part of the programs.

Performance Tea:

Isabella M. Alden and Pansy Cottage: Chautauqua Treasures - Alexa Anne Kempson. *-DeFuniak Springs Civic Center*

Sponsored by Walton County Heritage Association

Learn some of the little known facts about the first Florida Chautauqua and DeFuniak Springs as related by Isabella M. Alden or "Pansy" as she is better known. The authoress of over 100 books was well ahead of her time in many ways. A married woman leasing property in her own name! Discover the progressive nature of the Chautauqua program and its four pillars: Religion, Education, Arts and Recreation. Well with some exceptions those who leased or bought property under the Florida Chautauqua Association could not sell "spirituous and malt liquors" from their homes unless they were approved for medicinal purposes! Find out why DeFuniak Springs is laid out the way it is and why at one time thousands flocked to its isolated location.

7:00 pm

Evening Dinner Performance

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7:30 am – 4:30 pm: REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN – *Florida Chautauqua Lakeside Building*

8:00 – 5:00pm:

Free Living History Exhibits on the shores of Lake DeFuniak, sponsored by the City of DeFuniak Springs
Free tree give away sponsored by the Florida Forest Service behind the Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood.

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Small country churches were always the backbone of early communities in America. These small buildings served not only the spiritual needs of the communities, but as meeting places, courtrooms, public halls, and places of celebration. Join us as we take an excursion to visit one of these churches, learn it's history and the role it played in the community. Discover how communities used these small buildings to come together, in joy and sadness.

10:45am – Noon: BREAKOUT SESSIONS

How Technology Drives U.S. Foreign Relations- Gregory Garland.-First United Methodist Church Classroom A

Technology is power. Understand that, and you begin to understand a good part of America's relationship with the rest of the world. Technology has benefitted, and at times harmed, our country most clearly in warfare from our War for Independence to today's cyber-attacks. It also has played a more subtle role in changing the very nature of international relations. Where once diplomatic messages took months to cross the Atlantic, leaving ambassadors to make important decisions on their own, nowadays instant communications has rendered diplomats into messengers rather than decision-makers. Effective leadership to fight disease made the Panama Canal possible and stopped Ebola in its tracks. At the same time, technology has weakened state institutions, including borders, as easy travel and rapid messaging have opened up the world to more and more people. Greg will piece all this together into a fascinating look at how technology has made the world a very different place requiring different policy approaches.

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3:30pm – 4:45pm: BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Supernumerary Intelligence: A New Approach to Analytics for Management – Dr. Richard Larkin. -First United Methodist Church Classroom A

Much of our life is consumed looking for quantitative relationships. For example, How much more sleep do I need at night to make me feel better? How many calories do I need to eliminate to lose weight? How much larger does my budget on the job need to be for me to be more effective? All these quantitative questions are preceded, and depend on, qualitative questions. For example, before I decide how much extra sleep I need at night, I need to determine if extra sleep will actually make me feel better. In another example, I need to determine if a larger budget will make me more effective on the job, before I think about how much more money I will need. What elements influence job performance, and how do they interact? We spend much of our life trying to find answers to such quantitative and qualitative questions. We are, then, in search of a kind of intelligence that includes numbers but is also above and beyond them. We call it 'supernumerary' intelligence (Si). To aid our quest for Si, we use Quantitative CyberQuest (Qcq) and the Public Administration Genome Project (Pagp) as useful tools. QcQ is a philosophy as well as an analytic tool that helps in exploring the supernumerary. QcQ is particularly well suited for sorting out variables as well as their interrelations. It involves a combination of statistics, systems analysis, research methodology, qualitative research, and artificial intelligence. QcQ also provides a relatively easy to understand but still powerful set of tools and guidance mechanisms to pilot (the 'Cyber' part) users in their 'Quest' for supernumerary relationships.

From The Dixie to the Interstate: How Transportation Technology Built the Sunshine State – Thomas Cloud. -First United Methodist Church Classroom C

For centuries, Florida was accessible only by boat. While railroads opened up some of our state to human habitation and development, Florida's astounding growth in the 20th Century is inconceivable without the development of the automobile and its necessary companion, the paved highway. Without the auto and our state's highway system, Florida would still be largely a land of farms and elite coastal resorts. For better or worse, autos and highways made Florida accessible to the rest of America. This new technology has benefited, and at times harmed, Florida. Without it, much of Florida's farm produce would be forced to go by train or boat. Our modern tourist state would be unthinkable without our state's road system. At the same time, the very thing that attracts tourists, Florida's climate and ecology, have been decimated by the mass influx of cars and the paving over of our state, to say nothing of the impact of road building on Florida's politics. Tom will explain this history and how it has played out over the last century in Florida.

The Who, What, and Where of Walton County – Bruce Cosson. Walton Heritage Museum Hosted by the Walton County Heritage Association

This presentation covers the early years of Walton County (1820s -1860s). This fun, and informative trip through Walton County's history will include stories and tales that are factual, fictional and folklore. People and places (some known and unknown) of the time, and stories told of hardships endured by the early settlers in the center of the Florida Panhandle. Bruce has long been a metal-detecting enthusiast and, through his love of the hobby, has been able to locate long-forgotten locations and relics from our past.

The American Chautauqua Movement – Dean Debolt. First United Methodist Church Classroom B

Join Dean to learn more about the American Chautauqua Movement, what it was, how it began, and how it grew. Also learn its role in bringing to the rural areas information and demonstrations of the latest technology, medicines and medical practices and science as part of the programs.

Wine and Cheese Presentation:

Life in Octagon House. – Octagon House Circle Drive

Come visit with descendants of Wallace Bruce, and see how different early life was in our small town. Get a feel for everyday life in such a place during that time Hear how this Wallace Bruce, and his family came to our little city and decided to make it their winter home. Hear of Mr. Bruce's travels, his time in Scotland as U.S. Consul General, and learn the history of Octagon house from its beginnings, through all the families who have lived here through the years, many who were very important to the community and helped shape its future. .

7:00pm: Evening Musical Performance, (No Dinner Provided). *First Methodist Church Sponsored by the Little Big Store*

"The Carrico Bass is Back!" Hear the story of the Carrico Bass and its fascinating journey back to the Florida Chautauqua stage after 106 years! Meet Mr. John Lohr, string specialist and restorer par excellence, who recently fully restored the 19th century instrument for the Florida Chautauqua Museum. Be a part of history as bassist Steve Gilmore provides the opportunity to hear music played once again on Maestro Carrico's beloved bass. Bassist Gilmore and pianist Robert Van Deusen, both recognized and highly revered nationwide in their respective fields, present a program with something for everyone from classical to jazz and ragtime to pop. Truly a magical evening!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

10:30 – 12:00:

Florida Chautauqua Sunday Service. *Piney Grove Union Church*

Join us at the old Piney Grove Union Church for a step back in time to a Chautauqua church service at this quaint old country church. We will be led in the service by Rusty Bowman, who is excited and hoping you will all join us. We hope you will take this opportunity to fellowship with us and say your goodbyes at the end of the service.

12:00 – 5:00pm:

Free Living History Exhibits on the shores of Lake DeFuniak. Sponsored by the City of DeFuniak Springs

1:30 – 3:30pm: Open discussion of ideas for the future of the Florida Chautauqua. Florida Chautauqua Lakeside Building.

Come meet with the board of directors and volunteers of the Florida Chautauqua Association, let's discuss future topics and themes for our annual assemblies and ideas for making your experience here more enjoyable and educational.

DeFuniak Springs Visitors Center

1162 Circle Drive
(next to the Train Depot)

Stop by and learn about other historic events held in our community throughout the year, like our Christmas Tour of Homes (first Saturday in December) and Christmas Reflections (throughout December) where we display millions of lights around our beautiful lake.



Walton County Heritage Association Museum

Walton County Heritage Association

The Walton County Heritage Association operates the Walton County Heritage Museum, located in the Historic District of DeFuniak Springs in the old L&N Depot which once welcomed thousands to our little city.

The Walton County Heritage Association is the proud sponsor of the Performance Tea: Isabella M. Alden and Pansy Cottage: Chautauqua Treasures - Alexa Anne Kempson

Also the proud sponsor of the following session:

Story Mapping Historical Points of Interest in Walton County, Florida – Virginia Ryals

Teeth, Tuberculosis, Tombstone and Tara – Dr. Richard Thomas DDS

The Who, What, and Where of Walton County – Bruce Cosson

Museum hours Tuesday - Saturday 1-4 PM, be sure to visit while in DeFuniak Springs and learn more about Walton County's rich history.

Faculty

BOLING II, Norman C. “Moni”: Moni Boling II, a graduate of FSU, holds a Master's degree in History from UWF. His special training for the Master's degree was directed to a study of the Lewis and Clark expedition to the Pacific Ocean. Moni is a veteran with the Florida Chautauqua, having participated in the past. He is a retired 21+ year Army Veteran at the rank of Major and holds the Bronze Star. He lives in Pace, Florida.



BOWMAN, Rusty: Rusty Bowman is a great-granddaughter of Wallace Bruce, the longest-serving president of the original Florida Chautauqua Assembly. Her father read his grandfather's poem, *Inasmuch*, to her every Christmas Eve. Upon her father's death, Rusty memorized the poem, which she uses as a dramatic reading. She reared three foster children and six step children, is a survivor of breast cancer, and lives with husband Bob in Pomona Park, FL. Rusty had operatic training for 18 years, writes poetry and has put some of her lyrics to music. She is active in her church where she served as Choir Director for several years. She has been song leader for women's retreats and is a Certified Lay Speaker for the United Methodist Church.



BURNS, Doug: Doug started his career in the Fire Truck Industry working for the USAF over 30 years ago. He currently serves as manager of the Ten -8 service facility in DeFuniak Springs. He uses his extensive knowledge of these vehicles to help keep them on the road serving the public. He has worked for Ten-8 Fire Equipment for 20 years. Ten-8 has been serving the industry for 30 years. Doug enjoys working with the First Responders who rely on his services.



CARNES, Todi JD: Todi Carnes earned her B.A. (political science and anthropology) at Florida State University and her J.D. (law) at the University of Florida. She served as an attorney with the Air Force for 26 years, having recently retired in May 2016. She resides in the northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C. She has been a frequent presenter at the Florida Chautauqua Assembly.



CLOUD, Thomas, Esq: Thomas A. Cloud is a shareholder in the law firm of Gray Robinson and is the head of the firm's Public Law Department. He has extensive state and local government experience in municipal, public infrastructure, energy, water, environmental, land use, and all aspects of utilities law. Thomas has represented utilities, individuals, and local governments. He is City Attorney for Haines City, Fort Meade, and Polk City. For almost 30 years, Thomas has been a frequent author and lecturer in Florida on a variety of municipal, land use, and legal topics.



DEBOLT, Dean: Dean DeBolt is University Librarian for Special Collections at the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Florida where he has been on the faculty since 1981. He has lectured widely on the American Chautauqua Movement and the history of the Florida Chautauqua including presentations at the New York Chautauqua and the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly. He is a frequent speaker on topics of West Florida history and genealogical research.



DEBOLT, Judy: Judy Debolt is retired from the University of West Florida. She was born in Springfield, Illinois and lived there until 1981 when she moved to Pensacola, Florida with husband Dean and daughter Jennifer. She has been giving presentations on "Gone with the Wind" and the Titanic since 1999 and has made numerous presentations on these topics to historical groups in Pensacola, Florida. She has appeared at the Monteagle Chautauqua in Tennessee, senior groups, the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury, New Jersey, as well as previous Chautauqua assemblies in DeFuniak Springs, Florida.



DEUSEN, Robert Van: Bobby Van Deusen, jazz and ragtime specialist, began his musical study in his native Philadelphia at age 7. Classically trained, he graduated with honors from Whetstone School of Music in Columbus, Ohio and did further studies at the renowned Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and Eastman School of Music in Rochester NY. Van Deusen was a fixture of New Orleans for many years where he performed with such musical legends as Pete Fountain, Al Hirt, and the Dukes of Dixieland. He honed his impressive ragtime style performing aboard the Delta Queen Riverboat for 5 years. Folks locally will remember him as the featured entertainer at the Hilton Sandestin for 5 years. Van Deusen now makes his home in Pensacola. In demand across the country, he continues to tour with frequent appearances at jazz festivals, ragtime events, etc.



FAUBEL, Jan: A native of the Finger Lakes region of New York, has lived in DeFuniak Springs with her husband, Jack, since 2002. A life-long artist and an Art Educator for over 25 years, Jan earned a BA in Art Education, as well as MA's in both Humanities/Art History and English from UWF. Specializing in 19th century topics, ranging from the Pre-Raphaelites to Sarah Baker Milton to Willa Cather, Jan has presented numerous art history, Panhandle history, and



literary lectures at local, regional, and international conferences, plus addressing the AAUW and DKG. From 2002-2005 Jan taught Art History for the University of West Florida. She is currently working at the North West Florida State College Chautauqua Center in DeFuniak Springs and is the Campus Director and taught both Art History and English.

GARLAND, Gregory: Gregory L. Garland is a career Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State. His more recent assignments include the Office of the Secretary of Defense; Research Fellow, the National Defense Intelligence College; and Media and Outreach Coordinator in State's Bureau of African Affairs. He has also served in Mozambique, Angola, Guinea, Mexico, Poland, and on the staffs of the former Board for International Broadcasting and the Jacksonville, Florida International Relations and Marketing Commission. Greg has spoken and written widely on U.S.-African relations and public diplomacy, including a book manuscript tentatively titled, *Why They Like Us*. Originally from Lakeland, Florida, he holds a B.A. from Duke University, an M.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a J.D. from California Western School of Law.



GILMORE, Steve: "I want to learn to play that big thing!" were the inspired words of a young sixth-grader named Steve Gilmore as he watched the Lawrence Welk Orchestra on television with his mother "way back when." This was the beginning of Gilmore's life-long love of music that has served him very well for over fifty-five years. Known primarily as a jazz musician, he plays all music genres equally well from bluegrass to pop to classical. With three Grammy awards, performances on 150 jazz albums, two books featuring transcriptions of his legendary bass lines, and educational videos under his belt, Gilmore has earned the title "Legendary Giant of Jazz Bass." Over the years, he has performed with musical greats as Tony Bennett, Rosemary Clooney, the National Jazz Ensemble, and the Phil Woods Quartet. Gilmore has also served as clinician at prestigious schools known for their outstanding music programs, including North Texas State, Philadelphia School of the Arts, and Berklee College of Music in Boston. He now makes his home in Panama City, Florida where he is a member of the Panama City Pops Symphony Orchestra and is heavily involved in Gulf Coast, Pensacola, and Panama City jazz societies. Steve humorously states "For a bass player, timing is verything...." Fortunately for the Florida Chautauqua Association, timing is right for Steve to be our featured performer on the restored Carrico Bass as it makes its appearance on an Assembly program some one hundred-plus years after it was last played in DeFuniak Springs.



KEMPSON, Alexa Anne: Alexa moved to DeFuniak Springs from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia where she raised five children in a 185 year old farmhouse. Since her youth she has loved three things: history, the arts and gardening. As a child she wrote humorous articles for her friends and in high school hand-wrote a comic book series to amuse her classmates. Although at Duke University, Duke Divinity School and the University Of Iowa Graduate

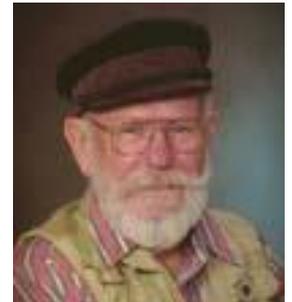


School Of Religion her writing took a more academic turn, she never lost her love for fiction. Carrying on the tradition of Isabella M. Alden (Pansy), in whose house she resides, Alexa has published two novels and a book of short stories. She began acting in middle school and most recently was involved with little theater in Harrisonburg, Virginia. On an informal level, Alexa is a great acting success with her seven grandchildren!

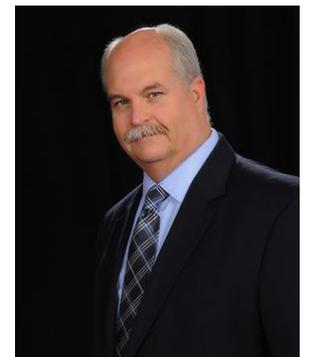
LARKIN, Richard PhD: Dr. Richard Larkin is a faculty member in and former director of the PhD program in Public Policy and Administration at Walden University. Prior to his employment at Walden, Dr. Larkin held faculty and administrative positions at the University of West Georgia, Auburn University, the University of Southern Mississippi, the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, and Concord College. Dr. Larkin was a founder member of PRISM Associates, a planning and management consulting firm.. Dr. Larkin has authored or co-authored numerous consulting reports and academic articles. His most recent work is the book, *Supernumerary Intelligence: A New Approach to Analytics for Management*, with Drs. John Dickey, Ian Birdsall, and Kwang Sik Kim. He has delivered over 80 presentations and workshops and given testimony on rural development before the U.S. House of Representatives.



LOHR, John: John Lohr is a violin restorer and violin craftsman. He has earned the titles of decorated soldier, sailor, aviator, explorer, engineer, chemist, radio operator, professional hunter. World War II veteran, he served with the Army Air Corps 379th Bomber Squadron as a radio operator/gunner. From bombers over Germany to ships to the Antarctic, John says he "has done it all." Last year John took on the task of restoring the original upright bass owned by W. L. Carrico, which was played here during the original assemblies. Mr. Lohr used his skills to bring the instrument back to life, and make it possible for the instrument to once again play its beautiful music for those attending the Florida Chautauqua.



MCATEE, Rob: Rob McAtee has nearly 30 years of service in public safety. He is an Illinois certified fire fighter and retired police officer. He also served in the IL-ANG and USAF in fire protection. Rob sold fire apparatus part time for 17 years before going full time in 2011 for a Pierce dealership in the Midwest. Rob came to Ten-8 Fire Equipment, the Pierce dealership in Florida and Georgia in July 2016. For those who know Rob, he has a true passion for his job, and enjoys working with Departments to build the trucks they need. He resides in Panama City Beach.



OLIVER, John Kenneth: John Kenneth Oliver is the husband of Madeleine Bruce Sellers, great-granddaughter of Wallace Bruce, the longest serving president of the original Florida Chautauqua Assembly and U.S. Consul to Edinburgh, Scotland. John is the son of John Tennis Oliver and Jewel Scarbrough and was born in Dalton, GA. He obtained his Bachelors of Science degree in Elementary Education from Millsaps College in Jackson,

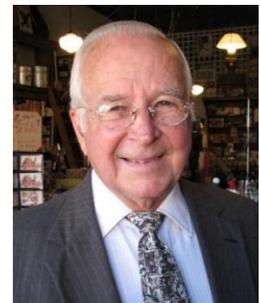


MS. John is the owner and operator of Oliver Repair & Maintenance. He has been married to his wife, Madeleine, for 44 years. They enjoy spending time with their daughter, 3 granddaughters and other family members. He enjoys reading and fishing in his spare time.

OLIVER, Madeleine Bruce: Madeleine Bruce Oliver is a great-granddaughter of Wallace Bruce, the longest serving president of the original Florida Chautauqua Assembly and U.S. Consul to Edinburgh, Scotland. She is the granddaughter of Malcolm and Olive Rogers Bruce (daughter of Robert and Sophia Fisher Rogers of DeFuniak Springs), and the daughter of William and Margaret Bruce Sellers. Madeleine was born in Tampa, FL and relocated to Jackson, MS at the age of 5. She earned Bachelor of Science degrees in both Biology and Secondary Education from Millsaps College in Jackson, MS. Madeleine retired after 25 years of service from Allstate Insurance Company and then went on to teach for the next 10 years. Madeleine has been married to her husband, John Kenneth Oliver, for 44 years. They enjoy spending time with their daughter, 4 granddaughters, and other family members. Madeleine enjoys reading, sewing, and camping. She looks forward to traveling during her retirement years.



RAY, Dennis PhD.: Dr. Dennis Ray is Chair of the Florida Chautauqua Association. He is a retired professor of management from Mississippi State University where he served as Head of the Management Department. His teaching career also included the University of Florida and the University of Alabama. Dennis attended public schools in DeFuniak Springs from the first grade through the twelfth. He received his BSBA, MBA and Ph.D. in economics and industrial management from the University of Florida and honorably served four years in the US Navy.



RYALS, Virginia M.: Virginia M. Ryals is former intern at the Walton County GIS department. Virginia has a love of history and preserving the past of her home. Virginia is the daughter of Rodney Ryals, and Katie Robinson, and member of the Lower Muscogee Creek Tribe – Tama Tribal Town. A 1998 Graduate of Walton High School, in 1999 she received her AA in General Education at Okaloosa Walton, and in 2003 her BA in Elementary Education. She is currently attending Columbus State University in Columbus, Georgia to obtain a Master’s degree in History emphasizing Race and Ethnicity with a certification in GIS (Geographic Information Systems).



TEASLEY, Larry: Dr. Larry Teasley, an Elder (1989) in the Alabama West Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, has served its churches since 1987, and has served as pastor of First UMC in DeFuniak Springs, Florida since July 2011. He is a native of Milton, Florida and a graduate of Milton High School and the University of West Florida in Pensacola where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Master of Arts in History. He received his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. He has taught courses in History at Pensacola State College and courses in Bible and theology at Marion Military Institute.



THOMAS, Richard D.D.S: Dr. Richard Thomas, D.D.S. is married to Hally Thomas R.D.H. He has 4 children (Monyca Nielson, Tarek Thomas, Nathan Cobb, and Jacob Cobb) and 6 grandchildren (Preston, Jacob, Blaise, Dallin, Keely, and Liam) Dr. Thomas is a graduate of the Creighton University School of Dentistry, Past President of the Crestview Kiwanis Club, Crestview Chamber of Commerce, and the Okaloosa-Walton Dental Society. He has practiced dentistry in Crestview Florida for 40 years. In 2016 Dr. Thomas was invited to be the Honorary Marshall of Dodge City, Kansas. He is an avid collector of antique dental equipment, including Dr. John Henry Holliday’s appointment book and dental chair. Dr. Thomas has hosted the John Henry (Doc) Holliday Birthday Party for the past several years on August 14th. He has had several prominent authors and Holliday family members attend.



Art Pillar Program



Welcome to the 2017 Florida Chautauqua Assembly and to our expanding art program! This year’s Chautauqua includes a special addition to the traditional schedule of educational sessions and keynote presentations that includes art lessons and exhibits specially designed for artists.

Due to the costs associated with materials for these additional classes and the extended time needed for certain lessons, the following schedule does not fit the template of the regular sessions of the Assembly. Many of the classes and events below require special fees.

We hope you enjoy our art program this year along with the many wonderful and creative art exhibits we have on display.

Sincerely,

Jon Kinsey
Florida Chautauqua Director of Art



2017 Art Pillar Program

Wednesday, January 25th

8:00 a.m.

Registration for Artist

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Plein Air Paint Out, \$25.00

8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Art Gallery Open Daily, Free Admission. Art is for sale.

Thursday, January 26th

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration for Artist**
8:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. **½ Day Pre-Plein Air Workshop**, *Understanding and Gaining Control of Your Colors*, \$35.00 by **Theresa Grillo Laird**, Guest Plein Air Clinician and Featured Artist.
- 8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Plein Air Paint Out**, \$25.00.
8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Art Gallery Open Daily**, Free Admission. Art is for sale.
1:00 p.m. – 3 p.m. **Painting for the New Adult Artist, part 1**. DeFuniak Springs Art Co-op. ~\$50.00 Instructors TBA
5:00 p.m. **Artist Social**, DeFuniak Springs Art Co-op. Free.

Friday, January 27th

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration for Artist**
8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. **2-Day Plein Air Workshop** – for less experienced to the more advanced artist. \$150.00 by **Theresa Grillo Laird**, Guest Plein Air Clinician and Featured Artist The fee is for instruction for both days.
8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Plein Air Paint Out**, \$25.00.
8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Art Gallery Open Daily**, Free Admission. Art is for sale.
1:00 p.m. – 3 p.m. **Painting for the New Adult Artist, part 2**. DeFuniak Springs Art Co-op. ~\$50.00 Instructors TBA
5:00 p.m. **Artist Social**, DeFuniak Springs Art Co-op. Free.

Saturday, January 28th

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration for Artist**
8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. **2-Day Plein Air Workshop** – Continuation from Friday. by **Theresa Grillo Laird**, Guest Plein Air Clinician and Featured Artist
8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Plein Air Paint Out**, \$25.00.
8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Art Gallery Open Daily**, Free Admission. Art is for sale.
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon **Children Artist Paint Along**, DeFuniak Springs Art Coop, Free. Instructor, **Jan Faubel**, *Professional Artist in Residence*
1:00 p.m. – 4 p.m. **Painting for the New Adult Artist**. DeFuniak Springs Art Co-op. ~\$50.00 Instructors TBA
5:00 p.m. **Artist Social**, DeFuniak Springs Art Co-op. Free.

Sunday, January 29th

- 8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Plein Air Paint Out**, \$25.00.
8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Art Gallery Open Daily**, Free Admission. Art is for sale.

2017 Florida Chautauqua Art Pillar Featured Artist



Theresa Grillo Laird, Professional Artist
Plein Air Clinician and Featured Artist

About Theresa

Theresa grew up in New Jersey near the Palisades of the Hudson River. She started painting as a young child and her art has always been the focus of her life. After living in Canada for twelve years, she moved to the Florida Panhandle, where she paints outdoors and in her studio in Gulf Breeze.

Through her generous use of color and bold brush strokes, Theresa creates oil paintings that represent the intimate and emotional bond she has with her natural surroundings. Theresa was honored to have her painting *Gulf Islands National Seashore*, selected to become part of the Permanent Art Collection of the Federal Reserve Board Bank in New Orleans. She has been juried into Oil Painters of America and exhibited in their Salon Show of Traditional Oils.

In addition to her plein air and studio work, Theresa teaches painting from her Gulf Breeze studio and is an adjunct instructor at Pensacola State College teaching plein air painting, floral still life and color workshops.

About Her Workshops

Half-day Workshop: Understanding and mixing the colors of a limited palette for outdoor painting. \$35.00

An optional pre-workshop half day will give participants an understanding of color temperature and mixing colors of a limited palette for outdoor painting.

Supplies needed for half-workshop: In addition to the supplies from the two day workshop, a palette knife, 9x12 canvas pad or several panels, pencil and ruler, paper towels and garbage bags.



Two day Plein Air Painting Workshop, January 27th and 28th \$150, (20% supports Chautauqua Assembly).

Plein Air painting is painting on site outdoors. This plein air workshop will provide beginning painters with the basics of painting en plein air and more experienced painters with instruction tailored to their level and needs.

Theresa will provide instruction and demonstration in the morning, while participants practice ideas of design and value with simple thumbnail sketches. In the afternoon, participants will paint the scene of their choosing outdoors as Theresa provides continued instruction and individual attention to each artist. Concepts covered will include color choices, value, purposeful design and simplification of scene.

Suggested supplies: warm and cool version of the primary colors: Ultramarine blue, Phthalo *or* Prussian blue, cadmium red medium, alizarine crimson *or* quinacridone violet (Windsor and Newton Permanent Magenta PV #19), Cadmium Lemon yellow, Cadmium yellow medium (no “hues”!), transparent red oxide. Sketch book and pencil, portable easle, easel umbrella if you have one, 2 containers for thinner- these can be medium sized jars- odorless mineral spirits (not the tiny bottle), several long handles bristle brushes- (flats or filberts) in small and medium sizes, a palette knife, 2 or 3 canvas panels or stretched canvasses 11x14 or 12x16, paper towels, a couple of bags for garbage, hat, sunscreen.

Website: <https://theresagrillolaird.com>

2017 Sponsor of the Florida Chautauqua Art Program Children's Art Clinic,



Mission Statement

The Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center is a not-for-profit agency that, along with our partner agencies, provides services in Okaloosa and Walton Counties which:

- prevent child abuse
- reduce the trauma of sexual and physical abuse
- protect and treat child abuse victims and their families while holding offenders accountable
- restore the lives and futures of abused, neglected, and drug-endangered children and their families.

Guiding Principles

In fulfilling our mission the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center embraces these guiding principles:

- To bring together and facilitate the work of professionals from our partner agencies: the State Attorney's Office, the Child Protection Team, the Florida Department of Children and Families and area law enforcement agencies under one roof in a child-friendly environment
- To provide intervention and therapeutic treatment services at no charge to child victims of abuse and their families
- To offer child abuse prevention education and training in Okaloosa and Walton Counties
- To connect children and families traumatized by abuse with needed community resources

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“Empowering Youth through Arts and Culture”

All Kinds of Art is the educational outreach programming component of the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation, Northwest Florida’s premier cultural arts organization, in Destin, Florida.

All Kinds of Art is proud to sponsor the following during the 2017 Florida Chautauqua Assembly. Please come out and enjoy, and make sure to support the MKAF to be able to continue to bring these programs to our community.

“The Complete History of America, (abridged)”(The REP Theatre)



“Awkward Oxen Improv”(The REP Theatre)



Through All Kinds of Art, MKAF facilitates meaningful cultural experiences in K-12 schools and community organizations in Walton and Okaloosa Counties. Outreach initiatives include a variety of performing and visual arts programs, including: live theatre productions and workshops, music assemblies and workshops, arts mentoring programs, visual and performing arts summer camps, traveling art exhibits, and youth and family programs for public audiences.

Learn more at www.mattiekellyartsfoundation.org

Become a “Friend of AKA” today to support future cultural programs by contacting Marcia Hull with the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation at (850) 650-2226 or Marcia@mattiekellyartsfoundation.org.

Exhibits

Open: *Friday, January 27: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm*
Saturday, January 28: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday, January 29: Noon - 4:00 pm

Camp Conservation: *Lake DeFuniak behind the Hall of Brotherhood.* Join us at Camp Conservation, which will be located near the Florida Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood. You will find many topics on conservation, including displays by the Florida Forest Service, Florida Extension Office, Florida Wildlife Commission, and others. Enjoy a nice walk along the conservation trail to see the exhibits.



Tin Can Tourists Vintage Campers: *Lake Yard.* Tim Heintz, Historian of the Tin Can Tourists, can easily be found at his site displaying the biggest and oldest of the campers. He invites attendees to view these lovingly refurbished 1940-60s era trailers and learn about the lifestyle of the campers who originated this club in 1919. Mr. Heintz will explain the everyday life of these “on the road” campers who visited Florida and recorded in their journals what life “on the road” entailed in those bygone days. At least 15-20 camping trailers will be showcased. The group’s website provides a rich display of more details: www.tincantourists.com.



Civil War Camp: *Lake Yard.* Visit the men and women of The Walton Guard who will welcome you to their camp and show you their life on the battlefield during the Civil War. Take time to visit each station, and learn about the technology used during the period. Hear the stories of those who came before us and get the feel of this turbulent period of American history.

Schedule for the weekend

January 28, Saturday	January 28, Saturday
9 Colors	9 Colors
10-10:45 Drill	10-10:45 Drill
1130-1230 Lunch	1130-1230 Lunch
130 Skirmish	130 Skirmish
Meeting 5	Meeting 5



Chautauqua Porcelain Show: *Hall of Brotherhood.* Artists will have a variety of pieces for sale. Hand painted pieces include tea pots, vases, spoon rests, plates and cups. International award winner Mary Vinson of DeFuniak Springs was the organization’s teacher for many years. Chautauqua Porcelain Artists has welcomed guest artists from all over the United States who came and had a significant influence on local artists. Members have learned many secrets of china painting from Mary Vinson and guest artists.



Florida Frontiersmen Settlement Camp: *Lake Yard.* Visit a camp resembling the living conditions of an early Florida pioneer family. The outdoor exhibit is orchestrated by the Chilcutt family through their participation in the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship (FCF). FCF is a men to boys mentoring ministry of Royal Rangers and the Assemblies of God. The encampment is hands-on and in-use of the food, tools, weapons, crafts, and living conditions of Florida settlers from the late 1500s to the early 1900s. The encampment also has a section on the Florida Cracker Pioneers who helped settle this area.



Native American Camp: *Lake Yard.* Learn about a part of northwest Florida's local heritage by visiting Jeremy Bryan at his encampment. Learn about the native culture in our area, and how they traveled, traded and lived.



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Walton County Art League Art Show: *Hall of Brotherhood.*

A presentation of the works of approximately 50 artists. Enjoy and purchase paintings in various mediums, including handmade pottery, relief sculptures and tiles.



Boy Scouts of America: *Lake yard*

Come visit with the Boy Scouts of America, and learn more about Scouting. See the boys demonstrate their skills and learn more about the history and legacy of scouting. The boys will be sharpening their skills through the weekend, and enjoying camping out on the shores of Lake DeFuniak with our other living history exhibits.





“Empowering All through Arts and Culture”

All Kinds of Art is the educational outreach programming component of the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation (MKAF), Northwest Florida’s premier cultural arts organization, in Destin, Florida.

MKAF is proud to present the following **FREE** youth and family programs for the 2017 Florida Chautauqua Assembly in DeFuniak Springs:

Saturday, January 28th



**“The Complete History of America, (abridged)”
(The REP Theatre)**

10:15-10:45 (*First United Methodist Church front door sidewalk, 88 Circle Drive*), &
12:30-1:00 (*Florida Chautauqua Headquarters front door sidewalk, 1290 Circle Drive*)

The brilliant (and deranged) minds that reduced all of 38 of Shakespeare’s plays into one madcap evening of theater do it again, this time reducing centuries of American history! In *The Complete History of America (abridged)* watch as two actors, who may or may not have passed their high school History class, take you on a whirlwind historical tour sending up many of our nation’s greatest hits and misses.

Saturday, January 28th (Continued)



“Awkward Oxen Improv” (The REP Theatre)

1:00–1:30 *(Florida Chautauqua Headquarters front door sidewalk, 1290 Circle Drive)*

Tickle your funny bone with an exclusive improv comedy workshop with actors from the REP Theatre of Seaside. Join The REP’s improv troupe, The Awkward Oxen, as they play improv games, and make up scenes and songs on the spot based on audience suggestions. It’s all about having fun and learning to think on your feet. All ages and experience levels are welcome, and parents can join too!

(free for all ages, no registration required)



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Volunteers

DeFuniak Springs Rotary Club - *Your Official Host*

The DeFuniak Springs Rotary Club is our official volunteer host of the 2017 Florida Chautauqua Assembly. The Florida Chautauqua Center is grateful for their ongoing support of our annual program. You will see Rotarians taking tickets at doors and hosting various events throughout the Assembly.



One of the major goals of Rotary Club International is to promote goodwill throughout the world, and it is fitting that Rotary is a part of Florida Chautauqua Assembly in DeFuniak Springs.



Special thanks to:

Walton County School District

Once again we have partnered with the Walton County School District, we want to congratulate Russell Hughes on his election to Superintendent of the Walton County School District. Our partnership with Walton School District brings many facets of possibilities of unique educational experiences our students could get no other way. We are proud to be a part of their educational experience and thank the School District for its continued support and allowing their kids to be our kids too.

Walton County Sheriff's Department

Without the help of the Walton County Sheriff's Department and their inmate labor program, each year the inmate work crews help us prepare some of the areas of our assembly. We thank Sheriff Michael A. Adkinson for his support in this special way, as well as the men and women of the Walton County Corrections Department, and all the trustees who worked so hard to make our event look so eloquent.

Individuals

Every year we have individuals who step forward in our community to volunteer during our annual assembly. These volunteers are what make the Florida Chautauqua the success it is today. There is no way we could continue to operate without their support and their pride of community to want to show our visitors just how special our little town really is. They are the biggest part of our Chautauqua Family and we thank them from the bottom of our heart.

Our Volunteer Board of Directors

Our board is an active volunteer board where each member oversees a functional area of our office operations and program. Dennis Ray is our chair and has provided countless hours of management guidance, has provided us a new office, not to mention good old fashioned physical labor. Greg Cain is the program chair of the entire event, overseeing every aspect of the event. Joe Brown has assisted with maintaining our financial records as treasurer, and Susan Mason has kept our minutes serving as our secretary. Mike Hill continues to offer his guidance and support. Denise Mack oversees our school interactions and communicates with Walton School District officials on setting up the exhibits and helping to coordinate field trips on our behalf. We also have Dan Owens, who is invaluable in his role during the assembly being our point person at check-in. Jim Moore, who some of you may remember in his roles with Chautauqua in the previous years, now serves on our board. His advice and input is always welcome and on point for the situation. Robert Daniel, who continues to uncover our forgotten history.

Brenda Ray

Once again we find ourselves indebted to Brenda Ray, who continues to review our publications each year. She tirelessly proofs each printed registration and program. For 9 years now she has taken this task and we could not provide the quality of printed communication without her help. Thank you Brenda, for your hard work.

About Us

Florida Chautauqua Association.

The Florida Chautauqua Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational program established in 1993 by DeFuniak Springs resident Diane Pickett for the sole purpose of reviving the historic Florida Chautauqua Assembly which began in the 1880s and lasted until the late 1920s. Our organization is governed by a board of directors, and our only focus is to orchestrate the official Florida Chautauqua Assembly held the last weekend of January.

Our organization is not religiously affiliated nor politically aligned. Our recent discussions with influential and notable speakers have included Karl Rove (former Deputy Chief of Staff to President George W. Bush), Naomi Tutu, Jena Hagar Bush, Former First Lady Rosalyn Carter.

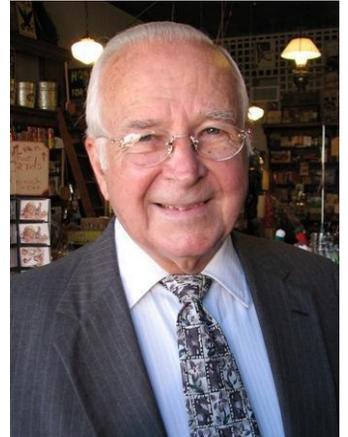
Our organization is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, and the Program Chair of the organization is the event coordinator of the Assembly.

Our Goals

- To empower guests/attendees with information relevant to our times through classroom discussions, museum exhibits, and out-of-classroom activities relating to art, education, recreation, and religion—all pertinent to the annual theme of the Assembly.
- To provide program content that is cross-cultural, ethnically diverse, and historically significant.
- To promote a public forum for informed discussion and debate.
- To provide high profile presenters.
- To welcome visitors to quality museum exhibits and enhance their learning journey.
- To include Walton County students as “Chautauqua presenters” by tasking them with the creation of a museum exhibit relating to the annual theme.

Board of Directors

Dennis Ray, Ph.D.: Dr. Dennis Ray is Chair of the Florida Chautauqua Association. He is a retired professor of management from Mississippi State University where he served as Head of the Management Department. His teaching career also included the University of Florida and the University of Alabama. Dennis attended public schools in DeFuniak Springs from the first grade through the twelfth. He received his BSBA, MBA and Ph.D. in economics and industrial management from the University of Florida and honorably served four years in the US Navy. His practical experience includes extensive consulting work with several major American companies and the US Federal Government. In recognition of his contribution to management theory and the management discipline, Dennis was voted a Fellow by the prestigious Fellows group of the Academy of Management. He is the founding editor of the internationally recognized Journal of Management. Since retiring and moving back to his hometown, Dennis has been active in numerous community service organizations, city government, preservation efforts, and local businesses.



Greg Cain, Program Chair: Greg Cain is The Fire/EMS and The Emergency management Coordinator for Fort Walton Beach Medical Center. Greg is also an International Speaker who has been working in Fire and Emergency Services for over 30 years. Greg has held multiple leadership positions over the course of his career. He is also a certified Leadership Coach by The John Maxwell Leadership Team. Greg is the President and CEO of Greg Cain International, a leadership training group.



Joe Brown, Treasurer: Joe Brown has been Finance Director of City of DeFuniak Springs since August 2015. For over 20 years he worked in government finance, investments, and auditing in Alabama and Tennessee. He has worked in banking, corporate, and finance, and financial consulting for approximately 20 years. Joe grew up in Panama City, FL and was eager to return to Northwest Florida to be near his granddaughter in Pensacola.



Susan Mason, Secretary: Susan Mason has had a lifelong love affair with education. Shortly after the birth of her fourth child, she turned her passion into a family adventure, hoping to inspire her children, and also push the limits of possibility. Setting the pace, Ms. Mason started a private school designed to meet the needs of her growing family. Her school was selected later to participate in a pilot program that tested the feasibility of virtual learning, and has since been adopted in the Department of Education as FLVS. As her children progressed academically, Ms. Mason transitioned into one of the most prestigious high schools in the nation in the field of Cyber Security. Under the guidance of some of the world's leading experts in the field of technology, Ms. Mason had the opportunity to further her learning as well as to obtain various industry certifications: Elementary (K-6), Florida Choice Instructor (9-12), Cisco CCENT, Microsoft Network +, Security +, PC Repair A+, MTA Network Fundamentals, Security Fundamentals, Windows Operating System Fundamentals, Microsoft Office Specialist Word 2010, and others. Ms. Mason also had the privilege of leading her students in the Cyber Patriot competition hosted by the Air Force Association for National High School Cyber Defense. Ms. Mason continues to feed her passion for education by supporting the efforts of the Florida Chautauqua Association.



Robert Daniel: Robert Daniel serves as Historian of Florida Chautauqua Association. He is a lifelong resident of DeFuniak Springs, Florida and a Battalion Chief for Walton County Fire Rescue. He attended Gulf Coast Community College for EMT, Paramedic, and firefighter certification, and he attended classes at the Florida State Fire College. Robert holds certifications as a Fire Officer 1, Fire Instructor 1, and Live Fire Instructor 1. He is an avid Mustang and old Ford enthusiast and enjoys restoring old Fords. He lives in DeFuniak Springs with his wife, Linda.



Hill, Mike: Mike Hill is executive director of the Northwest Florida and Big Bend Health Councils, which serve 18 counties in northwest Florida. He is also president of PanCare of Florida, a non-profit organization which opens Federally Qualified Health Centers in Northwest Florida for people on Medicaid, Medicare and Medipass. In addition to his Health Council work, Mike is executive director of Hill and Company, Inc., a consulting firm specializing in education, health care, social services, and government relations. Before working with the Health Councils, he held several positions in Florida's educational community, including chief lobbyist for federal and state legislative and regulatory policy activities at the Florida Association of School Administrators. Earlier in his career, he worked for Bay District Public Schools and the Bay Correctional Facility. Over the years, Mike has received many awards for his work for a broad range of civic and professional organizations. He completed undergraduate studies in social and political science and graduate studies in Public Administration at the University of West Florida and earned an Ed.S. in educational leadership from Florida State University. He and his wife, Janice, live in Panama City, Florida and also own a home in DeFuniak Springs, Florida



Denise Mack: Denise Mack is a retired high school teacher of history. She taught in District 211 schools in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, the largest high school district outside the city of Chicago. For the past three years she served as a curriculum specialist master teacher for the U.S. Department of Education's Teaching American History Grant. She currently serves on Florida's Race to the Top Committee for Teacher Accreditation. During her tenure as a teacher she was employed as a consultant and exam reader for the College Board. Accolades include recognition from the National Society of High School Scholars Educator of Distinction, University of Chicago Best Teacher, Coca Cola Educator of the Month, Most Memorable Teacher and Golden Apple Semi-Finalist along with numerous Principals' Awards. Denise received her Bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University, Masters from Northeastern Illinois University and completed post-graduate work at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. She currently resides with her husband in Miramar Beach, Florida.



James E. Moore: Jim Moore is a recent addition to the Association's Board of Directors. For years, he has served as a member of the Assembly Faculty. Jim graduated from Walton High School, DeFuniak Springs. He earned a B.S. degree from Florida State University and attended University of Florida, College of Law to receive his LL.B degree. He continues to practice law and is an owner of the Holiday Inn Express in Niceville. His hobby is storytelling, a technique he developed over years as a Boy Scout leader. He has published two books and numerous articles on the history of Florida's Panhandle. In 2011, he was a speaker at the 148th Prohibition National Convention in the historical role of Rev. Sidney J. Catts, a Baptist preacher from DeFuniak Springs who became the 22nd Governor of Florida running on the Prohibition ticket.



Dan Owens: Dan Owens is the Director of the Walton County Public Library System. He served on the Advisory Council for NEBASE, which was Nebraska's regional service provider for the Online Computer Library Center services, and served two terms on the Board of Directors of the Panhandle Library Access Network. Dan has a Bachelor of Arts in Library Science from North Texas State University, a Master of Business Administration from Golden Gate University, and a Master of Library Science degree from Emporia State University. He retired from the United States Air Force after 22 years of service and considered himself a wandering Texan before he settled in DeFuniak Springs in 1999.





Early photo of Chautauquans in front of the original Florida Chautauqua Auditorium called the Tabernacle.

2017 Florida Chautauqua Association Pillar leaders.

- Denise Mack – Education Pillar
- Jon Kinsey – Arts Pillar
- Larry Teasley – Religion Pillar
- Greg Cain – Recreation Pillar

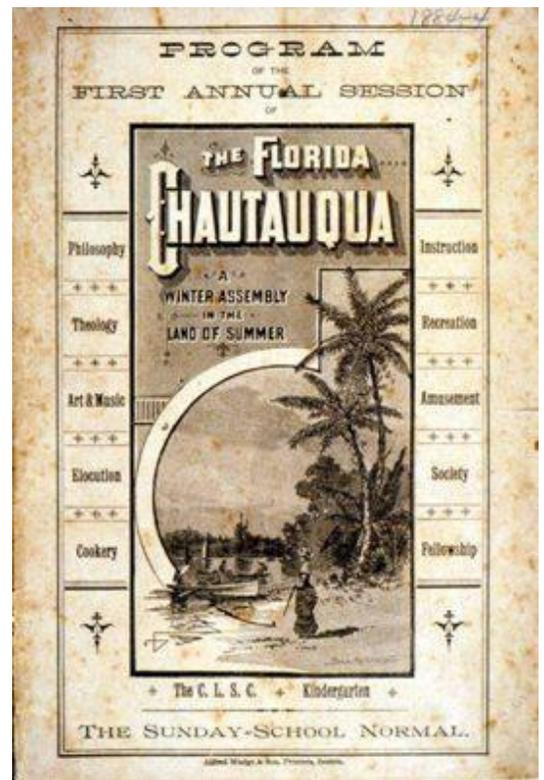


Early photo of DeFuniak Springs, looking east along Baldwin Ave at 8th street. If you stand in the same location you can see that DeFuniak has changed little over the years. Chautauqua visitors of today see much of what those who attended the original assemblies would see.

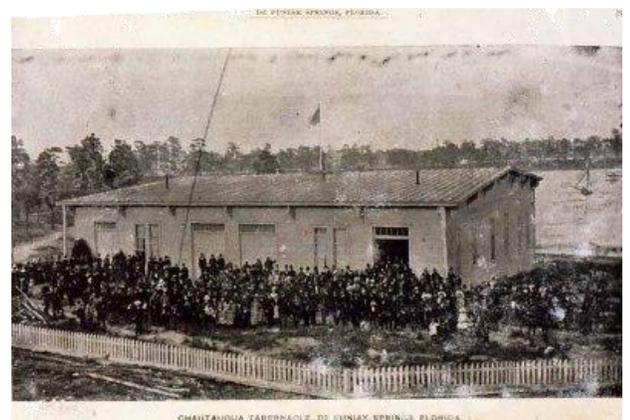
The Florida Chautauqua Story

1885 – 1925: The Original Florida Chautauqua Association

The original Florida Chautauqua Association was the brain child of two local men who were looking at a way to turn the new village of Lake DeFuniak into a resort, and the interest leaders of the Chautauqua Institution in New York who wanted to find a warmer climate in the winter to continue their work. In February 1884, the announcement was made in Pensacola Florida by the Chautauqua Institution Representative A. H. Gillet, that the new Chautauqua would be located in Lake DeFuniak. After months of planning, fundraising, and construction, they opened the Florida Chautauqua Assembly, in Lake DeFuniak on week late on February 18, 1885 due to the auditorium called the Tabernacle being finished. Many of the first classrooms were in tents along the banks of Lake DeFuniak. The format for the first 4 week Assembly emphasized religious training and educational activities in such areas as philosophy, theology, art, music, elocution, and cookery. Concerts, impersonations, lectures, travelogues and stereopticon slide shows also provided imaginative and educational entertainment. At the end of that assembly, it was heralded to be a great success by all those involved, and the stage was set for great things. In December, 1885, the first Southern Forestry Congress was held in Lake DeFuniak organized by the Florida Chautauqua, with full support of the American Forestry Congress. The first planting of trees in the deep south occurred on the shores of lake DeFuniak as a part of that program on December 17th, 1885. Visitors to the 1886 Assembly could hear lectures on health titled

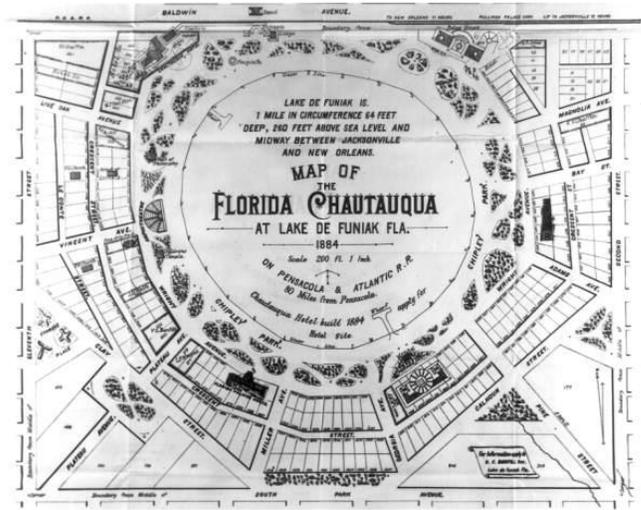


Cover of the 1885 Florida Chautauqua Assembly program.



The original auditorium of the Florida Chautauqua, completed in February 1885, it served until demolished to make room for the new Hall of Brotherhood.

“Care of the House We Live In,” and listen to other speakers on such diverse topics as astronomy, Scotland, Greece, Florence, Switzerland, and Love and Marriage. Musical entertainment that year was provided by the Rogers Goshen Band from Goshen, Indiana and supplemented by the Chautauqua Chorus performing evening concerts on the Lake.



In 1887, the Assembly was expanded from 4 weeks to 6 weeks, and in the following years, it became bigger, longer, and busier, while the little town of DeFuniak Springs grew right along with it. By 1897, the program featured numerous entertainment acts, and in 1899, the first moving pictures were shown in DeFuniak Springs.

By 1909, thousands of people were attending the Assembly from all over the world, and the Florida Chautauqua campus formed to include a beautiful assembly hall they called the “Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood,” which could hold several thousand people in one sitting, along with large hotels and several other buildings around DeFuniak Springs for classrooms.

In 1917, Assembly attendees were astonished to see the moving picture “Civilization” on a big screen, and their interest in the new medium signaled that the end of the Chautauqua era wasn’t very far away. In addition to moving pictures, newspapers, telephones, and magazines, radio was also bringing news of the world to almost every home in America. World War I would begin the death stroke for the assembly, as all the excursion trains that once brought people to DeFuniak by the thousands, now were rededicated to War Time use. In 1922, the Assembly took its first pause, and resumed in 1923. The final Florida Chautauqua Assembly held by the Florida Chautauqua Association would be in 1928. The Association would continue to offer plays in the Florida Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood. In 1935, the Association finalized the deal with the City of DeFuniak Springs to transfer ownership of the Hall of Brotherhood to them, and the Association ceased operations. What was once a shining star of the Chautauqua Movement had gone dormant.



Florida Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood, as it appeared when it opened February 3rd, 1909.

1993 – Present: The Revival of the Florida Chautauqua Assembly

In 1993, under the leadership of local resident Diane Pickett, an organization was formed (called The Florida Chautauqua Center, Inc.) for the sole purpose of reviving, promoting, and sustaining the original Florida Chautauqua Assembly. On February 10, 1996, after a hiatus of more than 75 years, organizers officially brought back the Assembly. Much like the original Assembly, our program now includes history, health, art, and current events, to name a few, along with entertainment from performers across the country and throughout the world.

In 2007, the board of directors selected Christopher Mitchell of DeFuniak Springs to give the Assembly new direction that would be appealing to families in a rapidly-changing world. The official Florida Chautauqua Assembly is now a 4-day, conference-style event for the entire family which focuses on a different annual theme beginning with the words “A Journey into....”

In 2008, the Florida Chautauqua Assembly theme was **“A Journey into the American Presidency,”** and virtually all sessions and presentations related to the American presidency. President George W. Bush’s Deputy Chief of Staff, Karl Rove, was the first featured keynote speaker to the newly-formatted Assembly, and spoke on the White House’s position on many controversial issues relating to stem-cell research and immigration. Former President Jimmy Carter’s senior research assistant, Dr. Steven H. Hochman (in photo on right), also spoke on the role of former presidents using the Jimmy Carter model. In addition to dozens of sessions relating to the American presidency, new exhibits complimented the event, the first being a student museum on the 43 American presidents by the Walton County School District.



*F. Diane Pickett, Founder
Florida Chautauqua Center, Inc.*



*Dr. Steve Hochman of
The Carter Center*



*2014 Fred Haise with
the Braves Bistro
Culinary Arts Class at
Walton High School*

In 2009, the Assembly theme was “**A Journey into Africa,**” featuring keynote speaker Naomi Tutu, daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa. She addressed the Assembly on “Growing up in Apartheid South Africa,” then toured the student museum on each of the 53 countries of Africa at the Walton County Fairgrounds, the new featured artist exhibit that year from the Martin & Osa Johnson Safari Museum of Chanute, Kansas, and the new Camp Conservation exhibit at the Walton County Fairgrounds celebrating live animals from around the world. Jim Fowler, former co-star of Mutual of Omaha’s Wild Kingdom, wowed audiences with a presentation on some of these live animals similar to those he did on *The Johnny Carson Show*.



Other Journeys since have included Celine Cousteau, Jenna Hagar Bush, Demond Wilson, Bill Barker, Rosalyn Carter, Fred Haise, and Jerry Mathers. We continue to seek topics pertinent to the times and of interest to those who join us each year.

Disclaimer:

- The Florida Chautauqua Association is not religiously affiliated nor politically aligned. We select our speakers based on their unique perspectives and relevance to our annual theme.
- We do not allow media questions during keynote presentations. We empower our Assembly guests with an opportunity to be their own reporters and ask their own questions. We believe that our guests will be better served by learning directly from the “headliners of our times” rather than from the “headlines of our times.”
- Regardless of guests’ political positions or religious beliefs, we ask that all guests keep an open mind, ask thoughtful questions relating specifically to the topic being discussed, and form conclusions based on facts and discussions with the notable people and world leaders who accept our invitation to join us for such historic conversations and presentations.



Mrs. Russ Tarbell talks with Bobby Schindler (brother of the late Terri Schiavo) following his keynote presentation in 2008.



Assembly guest talks with Jim Fowler, former co-star of Mutual of Omaha’s Wild Kingdom, following his presentation in 2008.



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Thanks to the generosity of Florida Chautauqua Board Chair Dennis Ray and wife Brenda and Founder F. Diane Pickett, Florida Chautauqua Center, Inc. was able to acquire no-interest loans in July 2013 to purchase Lakeside Building for use as our new headquarters.



Lakeside Building was originally a one-story clinic built by Ralph Spires, MD in 1939. Ten years later, he and medical business partner Edgar Myers, MD added a second floor and founded Lakeside Hospital. Drs. Spires and Myers, along with many other physicians who worked here, collectively delivered thousands of babies and cared for many citizens in the hospital rooms which still exist in this facility, virtually all intact. Lakeside Hospital closed in 1972, but locals who have an emotional attachment to Lakeside have not closed their hearts or desire to save this building.

In October 2013, relatives of the founding doctors and many former staff assisted in raising several thousand dollars to help fund future repairs. They held a “birthday bash” for those who were born at Lakeside and invited them to see the very rooms in which they were born. We appreciate Joyce Andrews, daughter of the late Dr. Spires, and Carolyn Myers, wife of the late Dr. Myers, for their assistance with the birthday celebration. Our thanks, too, to the many other relatives and friends who opened their wallets to assist with the Lakeside Building Restoration Project.



The building must have a new roof (estimated cost \$50,000) before we can begin interior restoration of the 11,000 square-foot building. Once restored, Lakeside will be used to house faculty during the Assembly and will eventually include a Florida Chautauqua Museum, gallery, conference and lecture rooms, and multi-purpose rooms for special events.

If you or your family would like to make a contribution to the Lakeside Building Restoration Project, or if you know of grant-making organizations interested in saving Florida’s history, please contact us. We need your help!



Lakeside Clinic as it appeared when built as a single story building



Second floor surgery room 1949.



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Jerry Mathers “The Beave” during
The 2016 Florida Chautauqua Assembly.

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We accept contributions and designated gifts to support this annual program and look for meaningful partnerships with businesses and foundations who wish to advance this event as a model to educate society through thoughtful civil discussions and out-of-classroom interactive experiences. Please contact us if you share this vision and can provide resources to support this significant event in historic DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

