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Angel's Chamber Messages



April Business After Hours

The Towns County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce our first Business After Hours for the Spring 2010 quarter. This will be a fun and new event because it will be a little different than traditional After Hours events we've previously held. Adrianna's Wine Cottage, Pro Therapy, Heavenly Bake Shop, Verizon Wireless and Mary's Southern Grill located in the Tower Place Shopping Plaza have graciously agreed to be hosts to our membership. We thought April 15th (TAX DAY!) would be a fun day to hold this event. Please mark your calendars for April 15th from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. and plan to have a great time and network with other businesses as well.

Art Works Artisan Centre Artist of the Month

706.896.0932 - www.mtnregartscraftsguild.org

Art Works Artisan Centre is proud to present Ann Thompson of Hiwassee as April's Artist of the Month. Ann began oil painting over 45 years ago while living in Germany. After traveling the world with her Air Force husband and raising a family, Ann, who was born in Hendersonville, NC, returned to her mountain roots where she now focuses on her painting and growing as an artist. In 1993, she began working in watercolors and experimenting with new styles of painting.

Ann shares her philosophy of painting. "In my paintings, the process and artistic growth are just as important to me as the finished piece. Each time I begin painting, I hope to create a 'memorable' one that touches the viewer for more than a fleeting moment. For me, there are no limitations except for self."

Ann is a signature member of the Georgia Watercolor Society. Her award-winning paintings have been included in national exhibits sponsored by the Louisiana, Georgia, and Rhode Island Watercolor Societies. She has been published in an International Artist series of "how to" books, the Georgia Heritage Center's Experience Art, and was the cover artist for the March 2006 Laurel. Her work is presently available at Turning Creek Artisans in Clayton, the Sautee-Nacoochee Center Gallery in Sautee, and Art Works Artisan Centre in Hiwassee.

Ann's work will be featured throughout the month of April at Art Works, located behind the Holiday Inn Express on Big Sky Drive. Hours are from Monday through Saturday from 10 - 5. On the first Saturday of the month, April 3rd, there will be a demonstrating artist at work, so come by and visit! For more information, call 706-896-0932.

SBA Workshops on Owning a Retail Business

Will be held May 10th and May 17th in Atlanta

Two free SBA workshops on owning a retail business will be held from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on May 10 and May 17, respectively, at the agency's Georgia District Office. The District Office is located downtown in Peachtree Center at 233 Peachtree Street, Suite 1900-Harris Tower, Atlanta, GA 30303.

The objective of the workshops is to teach a person the basics of owning and running a profitable retail business. Those who will benefit from the workshops include anyone thinking about opening a retail business; a first time retailer, anyone who wants to improve their bottom line; and people working in the retail industry who are thinking about making it a career.

The Part I workshop will cover such topics as:

- Are you ready to go into business?
- Defining your visions
- Merchandise mix
- Branding
- Defining your customers
- Marketing

The Part II workshop will discuss these topics:

- Retail Math
- Visual presentation and merchandising
- Selling

The workshop instructor will be Shannon Anderson, President of Firmus Consulting.

Pre-registration is required for the workshops. To register online, go to www.sba.gov/ga and cursor down to Spotlight-Public Training and Seminars-Register Now! Select seminar date from the drop down list. Complete relevant information and click "Register." A registration form can also be faxed to 404/331-0101, Attention: Dorothy Fletcher.

SBA's participation in these workshop is not an endorsement of the views, opinions, products or services of any person or entity. All SBA programs, services and cosponsored activities are extended to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis. Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. Please contact Dorothy Fletcher at 404-331-0100, ext. 305 or via email at Dorothy.Fletcher@sba.gov.

Member Calendar of Events

4/15/2010 Towns County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours

Highway 17 N • Young Harris, GA 30582
Location: Tower Place Shopping Plaza • Hours: 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Contact: Towns County Chamber of Commerce
Phone: 706-896-4966 • Email: info@mountaintopga.com
Website: www.mountaintopga.com

Sponsor: Towns County Chamber of Commerce
Description: Please plan to attend the first 2010 "Business After Hours". It will be held at the Tower Place Shopping Plaza. The following members will be participating - Heavenly Bake Shop, Pro Therapy, Verizon Wireless, Mary's Southern Grill and Adrianna's Wine Cottage. Come out for an evening of fun and networking and help support our local businesses.

4/16/2010 - 4/18/2010 The Mousetrap

301 Church Street • Hayesville, NC 28904
Location: Peacock Playhouse • Hours: Fri & Sat 8pm Sun 2:30pm
Phone: 877-691-9906 • Email: licklog@verizon.net
Website: www.licklogplayers.org

Sponsor: Licklog Players • For additional information Description: The story is about a young couple who have started up a hotel in a converted manor house. They are snowed in with five guests. One of the guests is killed. Everyone is a suspect, but who really "did it" the most critical woman in town? This play is known for its twist ending, which at the end of every performance the audience is implored not to reveal. Shhhhh! Years ago "Ten Little Indians", another Christie Classic, was directed by me and my

memories of it are filled with fun and games. Please join me. There is nothing as great as an evening at the theater! Directed by Edie Kleinpeter

4/16/2010 James Gregory
1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734 • Cost: \$18
Phone: 866-273-4615 • Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com
Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts

Description: For over two decades, the unforgettable caricature of veteran comedian James Gregory has stood grinning; his shirt un-tucked, his arms outstretched, a carefree welcome to a down-home, hilarious comedy experience. It's storytelling at its best. The trademark caricature is the essence of James Gregory's comedy: rib-tickling, reflections on the life from the front porch.

4/16/2010 Travis Tritt in Concert

1311 Music Hall Rd. • Hiwassee, GA 30546
Location: Anderson Music Hall • Hours: To be announced
Contact: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds
Phone: 706-896-4191 • Email: gamtfair@windstream.net
Website: www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com
Sponsor: Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds • Cost: To be announced

4/17/2010 3 Redneck Tenors

1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734 • Cost: \$15-\$18
Phone: 866-273-4615 • Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com
Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts
Description: Buckle up for a musical extravaganza (which is Italian for super buffet). These boys are actually classically trained artists from Broadway and world opera stages cleverly disguised as mullet-wearing Billy Joe, Billy Bob and Billy Billee. The program includes some great humor and fun all hosted by the Colonel - who also happens to sing in a few of the numbers.

4/17/2010 1st Annual Ramp Festival -

2701 Cabin Drive • Hiwassee, GA 30546 • Phone: 706-896-1200
Location: Hiwassee River Trout Lodge • Hours: 2 PM - 10 PM
Email: tourism@brmemc.net • Cost: \$6.00 per plate
Sponsor: Towns County Tourism, GA Mountain Restaurant, The Ridges Resort, Hiwassee River Trout Lodge

Description: A celebration of the Appalachian Culture. Food, Live Music, Square Dancing, Horseshoes, Corn Hole Competitions, Clogging, River Duck Races, Hoedown. Great food, Ramps & Eggs, Ramps & Potatoes, Trout, Streaked Meat and Moon Pie for dessert.

4/17/2010 Plant Affair on the Square

Hiwassee, GA 30546
Location: on the Square in Downtown Hiwassee
Hours: 8:30am - 2:00pm • Sponsor: Hiwassee Garden Club
Description: Perennials, Annuals, Shrubs, Hanging Baskets, Trees & more... Shop 8 area nurseries all on the square. Also BBQ by Hawg Heaven & Garden Club Bake Sale.

4/18/2010 The Raleigh Ringers

1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734
Phone: 866-273-4615 • Cost: \$18
Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com

Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts
Description: The Raleigh Ringers are truly unlike any other advanced handbell organization, but the best way to find that out for yourself is to get tickets to attend one of their awe inspiring live shows. Formed in 1990 in Raleigh, NC, the Raleigh Ringers are now well-known across the globe.

4/22/2010 - 4/24/2010 Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

1028 Georgia Road • Franklin, NC 28734 • Cost: \$8 - \$12
Hours: Fri & Sat 7:30 Sun 2:30 & 7:30 • Phone: 866-273-4615
Website: www.greatmountainmusic.com

Sponsor: Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts
Description: Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber & Lyrics by Tim Rice: The Story of Joseph and his coat of many colors taken from the book of Genesis comes to life on stage in this delightful musical

4/22/2010 - 4/24/2010 Collegiate Bass Tournament

Hiwassee, GA 30546 • Location: Lake Chatuge
Contact: Katie Polstra • Ramada Inn • Phone: 706-896-5253
Email: iclodge@brmemc.net • Sponsor: Towns County Tourism Association
Cost: To be determined • Description: Details to follow.

4/22/2010 - 4/25/2010 The Pirates of Penzance

Glegg Fine Arts Building • Young Harris, GA 30582
Location: Glenn Auditorium • Hours: Thurs, Fri & Sat 7pm Sun 2pm
Contact: Box Office Mon-Fri 1-5pm two weeks before show
Phone: 706-379-4307 • Website: www.yhc.edu • Sponsor: Young Harris College • Cost: \$15.00

Description: Gilbert and Sullivan's most popular operetta is a smash-hit, swashbuckling romp inhabited by sentimental pirates, bumbling policemen, silly young lovers and an unforgettable Major-General and his dewy-eyed daughters. Full of romance, comedy and intrigue, this musical masterpiece has been called "a truly perfect show!" by the London Times

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