"Back in Time"

a Tradition Filled Historical Holiday Celebration

The 4H History Seekers are back at it, and once again will present “Back in Time”. Through our dinner theater event, we hope to bring awareness to our shared regional history and Alabama’s Bicentennial, as well as to lend support and visibility to The Lee County Historical Society.

The 3rd year of Alabama’s three year bicentennial celebration (2017, 2018, 2019) is reserved for honoring our “events”. Guests attending our “Back in Time” evening of dining and entertainment will learn about some of the historic events that shaped the state we call home.

Special visitors attending that evening will help us tell these stories of significant events ... Join President James Monroe as he describes his visit to Huntsville, and then his return back home to Washington where soon he signed the documents making Alabama a state. William and John Bartram will relate how a trial blazing, adventurous spirit led to a better understanding and documentation of Alabama’s rich natural resources, and the flora, fauna and native peoples of the region. Native American leader Timpoochee will share the events that impacted Creek populations. A local nurse, dedicated to tending the casualties of war, will tell her difficult tale of The War between the States. The exciting arrival of the railroad to communities and its noteworthy impact on commerce will be told by a newspaper reporter, train conductor, hobos and various merchants living and working all along the tracks and at depot stops. Judge Harper, his son and future daughter-in-law will describe founding “Sweet Auburn! Loveliest Village of the Plain”, while Drs. George Petrie, Charles Allen Cary and John Hodges Drake along with Julia Tutwiler, Willie Gertrude Little, Katherine C. Broun and Margaret Kate Teague will share how higher education first started and became established in this area. The challenges of providing early childhood education to all of Alabama’s children will be demonstrated as we enter the classroom of two different, yet similar, country schoolhouses. George Washington Carver will help us celebrate the resilient forgiving spirit of a man whose commitment to bettering mankind resulted in an agricultural revolution benefitting those impoverished farmers of the south.

Our 3rd annual “Back in Time” Historical Holiday celebration will be held at Pioneer Park in Loachapoka on December 14, 2019 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. For those true history buffs, this is the exact date 200 years ago that Alabama became the 22nd state of the Union. Traditional seasonal music will be provided by The Whistle Stop Pickers as guests gather and prepare to enter the time period between the late 1700s to the early 1900s. Once escorted to their tables, costumed servers will provide a period appropriate multi-course meal within the historic buildings. Character actors and actresses will visit each table and provide up close and personal opportunities for guests to honor our famous events through these storytellers. Our own “ Salvation Army Band and Choir” will conclude the evening with seasonal music and a just tribute to the faith that has historically sustained Alabama’s people. This evening of educational entertainment will provide our event participants a special glimpse “Back in Time”.

“Back in Time” is endorsed by Alabama200, sponsored by The Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities and supported by The Red Clay Brewery. Tickets are $50.00 each with all proceeds considered donations to The Lee County Historical Society. To purchase tickets call The Lee County Historical Society at (334) 887-3007 or visit their website at https://www.leecountyhistoricalsociety.org/.