

Crossroads Chronicle COMMUNITY

Maddock appointed as Friends of the Library president

BY NICK CHILDS
Staff

The Cashiers Friends of the Library has elected Cathy Maddock as its new president.

Maddock has resided in Cashiers for over 25 years and has been a vacationer since 1969. She has served on multiple committees with Friends of the Library since 2017.

Prior to retiring in Cashiers, Maddock worked in the corporate world under a collection of sales hats, from a hospital negotiator to provider of durable medical

equipment to vice president of a medical supply company.

Maddock said while she was a lifelong reader, she took the skill for granted until her child was diagnosed with dyslexia. She later became interested in specialized schools, therapists, and programs. Maddock learned hearing another person read aloud can spark interest in the content without the mental battle of breaking the string of letters into something legible.

She began volunteering at the library around this time.

Maddock's frustrated child grew up to become a successful president of a multinational corporation. Maddock saw firsthand the difference library programs can make in the lives of others and the transformative potential of learning.

Maddock aims to build upon the successful work of past Friends of the Library presidents and board members by expanding community favorite programs at the library.

Established programs Friends of the Library currently assists

with include funding the acquisition of hardback and digital bestsellers and new releases, free computer and internet connection, the children's playroom and collection, refurbishing the library, Technology Assistance, local events, and genealogical resources.

Maddock said other goals for Friends of the Library include introducing toddler and pre-K development programs, astrology events, adult crafts, and concert series.

Maddock emphasized the li-

brary isn't just for adults who want to read and has something for everyone.

"I look at this as a mecca of possibility for the community," Maddock said. "I want to emphasize that the library isn't just for books anymore, and that it is evolving to serve the needs of young families, working adults, empty nesters, and retired citizens. A key to this is community involvement and financial support. I encourage you to stop

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Cashiers Designer Showhouse returns in late August



Submitted photo

Ellen Turner, left, and Stacie Platt, right, are the co-chairs of this year's Cashiers Designer Showhouse, which features a home designed and built by Jim Robinson of Design South Builders in the High Hampton community.

Tickets on sale for annual event featuring local decorators

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Tickets are now on sale for the 2023 Cashiers Designers Showhouse.

Taking place Aug. 25 – Sept. 2, this year's theme is "Historically Cashiers" and features a classic mountain retreat in The Club at High Hampton. Renowned designers from Cashiers and across the southeast will showcase their individual talents and design styles while incorporating creative trends in a spacious 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath home.

The showhouse, which was designed and built by Jim Robinson of Design South Builders, will be open daily from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Transportation to the

house is provided from The Village Green's Lewis Hall, which also features a variety of highly regarded vendors offering unique lifestyle items from apparel and antiques to home décor: Blairs Belts, Brenda Sulmonetti Art, Cynthia Perryman Art, Dena Lyons, Laurel Lee, Dubarry of Ireland, Green Gator, Hannah Daye, Indo-Chic, Jessie Mackay Art, Patrice Collection, Provence Antiques, Rose and Harper, Susan's Jewelry, Tropical Tapestry.

Shuttles will run approximately every 25 minutes from 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with the last patron pick-up from the Showhouse at 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$40 per person and available at cashiersh-

istoricalsociety.org/showhouse and at the following ticket locations: Cashiers Chamber of Commerce, Rusticks, and Acorns Boutique in Highlands, N.C. In addition to daily Showhouse tours, there is an impressive line-up of free and ticketed special events, including:

Thursday, Aug. 24

Opening Night Party, Halsted House at High Hampton

Join the Cashiers Historical Society and Host Drew English as we celebrate the Opening Night of the 2023 Cashiers Designer Showhouse with a "Touch of Tartan."

Together, partygoers will celebrate the won-

derful and rich Scottish heritage of our beautiful mountains through lively Celtic traditions, fine cuisine, and award-winning music. This VIP evening is the official and exclusive kick-off party for our 2023 events.

Come dance a reel with your friends or a jig with your best bonnie lass as the party transforms the prestigious Halsted House at The Club at High Hampton into an upscale Scottish pub, complete with Scotch tastings, pints of ale, delicious fare provided by the inspired culinary team at High Hampton, and much more.

The evening will include a trio of renowned musicians, including the award-winning com-

poser and violinist/fiddler Andrew Finn Magill, Scottish guitar and bouzouki player Alan Murray, and Broadway's own flute and piper player Isaac Alderson. As a trio they will perform a mixture of reels, jigs, strathspeys, and songs from many great Scottish songwriters.

End the evening with a thrilling live auction lot – the exciting opportunity to bid on a 36-person wine dinner in the unparalleled Wine Cellar at the Inn at High Hampton. The dinner includes a private, five-course dinner, complete with rare wine pairings. So, don your kilt and come celebrate the 2023 Showhouse, talented

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Blue Ridge Early College qualifies for free meals

BY RUBY ANNAS
The Sylva Herald

For the 2023-24 school year, five Jackson County Public Schools will be part of the Community Eligibility Provision free meal program, including Blue Ridge Early College.

The designated schools are: Blue Ridge Early College, Blue Ridge School, Cullowhee Valley Elementary School, Jackson Community School and Smokey Mountain Elementary School.

CEP is a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas. CEP allows the nation's highest poverty schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications.

Schools that adopt CEP are reimbursed using a formula based on the percentage of students categorically eligible for free meals based on their participation in other specific means-tested programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, according to CEP's website.

The success of this program is based on students eating school meals and the support of administrators, staff, and families. CEP is providing the money for students to have free breakfast and lunch, so if the money is not used, it will go to waste and be lost. It is like receiving a grant, the money must be used. If all Jackson County Public Schools were in CEP with no increase in

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The Bascom Center in Highlands packs house for Community Day

BY RYAN HANCHETT
Publisher

The Bascom Center for Visual Arts threw open its doors on July 1, and the response was a packed house for an art-filled Community Day.

The overflow turnout was a welcome sight for event organizers and The Bascom staff.

"This is an incredible crowd, and we are so grateful that people are taking time out of their Saturday to come out and support the visual arts," The Bascom Deputy Executive Director Billy Love said. "It's always fun to see whole families come out and enjoy the day. There's a lot for kids to

do, with the Teddy Bear Clinic, the mural painting station, and other activities."

The Bascom gallery was open to the public during the community day event and the entire facility was used during the exposition.

In the pottery barn, director of ceramics Frank Vickery led a group of potter in making "Empty Bowls" which are used in a local fundraiser each fall. Under the patio, representatives from the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust helped children create their own natural necklaces, while staff from Highlands-Cashiers Hospital conducted a "Teddy Bear Clinic" to teach children about basic health

and wellness practices.

Margie Bauer led a group of youngsters in a Zentangle Doodle demonstration while Richard Tinich taught the art of quilting. Members of the Western NC Woodturners Club brought out their lathes and showed off their skills in making hand-crafted wood items. Connie Regan-Blake kept crowds entertained through storytelling throughout the day.

Perhaps the biggest draw of Community Day was the glassblowing demonstration put on by members of the Green Energy Park. With a glassblowing kiln in

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Ryan Hanchett/Publisher

The Bascom opened its doors on July 1 for a community day of fun events and demonstrations for visitors.

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designers, supporters, and the Cashiers Historical Society with a Touch of Tartan. Tickets available through sponsorship and benefactor packages only.

Friday, Aug. 25

Historically Cashiers Designer Panel: Design for Gracious Mountain Living, 2 p.m. - The Chattooga Club

Renowned interior designers Suzanne Kasler and Francie Hargrove and celebrated architects Norman Askins and Mark Paullin unveil the design blueprint for elevated mountain living with a compelling panel discussion at The Chattooga Club.

Moderated by Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles editor-in-chief Lauren Iverson and displayed through examples of their work, the esteemed panelists will explore the elements of gracious mountain living-and how classic mountain style can live large in the modern world.

Light bites and specialty drink will be served. Tickets available at www.cashiershistoricalsociety.org/cds-tickets.

Saturday, Aug. 26

Landscape Seminar - with architect Mary Palmer Dargan, 1 p.m. - The Pavilion at The Village Green

May your landscape fit your lifestyle like a glove. Mary Palmer Dargan is back with a lively, fun, and educational landscape design seminar. Learn how to maximize the use of your land by using five long landscape design techniques and the four-part master plan. Explore about problem-solving with plant materials and creating outdoor spaces. Surely a must-have seminar for anyone with an outdoor environment. Mary Palmer with the award-winning Dargan Landscape Architects has been published in many national publications, featured in HGTV, and has received innumerable awards. Free event open to the public.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

Tending Nature's Bar - with Carlton Chamblin of Farm2Cocktail, 1:30 - 3 p.m. - The Pavilion at The Village Green

The use of botanicals, flowers and herbs have long been a part of the historical develop-

ment of great cocktails, shrubs, and bitters. Take a journey with Carlton Chamblin, founder of Farm2Cocktail, along the cocktail garden path and learn to tend nature's bar.

His talk and demo will examine the aromatics, taste and usage of key plants in cocktail making. Guests of this delicious event will indulge in beverage tastings and light bites with the plateau's go-to mixologist.

Farm2Cocktail is a cocktail mixer and freelance bartending company whose flagship product is a shrub, a fusion of fresh fruits, herbs, sugar, and vinegars combined to create unique and flavorful syrups for cocktails, mocktails and even dressings.

Carlton is native of Birmingham with backgrounds in art history, product marketing and food and beverage. Carlton resides in Tiger, Georgia with Alicia Keys and Mariah Carey, his two canine rescues. Free event open to the public.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

Showhouse by Twilight, 6-8 p.m. - The Showhouse at High Hampton

Experience the showhouse like never before. Showhouse by Twilight includes an evening tour featuring specialty cocktails curated by Carlton Chamblin, founder of Farm2Cocktail, a cocktail mixer and freelance bartending company whose flagship product is a shrub, a fusion of fresh fruits, herbs, sugar, and vinegars combined to create unique and flavorful syrups for cocktails and mocktails. Tickets available at www.cashiershistoricalsociety.org/cds-tickets.

Wednesday, Aug. 30

Moss Mountain Farm Comes to Cashiers - with P. Allen Smith, 6:30 p.m. - Private Residence

Spend an evening with P. Allen Smith, America's favorite, award-winning garden designer. The setting for this special night is at The Flag House, the beautiful entertaining home of Linda and Mark Quick, well-known for memory-making events. The menu will feature food fresh from Allen's Arkansas home, prepared by a visionary local chef, and complemented by wine selections of a professional sommelier who received the distinguished service award by the Guild of Master Sommeliers.

Seating is limited and local "celebrities" will be

sprinkled amongst professional bartenders and servers during this once-in-a-lifetime evening of design, history, and fun.

Allen has authored six best-selling books and his award-winning TV show has made him a popular public speaker.

Each guest will leave with a signed copy of Smith's bestseller, "P. Allen Smith's Seasonal Recipes from the Garden: A Garden Home Cookbook." Tickets available at www.cashiershistoricalsociety.org/cds-tickets.

Thursday, Aug. 31

P. Allen Smith Luncheon and Presentation, 11 a.m. - Canyon Kitchen in Lonesome Valley

P. Allen Smith, one of America's most talented and treasured garden designers, invites you to join him for a delectable and educational lunch at Canyon Kitchen.

Led by executive chef Ed Selle, Canyon Kitchen's dining experience features local foods in a sophisticated Appalachian Style. Tickets available at www.cashiershistoricalsociety.org/cds-tickets.

Friday, Sept. 1

High Tea at the Inn at High Hampton, 3 p.m. - The Inn at High Hampton

Join the 2023 designers

for afternoon tea at The Inn at High Hampton. The Inn's teatime is a nod to High Hampton's history, including an afternoon full of delicious pastries, the iconic Rock Mountain view, and conversation over local tea.

This afternoon is an opportunity to immerse yourself in High Hampton's rich history while enjoying assorted pastries made by pastry chef April Franqueza. Tickets available at www.cashiershistoricalsociety.org/cds-tickets.

Saturday, Sept. 2

Art demonstration with artist Sue Fazio, 11 a.m. - The Pavilion at The Village Green

Sue Fazio has a doctorate in education from Florida Atlantic University but where her passion meets the road is her wildly creative expressions in painting with oil, acrylic, encaustics, pastels and now pottery.

She and her husband, Tom Fazio, a renowned golf course architect, including the recently redesigned golf course at High Hampton - founded the Boys and Girls Club of Henderson County in 1993. Since then, all the proceeds from her work go to that club.

She has taught an encaustics workshop at the Bascom Art Center for the past eight years and

loves every moment of that interaction.

The Cashiers Designer Showhouse is the historical society's largest annual fundraiser, providing vital funds for operations, educational programming, and the preservation of its historical buildings and grounds.

This year's designers include Heather McKeown of Land and Sky Designs, Lisa Wester Interiors, Stacie Platt of Rusticks, Abbi Williams of Red Door Design Studio, Melanie Couch

and Nancy Dyleski of Spruce Interiors, Lynn Monday, Douglas Hilton of DWH Interiors, Nellie Jane Ossi with Mrs. Howard, Holly Watson of Acorns Boutique and Old Edwards Inn, Platt Home, Eric Ross Interiors, Maggie Griffin, Janice Dietz, and Lauren Robbins.

For more information on the Cashiers Designer Showhouse and the Cashiers Historical Society, please visit cashiershistoricalsociety.org or call 828-743-7710.

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