



**SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST**

- 103 Lifetime, new and renewed members strong.
- Gourd Class
- Christmas at the Fort
- 1st Saturdays
- 2023 Calendar On Sale

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## Gourd Painting Class at Sutton's Museum



In August our "1st Saturday" program consisted of a demonstration and display of the decorative and practical purposes of gourds as we described in the last newsletter.

As a lark, we put out a sign up sheet for anyone interested in a class on gourd painting. We were pleasantly surprised when we got enough interested people to have a class.

A few weeks later, Anne Lynn and helpers held the class at Sutton's Museum. A grand time was had by all.

We didn't make any money on this class, but we had a lot of fun and learned some valuable lessons for the future.



Top photo: Class in progress.

Above photo: A completed gourd.

Right photo: Sadee Peavy did a great job! She later entered her gourd at the State Fair and won a prize.



## Christmas at the Fort 2022



FGCCHS had the most successful day ever! We took in \$1,408.00 in sales, donations and memberships. Our booth was manned by Douglas Williams, Cyndie Coleman, and Anne Lynn. Douglas had baked pound cakes and made jelly for sale. Babes Williams made ornaments and Anne Lynn had baked bread. We also had cookbooks and copies of "The Naked Hitchhiker" as well as Walking Tour booklets and 2023 calendars on offer. We pretty much sold out!

We had opened the museum for tours that day and took in another additional \$200.00 in donations there as well.

# News and Notes

- The next **Board Meeting** of FG/CCHS will be held at the Sutton's Corner Museum at 4PM on **Monday, February 6, 2023**. All meetings are open to the public and we invite you to attend.
- **2023 Birthday Calendars** are on sale at the Museum and Opera House Hardware.
- If you would like to schedule an individual or group tour of the **Sutton's Corner Museum** please call **229-231-5498** or stop by the library and talk to Dustin.

## TIME TO RENEW FOR 2023!

It is time to **renew your membership** in the Fort Gaines/ Clay County Historical Society **for the year 2023**. Enclosed is the renewal form and a self-addressed envelope to help make your timely reply as easy as possible. Note that all **dues and monetary contributions are 100% tax deductible**.

**FYI:** If you joined as a new member in October, November or December of 2022, your dues cover 2023 as well.

**Thank you for your continued support of FGCCHS.**

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# Projects & Progress

In our last issue we chronicled our July and August “1st Saturday” efforts. September through December we continued to open the museum on the first Saturday of the month and had an event or program of interest to the community as well as tours of the museum. Below we report some of those efforts and the artisans involved.



Photos left: In November, wood turner Dylan Sheppard and his wife brought a display of bowls and cutting and charcuterie boards for display and talked about his craft.



Photo right: In December, Chris Tyus of LongLeaf Farm Produce brought his cane syrup and biscuits, presented a video, and told us all about producing cane syrup the old fashioned way.



Photo above: In October, flint knappers David Murphy and Dylan Sheppard displayed and made arrowheads for us.



Photo center: In July, August and September, Trent Tye and apprentice Heather Havilah did blacksmithing demonstrations with crowd participation.



Photo right: In September, Tammy Pope gave a class on making barn quilts. Several people helped with painting. We also had vintage cloth quilts on display throughout the museum that month.

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## Want to Join Us?

This membership will entitle you to the following:

- Quarterly Newsletter
- Annual Meeting & Dinner Invitation
- Feel good about helping to Preserve, Protect, and Promote your community and heritage.

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