

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Historic Watertown news letter.

We are dedicated to collecting and preserving the material culture and genealogy that illustrates the story of our city and of her people.

We appreciate your support, and look forward to sharing our successes with you!

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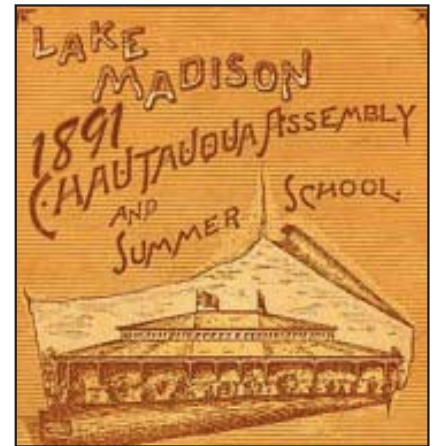
Watertown Chautauqua Held At Library

On March 19th Historic Watertown sponsored the first in a series of Chautauquas featuring Ann Toplovich, the Executive Director of the Tennessee Historical Society. The presentation was on the relationship between Andrew and Rachel Jackson, two of Tennessee's most famous citizens.

Chautauqua's were historically community events that brought teachers, musicians, and entertainers, to areas and communities that might not otherwise draw the type of education, culture, and entertainment they offered. The educational summer camp format proved to be a popular choice for families and was widely copied. Within a decade

Chautauqua assemblies (or simply Chautauquas), named for the original location in New York State, sprang up in various locations across North America.

The goal of Historic Watertown is to start a series of Chautauquas on a quarterly basis. Watch for an announcement for our next Chautauqua date!



Revitalizing the Gazebo

Sitting at the heart of our historic town square, the gazebo has often been the icon that represents Watertown. For many visitors it is the central to the lasting image that sticks in their minds after leaving our town.

Sadly, time and weather have taken their toll on the structure, and it's time to renovate! Historic Watertown recog-

nizes the importance in maintaining the look of this structure, and has taken the lead in organizing its restoration.

The first step was to replace the roof and slightly modify the roof-line by adding a skirt to the bottom edge. New supports were added, as well as trim fascia.

The next steps will be a new cupola, interior lighting and a ceiling fan, all scheduled to be completed this summer.



Gazebo - 2002



Gazebo - 2007



Coming Soon: Artrain USA

Artrain USA, America's Hometown Art Museum is coming to Watertown. Historic Watertown is presenting Artrain USA, the nation's only traveling art museum on a train. Public tours are Saturday & Sunday, April 21st & 22nd, 10am to 5pm. Admission is free; donations are encouraged.

Visitors can tour Artrain USA's three galleries and Artist's Studio onboard vintage railcars and view Native Views: Influences of Modern Culture, a contemporary Native American art exhibition. Comprised of 70 artworks by 53 Native American artists, Native Views explores Native Americans' powerful contributions to contemporary art and society.

Historic Watertown is working with local sponsors to present



Artrain USA and will also feature demonstrations by local artists.



Watertown Homecoming May 19

Watertown High Homecoming is planned for May 19, 2007 at 2:00pm at the High School. All grads and alumni are encouraged to attend! For more info call Becky Fields Taylor @ 237-2024, Paulette Floyd Dorris @ 237-3014, or Joy Jones Beard @ 237-3626.

See the current event schedule online at www.WatertownTN.com

- April 7 - Easter Bunny Excursion Train II
- April 21 thru 24 - Artrain USA
- April 28 - Spring Mile Long Yard Sale & Train
- May 12 - "Big Hill Challenge" Bicycle Ride
- May 19 - Train Robbery EXcursion Train
- May 19 - Local Train to Brush Creek
- May 19 - **Watertown Homecoming**
- July 4 - Independence Day Parade
- July 7 - Watertown Jazz Festival & Train
- September 29 - Fall Mile Long Yard Sale
- October 6 - Train Robbery Excursion Train - Benefitting Sue Talley Memorial Scholarship
- November 10 - Murder Mystery Train - World War II Re-enactment - Classic Car Show
- November 24 - Christmas in the Country & Train
- TBA - Tour of Homes



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We are a non-profit 501 (c) (3), our mission is to preserve and rehabilitate the rich architectural heritage of the City of Watertown and to provide opportunities to revitalize the economic foundation of our historic district.

If you know of anyone else interested in supporting these efforts, please let us know, or pass this newsletter along!

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