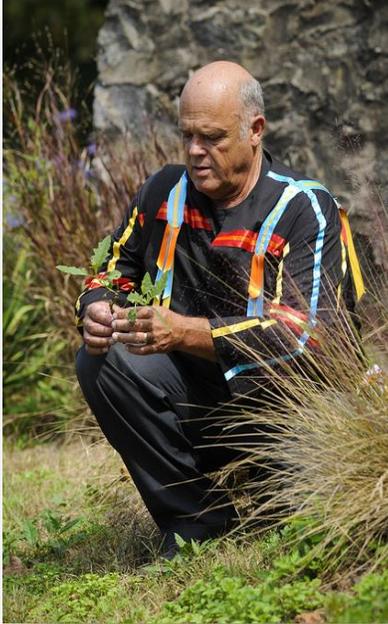


Friday, April 24



12:30 PM

Freeman Owle tells stories of Cherokee History and Culture.

Freeman Owle has told stories and presented programs on Cherokee history and culture to teachers and executives on retreat, Elderhostel groups, and the general public. Well known in the Cherokee community, Freeman Owle serves on the board of directors of the Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual and is a coordinator for the Cherokee heritage Trails project of the Blue Ridge Heritage Initiative. He is one of the featured storytellers in the book *Living Stories of the Cherokee*, and he also appears in the video documentary *Cherokee: The Principal People*.

7:00 PM

“Let Him Sleep Til it’s Time for His Funeral”

In this comedy, written by Peg Kehret, Harold Thomas is going through a midlife crisis. His 50th birthday is fast approaching and he feels that his life is over. To add to his depression, he thinks that after living for half a century, he has nothing to show for it. He has accomplished nothing. He is opposed to the big birthday party his wife has planned for him because he is sure that no one would come, because he has no friends. His loving wife, Edna, decides to cheer up her down-in-the-dumps husband by giving him a funeral for his 50th birthday. It’s to be a fantastic surprise party with guests, relatives, an undertaker, coffin, flowers and all-- but that's where the mix up and the fun begins. Harold thinks he is going to be murdered by his wife and plans to flee the country. The wife mistakenly thinks Harold is leaving her for another woman. The teenage daughter and next door neighbor all have different ideas that add to the confusion. Things go from bad to worse but the delightful mess is all resolved hilariously in the second act. To quote Shakespeare. " All's well that ends well."



Saturday, April 25

11:00AM

“Permaculture” A power point presentation by Lara Chew explaining the procedure of this latest gardening method.

Lara and her husband Paul live in a 175 year old log cabin in Macon County. Lara is a teacher, naturalist and a storyteller. She has studied permaculture and forest gardening and has turned her large back yard into a sustainable “Garden of Eden” with over 100 varieties of fruits, vegetables, and flowers.

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Saturday, April 25

2:00 PM

“Aesop’s Foibles” will be presented by the Community Youth Players.

The audience will be highly entertained by the menagerie of voices in poor Aesop’s head. The resentful Fox, the egomaniac Hare, the sluggish Tortoise, the zen-like Grasshopper and the Aunt (yes, his mother’s sister!) and more come to life as hysterical characters onstage that only; Aesop and the audience can see and hear. The only way to peace of mind and freedom is to let out the characters and share them with the world. This show is jam-packed with clever dialogue, mad-cap action and modern, uproarious twists, retelling the fables like you’ve never quite heard them before!



7:00 PM

Chautauqua’s Amateur Variety Showcase will present some of our area’s best talent.

Come see your friends compete for fabulous prizes given to the the top three entertainers as judged by critics from around the area. This is co-sponsored with Harrah’s Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel who will present the awards.

Sunday, April 26

3:00 PM

Melodies Chorus will perform Smokie Mountain four-part a cappella barbershop-style harmony.

The Chorus is located in Blairsville, GA and are members of Sweet Adelines International and Region 14. The members radiate a passion for singing and take pride in performing.



All Events Are at the Valletown Cultural Arts Center on Chestnut Street in Andrews, NC. Admission to all Chautauqua AVE! Events is by Voluntary Donation