

Blue Ridge Parkway News Release
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EVERY FAMILY HAS A STORY - WHAT'S YOURS?

Every family has a story to tell - and to remember. On Saturday, August 8, the National Park Service will celebrate those stories at the annual Brinegar Celebration at the Brinegar Cabin on the Blue Ridge Parkway. In the "Old Timers Tent", participants will be able to visit with members of local historical societies and meet descendants of Martin and Caroline Brinegar. Ranger Mike Ryan will give a presentation on collecting and preserving one's own family and community's history. The Moose Family, a local gospel-singing trio, will be on hand to perform and do a demonstration of shape note singing.

These activities are free and open to the public. The Celebration will run from 10 am to 4 pm.

The Brinegar Cabin is at milepost 238 on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Doughton Park. For further information, call Park Ranger Amanda Carter-Sheahan at 336-372-1947.###

Other upcoming nearby Parkway activities:

Rocky Knob Cabins near Milepost 174

Saturdays: Aug 1, 15 & 29 from 9:30 am - 2 pm.

Take a guided hike into Rock Castle Gorge, and learn the stories of the ruins from a community that existed there for over 100 years. Wear waterproof boots (or bring old shoes for stream crossings). This is a moderate, 5-mile downhill hike. Bring water and a snack. Meet at the entrance to the cabins. At the end of the hike, drivers will be transported back to their vehicles. Call (540) 745-9662 for more information.

Milepost 190

Sunday: Aug 30 from 2 - 4 pm Outdoor Drama

"They Call Me Aunt Orlene"

Actress Phyllis Stump presents this one-woman show about the life of Southwest Virginia midwife, Orlene Puckett. Bring your own chair.

Milepost 213

Blue Ridge Music Center

Sunday - Friday: Mid-day Mountain Music

Free informal music presentations - call for times

Weekend concerts presented in cooperation with the National Council for the Traditional Arts

Aug 1 Saturday 7 pm: Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder/Scott Freeman & friends \$20

Aug 8 no concert during the Galax Old Fiddlers Convention

Aug 15 Saturday 7 pm: Carrie Hassler & Hard Rain/Dry Hill Draggers \$15

Aug 21 Friday 7 pm: Dailey & Vincent/Ashlee Blankenship & Josh
Underwood \$15

Aug 29 Saturday 7 pm: Kenny & Amanda Smith/Bill & Maggie Anderson \$10

Sept 4 Friday 7 pm: Marty Stuart \$20

Sept 12 Saturday 7 pm: Bill Kirchen \$15

For more information, call (276) 236-5309 or check

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