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From the Cherokee to the Present -- Celebrating Our Region's History

Fifth Annual East Tennessee History Fair

presented by the East Tennessee Historical Society

10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday, August 18, 2012

Downtown Knoxville – Market Square & Krutch Park, Clinch & Gay Streets

*Music ~ Historic Crafts ~ Historical Characters ~ Vintage Films ~ Historic Home Tours ~
Graveyard & Museum Tours ~ Authors ~ Living History ~ Davy Crockett's Birthday*

The 2012 East Tennessee History Fair will celebrate the region's history with reenactments, activities, and tours. Presented by the East Tennessee Historical Society, along with dozens of businesses, historical organizations, museums, musicians, and individuals, the East Tennessee History Festival features fun and educational activities highlighting the people, places, stories, and events that comprise the shared history of our 35-county region. The event is free and open to the public! Special highlights include:

- Free admission to the Museum of East Tennessee History, including *Voices of the Land: The People of East Tennessee* and *Art and Artists of East Tennessee* exhibitions, plus the *Streetscape* with Streetcar 409 and Corner Drug Store, c. 1920-1930.
- Unveiling of Roy Acuff fiddle that he played in the 1920s and 1930s when getting his start in Knoxville. The fiddle will be on public display for the first time.
- WDVX and Clayton Country Music Stage featuring Russ and Becky Jeffers, the Grassroots Gringos, David West & the Cider Mountain Boys, the Knoxville Chamber Chorale, and the Snowbird Choir singing hymns in Cherokee Syllabary and shaped notes.
- Living History Timeline--Cherokee to World War II
- Abraham Lincoln and wife Mary Todd Lincoln will roam the crowd
- Dozens of historical and genealogical societies representing county, regional, and state organizations
- 200th Birthday Celebration of James Park House- guests can take a rare tour of the home whose foundation was originally built for John Sevier
- Book sales by Friends of the Knox County Library featuring Civil War, WWII, and other local and American history-themed books for children and adults
- "History Hound" Dog costume contest--guests are invited to bring their pets to Krutch Park dressed as their favorite historical character. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the contest begins at 10:15. Celebrity judges will award prizes for "Best Costume" and "Most East Tennessee Spirit."

- Civil War-themed bus tours
- Bus tours featuring free admission to open house at Park House, Blount Mansion, James White Fort, Mabry Hazen House, and Bethel Cemetery Museum.
- Blacksmith, spinning, cornhusk doll, bark baskets, heirloom seeds, woodworking, and other craft demonstrations
- Vintage films by TAMIS at the Bijou Theatre including *The Lost Films of Walther Barth, 1929-1943*, *Picturing the Smokies- Vintage Views of the Great Smoky Mountains, 1920-1960s*, and *This is Cas Walker!*
- “Meet the Author: Bill Landry Book Signing for his new book *Appalachian Tales and Heartland Adventures*
- Graveyard and stained glass tours at First Presbyterian Church from 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- Myers Brown of the Tennessee State Museum will talk about the role of Tennesseans in the War of 1812 and explain his uniform.
- *Tennessee: Then and Now* art exhibition at Art Market on Gay Street
- Storytelling by the “King of The Wild Frontier,” Davy Crockett, along with a birthday party & cake for Davy and children
- Petro’s will be here with the famous Petro’s meal and tea they made famous during the 1982 World’s Fair, along with flags and other mementos of the fair.
- Walking tours of historic Downtown Knoxville
- Historical reenactments
- Market Square Farmers Market
- Higher Ground exhibition at Knoxville Museum of Art

The 5th Annual East Tennessee History Fair is sponsored by Gulf & Ohio Railways, Knoxville CBID, Clayton Bank & Trust, WUOT, WDVX, PetSafe, Comcast, and WBIR Channel 10. For more information on the History Fair, please visit www.eastTNhistory.org or call 865-215-8824.

About ETHS

Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society is one of the most active history organizations in the state and enjoys a national reputation for excellence in programming, teacher and student education, and exhibitions. For 178 years the East Tennessee Historical Society has been helping East Tennesseans hold on to our unique heritage -- recording the events, collecting the artifacts, and saving the stories that comprise the history we all share.

The historical society pursues its educational mission through publications, lectures, conferences, school programs, museum exhibits, and heritage programs such as the popular “First Families of Tennessee” and the new “Civil War Families of Tennessee.” The East Tennessee Historical Society and Museum are housed in the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville, across from the Tennessee Theatre. Also located in the center are the Calvin M. McClung Historical Collection and the Knox County Archives.

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