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We're movin' on up...

The electronic marketplace is booming. You can receive and pay bills on-line, bid for the unique and bizarre at E-Bay, get insurance quotes, donate to The Craddock Center, and now, you can receive the *Milk & Honey* via e-mail. Why are we doing this? For a couple of reasons. One, several of you have asked us to. Sorting through postal-based mail is too time consuming for some, who would rather send everything straight to the shredder without having to sort the wheat from the chaff. Two, it saves money.

We feel keeping you informed of what is going on at the Center is important, as it enables you to lend your support to our efforts. After all, you are our partners. We mail roughly 2,200 newsletters per month. An electronic distribution will help us save postage expense. Believe us, every little bit helps. If even 1/3 of our readers opt in to receive our not-yet-award-winning publication electronically, well, you can do the math...

So how do you sign up for this excellent service? Simply go to our website, www.craddockcenter.org, and click on the button which reads, "Subscribe to our mailing list". Enter your name, your email address, and select how you would like to receive the *Milk & Honey* (e-mail only, postal only, or both). Even if we already have your email address, we still need for you to tell us if you want to receive *E-Milk & Honey*.

Thank you very much to Sharon Meek, our web designer and Board member, who has enabled us to make wonderful use of this technology. TRS

WELCOME, MARSHALL!

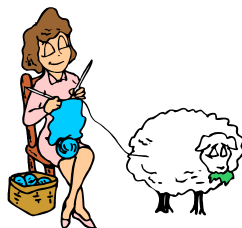
We are very pleased to announce the addition of Marshall Burke to our Board of Directors. Before moving to the North Georgia Mountains, Marshall spent nearly 20 years in CARE, one of the world's oldest and largest international humanitarian organizations. Starting as a project manager in West Africa, he gradually rose to an executive position in their Atlanta headquarters. His final position as Vice President was to oversee the agency's fundraising from the American public, doubling income to secure over \$400,000,000 to help the poorest communities in the world find their way out of poverty. Even after returning to the US, Marshall continued to travel and work extensively in the developing world, eventually working in 49 different countries before retiring. Fluent in 5 languages, Marshall has a Ph.D. in Ecology, was also a university lecturer and served on numerous UN and Smithsonian missions.

With his extensive international travel, Marshall and his partner invested in land in Gilmer County with the intention of building a retreat where they could hike, fish, reconnect and recharge.

"After building our log cabin, I soon discovered that my heart and soul had found a home with the people and the mountains of North Georgia. When I was working with refugees in Kosovo, I remember how sometimes just looking at my photograph of family in our cabin in the woods became a source of calm and quiet. I decided then that I would eventually change my life's direction and move to North Georgia to help others discover the joy and peace of living in the Blue Ridge Mountains and being of service to my community."

Prior to working internationally, Marshall ran a successful jazz club and taught high school biology while completing his doctorate and starting the first AIDS project in Arizona.

A PLACE TO CALL HOME



We have several booths available for folks who wish to display their arts and crafts during Appalachian Weekend. Of course, there are some rules you need to follow (we can't let you off too easy!). Who qualifies? Those who hand-make arts or crafts that are Appalachian in nature. Although we like The Pampered Chef and Tupperware, we are trying to maintain some order. I'm sure you understand. If you're interested, please give Tammy a call. TRS

WE'RE FULL...

The October 2 preaching workshop is full. The waiting list is growing but go ahead and add your name. You will be notified if a cancellation opens the door for you. TRS

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NEW TO THE LINEUP



We are pleased to announce that The Hoyles will be performing at Appalachian Weekend. Led by Ellijay Mayor Al Hoyle, this family group has performed bluegrass for over 25 years. You can hear

a few clips of their music at their website, hoylesbluegrass.com. Trust us, you're in for a treat.

As you can see, we're going to have a variety of music at Appalachian Weekend. Be sure you have those dates on your calendar: **September 29 and 30**. We keep reminding you of this because our schedule is a bit different this year... we're starting on a Friday night. We also want to be sure to remind you to arrange for accommodations so you're not forced into a primitive campsite. People keep talking about bear activity in the area.

A recap of what to expect thus far:

Friday evening, the Onllwyn Male Voice Choir

Saturday, music from 10:00am to 5:00pm, including The Hoyles bluegrass music, gospel music, the children's choir, and more

Arts and crafts booths

Delicious food and refreshing beverages

We'll see you, and your brother, and your aunt, and your first cousin once removed, and her friends, there. TRS

LOOKING AHEAD

The Center's Board of Directors has embarked on a strategic planning journey, setting our sites on where we should be heading over the next five years. The first meeting was held June 10 at the Center. We are grateful to Bill Branch for facilitating the development of our plan. For the one or two of you who don't know Bill, suffice it to say that his expertise is world-class, for he has led business executives in strategic planning sessions internationally. We are certainly blessed by his leadership. TRS



HELP WANTED

We are looking for a several good volunteers to lend a hand. The pay and benefits are, well, nonexistent. We need folks to assist with the following:

- A silent auction (including a chairperson)
- Appalachian Weekend (set up/tear down booths, run the beverage booth)
- Cooking (preparation/donation of meals for Welsh Choir during Appalachian Weekend)

Please call or email Tammy if you are willing to help. More opportunities will be forthcoming. If you have talents you would like to offer to the Center, please contact us to let us know. Thank you kindly for your support. TRS

BOY, WAS I FOOLED!

The clerk said it was a hammock; I paid for a hammock; it looked like a hammock; it fit the hammock space in my new "office" (the Greek word is "kitchen"); when I lay down on it, my body confirmed that it was hammock.



Boy, was I fooled! I had hardly relaxed when the thing took off like a magic carpet. A tag on the underside flapped in the wind: it read "Magic Carpet for the Unable to Retire".

Zoom! I was at the Birmingham UMC on the north side of Atlanta. Yes, Birmingham is in Georgia now. Strong winds lately. Sorry, Alabama. A great church, strong pastoral leadership, warm welcome to the pulpit, and generous to the Craddock Center.

Zoom! Hello, Charlotte, NC. Preaching workshop for about 40 moving-toward-ordination preachers. Wedding for Jolin Wilks, the artist who sketched the faces of our HeadStart children last year. Preached in her stead at First Christian while she left on the honeymoon (There are other ways to avoid preaching besides getting married, for goodness' sake!).

Zoom! Amarillo, Texas. Same as I remembered: warm, windy, open, friendly, honest, and welcoming to me. A large group gathered for a presentation of the Craddock Center Program and then a sermon. Generous to the Center with the promise of more.

Zoom! Never been to Avon Lakes, Ohio (suburb of Cleveland) before, but felt quite at home. Have known the pastor of the United Church of Christ for years. She offered me the pulpit and on Monday hosted 50 preachers for a Workshop.

Zoom! Back to Cherry Log where I will for three Sundays teach Sunday School at Cherry Log Christian Church. And then

Zoom! By the time you read this I will have been to Washington, D.C. where an attorney friend is hosting a light dinner for 12-14 potential donors to the Craddock Center. After my presentation I will fly home. This my first such event. Sounds promising. Interested in being a host?

If no takers, I will return the magic carpet and sue the furniture store for 9 million. We can use the money. FBC

REMEMBER THE WEBSITE

Now is an excellent time to remind you of our presence on the Internet. Often, if you go to a website, you'll find the last time new information was added was some time in 2003. Not so with us! Our content is updated regularly. Prior versions of *Milk & Honey* are also available. More exciting features will be added in the coming months. TRS



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