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MILK & HONEY

MEET THE TCC STAFF



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

The Craddock Center volunteer spotlight is on Mr. Jack Senterfitt, also known as Santa Jack! Santa Jack visits schools within the TCC nine county region each year at Christmas time. He and his elves spend many days and countless hours distributing wooden toys to the children. Our children are spellbound and thrilled to see Santa and receive the toys! The spectacular toys are made and donated to TCC by volunteers in Florida and Texas.

Everyone at the Craddock Center and in our communities greatly appreciate Santa Jack's dedication and caring! On behalf of the Staff and Board of Directors for the Craddock Center thank you Santa Jack and Merry Christmas to each and everyone!

2018

SONGS & STORIES

The Craddock Center
Proudly Presents
Storyteller
JOHN MCCUTCHEON
Saturday, January 27, 2018

3:00 PM
The Craddock Center
186 Fred Craddock Drive
Cherry Log, Georgia 30522

Musical Performance By
Gopher Broke



Johnny Cash called John McCutcheon the "most impressive instrumentalist" he had ever heard! Indeed, he plays a myriad of Instruments—from the banjo to the octave mandolin to the nyckelharpa—but he is so much more.

John McCutcheon's blog postings carry titles such as "Random Acts of Outrage" and "Picket Line Etiquette", his lyrics tell stories of people and places that need to be told. Five time Grammy nominee, master of the hammered dulcimer, headliner at festivals across the USA, author, teacher....you won't want to miss this performance by our friend John McCutcheon. Make plans now to join us. FREE admission!

THE CRADDOCK CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to deliver educational and cultural programs to children, families, and communities, primarily in Southern Appalachia.

We serve by sharing and spreading centuries - old traditions of song and story characteristic of the region.





DR. FRED B. CRADDOCK

A TASTE OF MILK & HONEY

Even The Poor Have A Right To Their Pretties, so Mrs. Glover reminded me years ago. I was a young minister in Roane County, Tennessee, and had appointed myself economic advisor to the poor among whom I worked. To the families at or below poverty level, I sternly cautioned: potatoes and beans and fatback, not flowers and candles and candy. They turned a deaf ear to my wise counsel. I repeated myself, with volume increased. Nothing. Nothing, that is, except the protesting voice of old Mrs. Glover: “Even the poor have a right to their pretties.”

She was right, of course. My memory told me she was right. In the poverty of my rural childhood, my sister, my brothers, and I were treated to fanciful and full winged stories by our father, and our mother joined us in stringing popcorn and wild berries, making chains of colored paper, and cutting out paper bells. A welcomed snow meant lots of snow cream, and sorghum became, in one afternoon, delicious taffy. Add gingerbread and milk and it was Christmas. “I wonder how the poor are doing,” said our father. The church speaks often and appropriately of good and evil, of right and wrong, of true and false. But the church could, and no less appropriately, speak often, and certainly at Christmas, of the beautiful and the ugly. If the church has trouble finding a Scripture text to justify it, then quote Mrs. Glover. She knows.



Please remember The Craddock Center with your contributions this holiday season

THE CHILDREN’S ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

ARTS SPECIALISTS

Captivating preschooler’s imaginations to create positive early School experiences is a goal second only to delivering happy & hope. Our storytellers encourage children’s responses to carefully selected literature and stories told orally. This process helps children build pre-literacy skills, such as book handling, vocabulary development, sequencing, and knowledge.

Our music specialists make songs dance on the lips of our children, inspiring movement and rhythm, preserving the cultural heritage of the region, and building rich language. By nurturing self-esteem and creativity through the joy of engaging songs and stories, the Children’s Enrichment Program shapes a world of school readiness and new possibilities. *Arts Specialist (L-R) - Angie Davis, Sharon Kiser, Connie Chancey, Natalie Jones, and Amanda Galloway.*



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