



MILK & HONEY



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Let's Celebrate...

Songs & Stories 2020



***New Faces at
The Craddock Center***

The Craddock Center Board of Directors takes great pleasure in introducing our new Executive Director, Dr. Pam Colvin, and Office Manager, Anne Williamson.

Dr. Colvin currently holds part time teaching appointments at KSU and Piedmont College. She earned her Doctor of Education in Educational Administration at Georgia Southern University. Pam is well credentialed with numerous honors including Outstanding Faculty Member at KSU in 2018, Teacher of the Year, and Distinguished Elementary Principal. She served as a teacher and administrator in the Glynn County School System and Cherokee County School System in Georgia.

Pam's joy comes in all aspects of early childhood education. She is already working with our staff to introduce innovative approaches to all phases of our work with the children we serve.

Anne has served in several roles within a Corporate Relocation site for major companies such as Coca Cola and Toyota. She was part owner of a successful outdoor adventure store and is well known in the Blue Ridge area for her years of work with the Humane Society of Blue Ridge, which she founded and served as president. Anne has also enjoyed being a real estate agent in this area. Having a heart for animals and children, Anne's personality and hearty laugh are both endearing to all.

We invite you to stop by to meet Pam and Anne. If travel to the Center is not possible, then give them a call and introduce yourself. They are anxious to get to know you!

Songs & Stories 2020 is the place to be on **Saturday, January 25, at 3:00PM!** The Craddock Center proudly presents two outstanding performances for this year's Songs & Stories. Gopher Broke and Carol Cain as Rosie the Riveter will perform. The afternoon begins by recognizing students, from various schools served by The Craddock Center, who won our annual Storytelling Competition.

Next, Gopher Broke with Jedd Dotson (Guitar, Vocals), Bobby Don Bloodworth (Guitar, Vocals), Bill Fleming (Steel Pedal Guitar), and James "Roscoe" Sargous (Percussion) join together to kick off the afternoon performances. Gopher Broke Band is rooted in Southern Appalachian folk, blues, and rock music. Group members have performed for twenty years and have performed with touring bands and are favorites in local festivals and venues. Fans are quoted as saying, "Wonderful music [from] a great band. It makes you wanna tap your feet and clap your hands. The best local band around!" This will be music to be treasured and enjoyed.

Carol Cain portraying Rosie the Riveter is a performance you don't want to miss. For the past twenty-four years, Carol has performed as Rosie the Riveter at the Little White House in Warm Springs, Georgia and other locations throughout the U.S. As Rosie, Carol dons coveralls, work boots, and the iconic head scarf to tell the story of women workers on the home front during World War II. For her work as Rosie the Riveter, Carol has received numerous awards including the Little White House Carolyn Carter Award and the DAR Women in American History Medal. Additionally, her performance has been recognized for being the most innovative program. Carol is a "Rosebud" affiliate member of the American Rosie the Riveter Association, performs annually for the organization and was featured at events at Fort Benning, GA, World War II Heritage Days, the Atlanta World War II Roundtable, and the Atlanta History Center. She is an amazing storyteller!



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



A Taste of Milk and Honey



DR. FRED B. CRADDOCK

HAVE YOU NOTICED how many good people there are? I mean really good people? I don't have a better word to describe them; they are fundamentally good. Theirs is character you can trust. They do not take what is not theirs; they share what is. When they say Yes, they mean Yes and you don't have to keep reminding them. They will postpone or even abandon their own plans because your need is urgent. They are generous, whether they have much or little. They tell the truth, but are not judgmental. They are not intrusive, but they are at your door when you thought no one knew you were at the end of your rope. You can depend on them. They never intend to harm. They do not need an audience before doing what is right. They mind their own business which includes standing up for the unjustly treated. They are compassionate, but they do not use your misfortunes to display their compassion. They don't even know how to be cruel.

To be sure, not all have the most becoming personalities, and if left to you, a few changes would be made...take off your hat in the house; don't talk so loud; clean up the jokes; help a bit more with the kids.

But in the long run, I can tolerate the bad habit...because these are good people. I mean really good people. I add to my list of good people every dayYou're on it, by the way.

Written by Dr. Craddock in March, 2007, and it's still true today. Thank you for your goodness to The Craddock Center.

Connie's Corner



Happy New Year 2020! This new year arrives with great anticipation and joy as we prepare, plan, and focus on the hope and happiness

we deliver to our Appalachian community. The Children's Enrichment Program is "Blessed" to have new equipment and props coming our way! A generous donor has offered to provide many items from our artists' wish list for Christmas. All will be used in our upcoming classroom visits. It is truly overwhelming. I remember Dr. Craddock saying, "Ask and it shall come." In my position as Programs Director, I have found this to be very true!!

The children we serve in our Children's Enrichment Program will prosper through music, stories, movement, and puppetry. We could not succeed in this mission without the help of so many friends. Thank you for so many generous donations including: CHILDREN'S BOOKS passed out throughout the year, KNITTED HATS from so many volunteers that help keep our kids warm, PUPPETS used in storytelling and shows, GLOVES collected by our local Benchmarks, and WOODEN TOYS coming from near and far that are delivered by Santa Jack each December.

Our program would not exist if it weren't for friends like you. Thank you for getting the new year off to a great start.

Coming soon to our schools and classrooms.....



Cat in the Hat plus Thing 1 and Thing 2

THANK YOU, SANTA and MRS. CLAUS for touching



so many lives during the past Christmas season. We've heard stories of children who still treasure the wooden toys from Santa and are sleeping with them each night.

The joy on precious faces when Santa speaks Spanish or signs words of happiness and love will stay with us forever. You are both a blessing to us all. We love you more!

Calling All Groups!

Book NOW for Camp Craddock....

We have 2 and possibly 3 weeks still available to schedule your Mission Group or Youth Group to come to **Camp Craddock.**



It's a week of working with kids in a day camp setting. Please give Connie Chancey a call at The Craddock Center for information.

Join in the fun during Summer 2020

