

Preliminary Conference Schedule

Weaving Our Voices

Cherokee, NC

Sunday, April 7

9am-11am (Transportation not provided, registration required):

1) [Museum of the Cherokee People and Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual](#)

589 Tsali Blvd., Cherokee, NC - 2mi./5-min. drive from casino.
20 people maximum.

Enjoy a curator-guided tour of the Museum of the Cherokee People's latest exhibit, which illuminates the complexities of tribal sovereignty using art, archival materials, and more. After, visit Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, the oldest Native arts co-op in the country, located just across the street. 589 Tsali Blvd., Cherokee, NC - 2mi./5-min. drive from casino.

2) [Guided Plant Walk with Bigelow's Botanical Excursions](#)

*Oconaluftee River Trail (Great Smoky Mountains National Park)
20 people maximum/\$25 per person*

Take a walk along the [Oconaluftee River](#) and learn about the plants of Southern Appalachia with horticulturalist Adam Bigelow.



1pm-3pm (Transportation not provided, registration required):

1) Museums of Western Carolina University

Take in the cultural offerings of Western Carolina University, including Mountain Heritage Center and the WCU Fine Arts Museum.

2) Visit to Kituwah

20 people maximum

Join the Atsila Anotasgi Cultural Specialists of the Museum of the Cherokee People for a visit to Kituwah, the Cherokee Mother Town and sacred site for all three federally recognized Cherokee tribes. The earthwork platform mound and village site were purchased by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in 1996. Kituwah was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1973 because of its historic and archeological significance.

1-3:30pm (Transportation not provided, registration required \$\$)

1) Herbariums and Botanicals: Outdoor Collections Care Workshop.
Sponsored by Glave and Holmes

589 Tsali Blvd., Cherokee, NC - 2mi./5-min. drive from casino.

This workshop is focused on maintaining botanical materials within a museum collection. Staff from the Museum of the Cherokee People will cover how to establish and maintain botanical collection pieces and how it can enhance an already robust artifact collection and interpretation of people and places. This workshop will include hands-on outside foraging and discussion of sustainable collecting practices of botanical specimens. Attendees will get to create and take home a herbarium.



4:30-5:30 How to Conference (EMP/Student session)

6pm Awards Ceremony

Welcome with Shana Bushyhead Condill (Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians), Executive Director, Museum of the Cherokee People

8pm Networking Event

Come mix and mingle with conference attendees.

Monday April 8

8-9am Breakfast

8:30am Welcome from Principal Chief Michell Hicks (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Brenda Pipestem (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), Associate Justice, Eastern Band of Cherokee Supreme Court

8am-5pm Vendor Hall is open

9-10am Conference Sessions

- 1) The Basics of Accessibility Part II
- 2) Weaving Immigrant Voices into Our Museums' Stories
- 3) All the Museum's A Stage: Theatre-Based Museum Programming

10:30-11:30am Conference Sessions

- 1) Listening to Our Elders: The American Indian Heritage Commission Oral History Project
- 2) Weaving (literally) a Partnership: How an Arts Group Found a Home at a Historic Site
- 3) Accessibility in Outdoor Spaces featuring the All-Access Eco Trail



11:30-12:30pm LUNCH

12-12:30pm Business meeting

12:45-1:45pm

- 1) 3rd Annual DEAI Showcase
- 2) **Pending:** A Listening Session on Supporting Students and EMPs hosted by NCMC
- 3) Regions Meetups!

1:30-3:00pm Poster Sessions

2:00-3:00pm Conference Sessions

- 1) Stories with Purpose: Linking Theatre and History to Encourage Conversation
- 2) Incarcerated Labor: A Cross Project Collaboration
- 3) Turning the Eye Inwards: Refocusing DEIB on the Museum's Staff

3-3:30pm Vendor Hall Break and Eclipse Viewing

3:30-4:30pm Conference Sessions

- 1) Lifting the Voices of the Past to Engage the Present
- 2) Open Forum: What's on YOUR mind?
- 3) Lessons Learned in Saving Siloam School