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Peach State FCU Sponsors Georgia Mountain Storytelling Festival



Pictured: Jennifer Marshall, Peach State's Towns-Union Branch Manager; Amanda Lawrence and Ruth Looper from the Georgia Mountain Storytelling Festival; and Scott Roland, Regional Business Executive for Peach State.

Blairsville, GA (March 14, 2019) – Peach State Federal Credit Union is pleased to sponsor the upcoming Georgia Mountain Storytelling Festival (GMSF) at the Union County Schools Fine Arts Center in Blairsville, Georgia on April 12-13, 2019.

GMSF provides opportunities for an underserved audience to engage with the voices of Appalachia through hearing stories and attending workshops that will enable them to develop a cultural intelligence

through the arts of listening and speaking. Featured speakers will include Adam Booth, Claudia Schmidt, and Bobby Norfolk just to name a few.

“Because education is at the core of our mission, GMSF provides free admission to all students age 18 and under. It’s inspiring to see high school students enthralled by storytellers, so much so that they put down their phones, look up and listen,” remarked Ruth Looper, Ph.D., Co-director of the Festival, and Professor of English at Young Harris College. “Sponsors such as Peach State help make these kinds of transformative experiences possible.”

“Peach State was founded by educators more than 55 years ago and sponsorships like this are an integral part of maintaining our connection to that foundation,” remarked Ryan Hawk, SVP of Business Development at Peach State. “We’re excited to support this important event and to help keep the tradition of storytelling alive.”

About the Georgia Mountain Storytelling Festival

The Georgia Mountain Storytelling Festival is organized to provide meaningful opportunities for an underserved audience to engage with the voices of Appalachia through hearing stories and attending workshops that will enable them to develop a cultural intelligence through the arts of listening and speaking. To learn more, visit www.gamountainstoryfest.org.

About Peach State Federal Credit Union

Peach State is a \$507 million credit union that serves more than 60,000 members in Georgia and South Carolina. As a financial cooperative, Peach State’s mission is to meet the needs and exceed the expectations of its member-owners. To learn more, visit www.peachstatefcu.org or www.peachstatefcustories.coop.

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