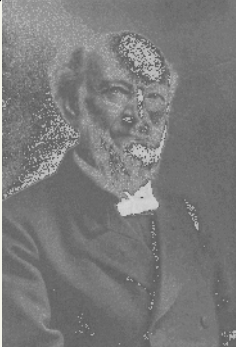


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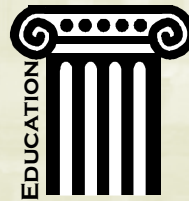


PILLARS OF CHAUTAUQUA

Since 1874, Chautauqua has embraced change with open-minded courage and open-hearted compassion. In 2008, we will use the question "Where Are We Now?" as a platform from which to explore a present and future both exciting and challenging.

In the unity of life-long learning, our mission is to rise above life's apparent conflicts to find a larger view and a refreshed state of mind, body and spirit.

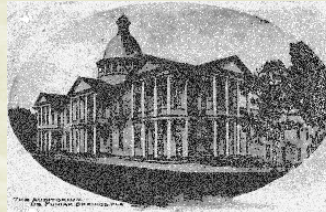
The program this year will include speakers in the



areas of ethics, health care, environment, spirituality, economics and more to explore and understand this vital question.

We hope you enjoy this First Edition of the *Florida Chautauquan*[©], keeping in mind that these are only a **few** of the highlights of this year's Assembly.

Please visit our website <http://floridachautauqua.org> for a full presentation of the schedule and events.



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RENOWNED DISNEY SPEAKER BRINGS CIVILITY TO THE WORKPLACE



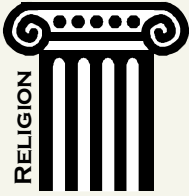
The Keynote Speaker for Thursday, February 21, Mark D. Jones is making his first appearance with the Chautauqua Winter Assembly. He will be asking the question "Have you ever wondered why the Disney Company is renowned for consistent world-class quality and service?" His presentation will introduce the "behind-the-scenes" proc-

esses and tools that Disney uses to succeed by living the Chautauqua values of "lifelong learning and civil discourse" - every day, for the "greatest good of all people."

Mr. Jones is the President of Small World Alliance, Inc., where he leads a consortium of former Disney executives who share their Fortune 500 experience with companies all over the world. He began his career with Walt

Disney World in 1978, serving in a variety of leadership roles, ultimately becoming the Senior Consultant of the famed Disney Institute Business Programs. After 26 years, Mark retired from Disney to share the secrets behind the magic of world-class companies, quickly becoming an acclaimed consultant in great demand. You can visit his website at www.smallworldalliance.com.

START YOUR DAY WITH THE MORNING DEVOTIONAL SERIES...



Thursday's Opening Ceremonies will begin with President **Ann Robinson** ringing out Three Taps of the Gavel, a tradition since 1874 when Dr. John Heyl Vincent convened the very first Sunday School Assembly on the shores of Chautauqua Lake, New York. A special prayer by Dr. Vincent will follow. **Mayor Harold Carpenter** will share a welcoming address and we will be treated by a

special speaker who will address our current theme in a devotional context. Each day will include music led by our own **Chautauqua Choir**.

Friday's Devotional "Where are we now with Religion and Ethics?" will be led by **Ronnie McBrayer**. He will be posing the question "can the Christian faith inform belief on the issues of cloning, conservation and control, or should faith be reserved for the traditional discussions of morality?" Ronnie McBrayer is a husband, father, pastor, author and

seeker. After years in denominational church ministry he left his faith tradition to minister on the edges of the church in non-traditional and non-denominational settings (including Seaside Chapel in Seaside, Florida). In addition to his ministerial experience Ronnie has served in leadership roles at non-profit and community development organizations, including the United Way and Habitat for Humanity. You can find out more about Mr. McBrayer, including his article series

Keeping the Faith, introduced last year in the Walton Sun, by visiting his website at www.leavingsalem.net.

The Devotional on Saturday, *This Is My Father's House*, will be led by our own Pastor from First Methodist Church, De Funiak Springs, **Reverend Robert N. West**. Reverend West will be leading a day dedicated to "Where are we now with the Environment?" by highlighting man's relationship to God in stewardship of our Earthly Home.

"WHERE DO PEOPLE OF FAITH GO FROM HERE?" ASKS DEAN HARRY PRITCHETT



The Very Reverend Harry H. Pritchett, Jr.

The Key-note Speaker for Friday, February 22nd will be The Very Rev. Harry H. Pritchett, Jr., the **Eighth Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City**, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world, from which he retired in 2001. For 16 years, he was the Rector of All Saints' Church, Atlanta, where he is

Rector Emeritus. Dean Pritchett has preached and led conferences, retreats, and consultations for clergy and laity throughout this country as well as in Europe. He has contributed to many books, primarily in the area of parish development and theological reflection. He is the author of *God is a Surprise*, a children's songbook, as well as *Morning Run*, *Sabbatical Reflections on the Church and the City*. He has contributed various

articles and/or sermons to national journals and periodicals of many denominations, and is the originator of the frequently published, "The Story of Phillip."

Dean Pritchett was Archdeacon of the Dioceses of Alabama, has served parishes in the Diocese of Alabama, and has taught at the School of Theology at Sewanee, the General Seminary in New York, and Virginia Theological Seminary where he serves on

the Board of Trustees.

He holds Doctor of Divinity degrees from Center College in Kentucky, and the University of the South at Sewanee.

You can find examples of his speeches and sermons at:

http://www.stphilipscathedral.org/sermon_Pritchett.html

SERVING UP INSPIRATION AND COMEDY: SPEAKER MARSHA MARKS



A Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd in the First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall accompanied by the successful Speaker Marsha Marks. Ms. Marks is a flight attendant and the author of *101 Amazing Things About God* (River Oak Publishing, 2001). She has been called "the Erma Bombeck of the Bible." Her articles and short stories have appeared in such publications as *Campus Life Magazine*, *The Christian Reader*, and *Writer's Digest*. Among her more successful endeavors are her short stories and fables packaged as "gift tag books," one of which will be distributed as part of her session. She is a frequent speaker at youth and women's conferences across the country. Marsha lives in the Savannah, Georgia area with her husband, Tom, and their daughter, Amanda Joy.

VANISHING HERITAGE: A PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY THROUGH FLORIDA'S DISAPPEARING HISTORY

On Saturday, don't miss **Keynote Speaker Carlton Ward Jr.** He is an environmental photojournalist from Clearwater, Florida, with graduate training in ecology and anthropology. Through his photographs, he aims to promote conservation of natural environments and cultural legacies. At home and abroad, Carlton seeks stories where he can use photographs to make a difference. Carlton's passion for nature was born from the Florida landscape, where eight

generations of family history have grounded his perspective. He sees cultural heritage and the natural environment as two of society's greatest yet most threatened resources.

For his session, Mr. Ward reminds us "Florida is changing. One thousand new residents move here each day and 200,000 acres of natural land (larger than Pinellas County) are being converted to development each year. Florida's original character is quietly

disappearing. Vanishing Heritage shares glimpses of the real Florida." (from The Hoffman Porges Gallery exhibit, 2006). **Carlton Ward's Photography Exhibit will also be on display at the Chautauqua Art Show .**

Right: "get a glimpse of history from two men who still build palm-frond shelters, carry hogs on horseback and bake pokie biscuits. And you call yourself a Floridian" from the St. Petersburg Times, 2/15/02



Photo by Carlton Ward Jr.

THE ARTS GATHER UNDER ONE ROOF...

The De Funiak Springs Community Center will host the Chautauqua Art Show. Regular shuttles from the Hall of Brotherhood will run on the quarter hour to ensure easy transportation.

The Visual Arts will be organized by **Paulette Morrison, owner of Gallery 331.** Local and regional artists will display

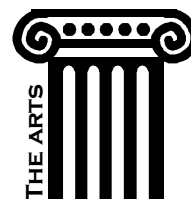
and sell their work.

Don't miss the **Chautauqua Quilters**, who bring their individual works together and feature their exquisite and imaginative talents. Both traditional and contemporary fabric arts will be on display in addition to vintage heirlooms. This year, they will offer continuous demonstrations through the

show.

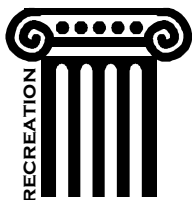
As mentioned above, **Carlton Ward** will be sharing his environmental conservation photography. Other photographers will be featured as well .

Pottery will also be featured, including demonstrations by **Gayla Edwards.**



Porcelain Artist Dulce Rush

will be displaying her artwork. Ms. Rush came to America from Cuba in 1966 at the age of nine. She has been practicing art since the age of six, but wasn't inspired to porcelain painting until age 40. Her work is so inspiring, she was invited by the Governor's office to display her art in the Florida Capitol Building's First Gallery in 2006.



DON'T FORGET RECREATION! YOGA, FUN RUNS, TOURS & TEAS...

This year's Assembly will not be without a myriad of choices for fun, food, and fitness.

The Hall of Brotherhood will be a beautiful location to invigorate your mind and body each morning with **Yoga on the Porch led by June Enfinger.** Afterwards, enjoy a **hot breakfast**

cooked with love in the St. Agatha's Parish Hall. All meals are cooked to order by St. Agatha's Parishioners.

Take a tour back in time with **Kenneth Harrison at his Old Home Place;** or, enjoy a brown bag lunch followed by a **Walking Tour of Lake De Funiak with the owner of Wallace Bruce's Dream Cottage, Carol**

Puckett.

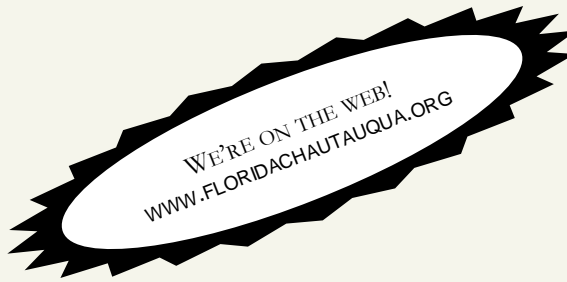
The weekend afternoons will find you refreshed with a cup of tea and traditional fare served by the **Victorian Tea Ladies.**

And what about a classic movie to entertain you on Friday or Saturday Afternoon? The **Chautauqua Film Festival** will fill the Chautauqua Theater

with the talents of **Frank Capra.**

The **Women's Club** will also keep us fit and full with a **Fun Run Saturday morning,** and one of their delicious **Spaghetti Suppers on Friday evening.**

Finally, enjoy a walk around DeFuniak Lake for the **Sunday Porch Parties,** visiting the various porch events.



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CHAUTAUQUA THEATRE EVENING ENTERTAINMENT: FILM FESTIVAL, RADIO SHOW AND LEWIS GRIZZARD

THURSDAY NIGHT FEB. 21



The Films of Frank Capra will be the inaugural offering of the Florida Chautauqua Film Festival. One of film industry's most beloved pioneers, Frank Capra, captured the true spirit of America during the first half of the 20th Century.

Premier night will include spotlights, a red carpet and more to highlight the first showing of films in over 25 years in De Funiak Springs' original cinema theater.

FRIDAY NIGHT FEB. 22



On Friday night, February 22nd, the stage of the Florida Chautauqua Theatre in De Funiak Springs becomes the broadcast location of an old-time radio program: **"The Chautauqua Radio Companion."**

"The Chautauqua Radio Companion" will be a mix of music, comedy skits, "advertisements" and other eclectic entertainments guaranteed to bring a smile or set your toes to tapping. Be sure and join us for a delightful evening.

SATURDAY NIGHT FEB. 23



Bill Oberst Jr. brings all new material in **Lewis Grizzard: One More Time**. Mr. Oberst portrays the late best-selling author who was the most widely-syndicated newspaper columnist in American history.

Presented in two acts, the show encompasses both Grizzard's onstage humor; with jokes and stories from his popular stage act and poignant nature of his illness and early death; with excerpts from his last books and columns.