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● The Art Center Theatre and Gallery, 118 Elm St. in Rockmart, will host a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. for the opening of its new addition and an **exhibition by Zal Richards**. Gallery hours are Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and by appointment.

Monday

● **“Common Thread: An Exhibit of Textile Art from Northwest Georgia,”** curated by Berry College alumna Elizabeth Boner, will be on display at the Rome Area Council for the Arts, 248 Broad St., through May 11. Call 706-295-2787 for more information.

● In conjunction with a new series called **“Ladies for Tea: Women in History,”** Susan Harvey, author of **“Tea with Sister Anna,”** will lead a discussion on the history of women in the arts and growing up in Rome. The event begins at 3 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and free to museum members. Call 706-235-8051 for more information.

Wednesday

● The **Berry College Symphonic Band** will be in concert at 8 p.m. in the Ford Auditorium at the college. Admission is free. Call 706-236-2289 for more information.

April 19

● The Rome Area Council for the Arts invites the public to a book signing by **Virginia Gardner Troy** for her book, **“The Modernist Textile: Europe and America, 1890-1940.”** The signing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. at the RACA gallery, 248 Broad St., and is in conjunction with the opening reception for **“Common Thread: An Exhibit of Textile Art from Northwest Georgia,”** which will be on display through May 11. Call 706-295-2787 for more information.

● The **Berry College Jazz Ensemble** will be in concert at 8 p.m. in the Ford Auditorium. Admission is free. Call 706-236-2289 for more information.

● The **Chieftains Archaeological Symposium** will begin at 7 p.m. in the Grizzard Center next to the museum. The program invites the public to learn about both previous and current archaeological investigations. Admission is free. Call 706-291-9494 for more information.

● The Rome Area History Museum will present its spring Third Thursday Lecture Series, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with **Mike McDougald** speaking about the trivial things that make history important and exciting. For more information, call 706-235-8051.

April 21

● The **Shorter College Chorale** will have their spring concert in Brookes Chapel at 7:30 p.m. and will present **“Chichester Psalms”** by Leonard Bernstein. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. Call 706-233-7288 for more information.

● The annual **Plant and Herb Sale**, benefiting Chieftains Museum, will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and again on April

22 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Coosa Valley Fairgrounds.

● Rome artist **Siri Gunderson** will display her work in an art show at **Bistro 239/T. Martooni’s** on Broad Street called **“Contribute to Rome.”** The exhibit will include 30 paintings of various scenes in Rome and will be from 7 to 10 p.m. Call 706-409-3022 for more information.

● The **“Battle of Rome II: Fully Loaded”** will begin at 7 p.m. at The Forum. Visit www.myspace.com/beatdownmma for more information and www.forumevents.org for tickets.

April 22

● Shorter College’s **chorus and Somethin’ Else** will present a concert at 3 p.m. in Brookes Chapel. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. Call 706-233-7288 for more information.

April 26

● The **Berry College Woodwind Ensemble** will be in concert at 8 p.m. in the Ford Auditorium. Admission is free. Call 706-236-2289 for more information.

● Armuchee Middle School’s choral students will present their first **fully-staged musical** through April 27 in the Armuchee High School Auditorium. Call 706-378-7924 for more information.

April 28

● The 43rd annual **Cedar Valley Arts Festival** will be held through April 29 at Peek Park on College Street in Cedartown and will feature art from local school children and youth as well as professional juried art, local crafts and food. There will also be a car cruise, road race and dog show. Visit www.events2000.com/festivals/georgia/cedarvalley.htm for more information.

April 29

● The **Preparatory Department in the Arts** at Shorter College will present their spring recital at 2 p.m. in Brookes Chapel. Call 706-233-7334 for more information.

May 4

● The Coosa River Basin Initiative’s annual Canoe-a-thon is now **Waterfest VII**, complete with a new game — kayak tug-o-war, through May 5 at Ridge Ferry Park. The event will include a 13-mile race on the Oostanaula River from Armuchee to Ridge Ferry. Registration and details may be obtained on www.coosa.org or by calling 706-232-2724. Registration ends April 27.

● The Downtown Development Authority will continue its First Friday concert series with **Uptown Entertainment** from 7 to 10 p.m. at Bridgepoint Plaza. The show is free.

May 5

● Chieftains Museum invites the public to **“Cherokee Heritage Day,”** featuring Tommy Wildcat and some Cherokee dancers. Entertainment begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 5 to 18. Call 706-291-9494 for more information.

● The Bartow History Center will

host **“Contra in the Country”** from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at the Stilesboro Academy. Admission is \$6 per person. Call 770-382-3818 for more information.

● **Tony Boswell and Laurie Ann Fondiler**, both PG-18 rated, will provide comedy at MB’s Comedy and Event House beginning at 8 p.m. Visit www.romemovies.com or call 706-235-2200, ext. 203, for more information.

May 19

● Chieftains Museum will host **“Archaeology Laboratory Open House”** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Grizzard Center, next door to the museum. See artifacts removed from the grounds of the museum. Regular admission prices apply. Call 706-291-9494 for more information.

June 1

● The Downtown Development Authority will continue its First Friday concert series with **Peachtree Station** from 7 to 10 p.m. at Bridgepoint Plaza. The show is free.

June 15

● The Rome Art Coterie’s fifth national **Juried Art Exhibition** will continue through June 29 and will award a total of \$2,000 in prizes. First place is \$1,000. The exhibition will be at the Rome Area Council for the Arts, 248 Broad St. Entries must be submitted by April 6. Visit www.romeartcoterie.org for more information or call 706-295-5107.

June 18

● **Marshall Tucker Band** will be in concert at The Forum. Also on the lineup will be Lee Roy Parnell and Randall Bramblett. Tickets are \$10 at State Mutual Stadium or may be purchased online at www.romebraves.com. Doors open at 7 p.m. Call 706-368-9388 for more information.

June 22

● The **North Georgia Music Festival** will be at Ridge Ferry Park with Sister Hazel, Velcro Pygmies, KneCKDown and a total of 25 bands, varying in genre, through June 24. Gates open at 6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Other entertainment and food will be included. Visit www.gamusicfest.com for more information.

July 6

● The Downtown Development Authority will continue its First Friday concert series with **Biscuit Burners** from 7 to 10 p.m. at Bridgepoint Plaza. The show is free.

Aug. 3

● The Downtown Development Authority will continue its First Friday concert series with **Scattered, Smothered and Covered** from 7 to 10 p.m. at Bridgepoint Plaza. The show is free.

Sept. 7

● The Downtown Development Authority will continue its First Friday concert series with **KneCKDown** from 7 to 10 p.m. at Bridgepoint Plaza. The show is free.

I love the nightlife...

Buffalo’s Café, 440 Shorter Ave. Phone: 706-234-2833.

● Saturday: **Jessie Williamson**, 8 p.m.

The State Line Tavern, 9441 Alabama Highway. Phone: 706-232-5552.

● Daily: **Pool, Darts, Horseshoes.**

● Thursdays: **Open Mic Pickin’ & Grinnin’.**

● Fridays: **The Showmen Band**, 9 p.m.; **Pool Tournament**
● Saturdays: **Karaoke**, 8 p.m.

Old Havana Cigar Co., 327 Broad St. Phone: 706-295-0546.

● Thursdays: **El Willie**, 9 p.m.

400 Block Bar, 413 Broad St. Phone: 706-238-9000.

● Wednesdays: **Trivia**, 9 p.m., followed by **live music.**

The Alley Sports Bar & Grill, 325 Broad St. Phone: 706-295-4484.

● Thursdays: **College Dance Night**, 9 p.m.

Holiday Inn Skytop Toppers Lounge, Holiday Drive. Phone: 706-295-1100.

● Thursdays: **The Dry County Band**, 9 p.m.

● Fridays: **The Dry County Band**, 9 p.m.

● Saturdays: **The Dry County Band**, 9 p.m.

Harvest Moon Café, 234 Broad St. Phone: 706-292-0099.

● Thursdays: **Russell McClanahan and Friends**, 6:30 p.m.

● Saturday: **Jenny Detra**, 6:30 p.m.

● Sundays: **Jenny Detra** during brunch.

● Wednesdays: **David Bell**, 7 p.m.

Gilbert’s Family Restaurant, 5 N. Fourth St., Lindale. Phone: 706-232-6280.

● Thursdays: **Karaoke**, 7 p.m.

● Fridays: **Karaoke**, 7 p.m.

Sports Page, 1711 Dean Ave. Phone: 706-234-0097.

● Fridays: **Dart Tournament**, 7 p.m.; **Karaoke**, 7:30 p.m.

● Saturdays: **Dart Tournament**, 7 p.m.; **Karaoke**, 7:30 p.m.

Beer Barrel Sports Bar, 724 Kingston Ave. Phone: 706-234-9164.

● Fridays: **Karaoke**, 7 p.m.

Schroeder’s New Deli, 3170 Martha Berry Highway. Phone: 706-295-0733.

● Today: **Songwriters Night in the Round**, 7 p.m.

● Mondays: **Trivia**, 7 p.m.