



Folk Heritage Association of Macon County Purpose: To provide living history experiences and to preserve the heritage of Macon County for generations to come.

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We welcome your participation. Please let us know if you would like to join in our efforts in preserving our heritage!

## Our Story - FHAMC

The Folk Heritage Association of Macon County (FHAMC) is dedicated to preserving and sharing the culture and folkways of our Southern Appalachian Mountains. The founding members understood that with the increasing development and changing lifestyles in our county, this priceless heritage was in danger of being lost, simply by our indifference and neglect.

Margaret Ramsey, FHAMC's visionary and founder, believed that "In today's world, we are constantly amazed by the new technologies that make our lives easier; however, we must never forget the hard work and ingenuity of our forefathers that made these advances possible." By providing living history experiences through hands-on demonstrations, FHAMC strives to keep Macon County's heritage alive!

Our immediate goal was to develop a showcase for demonstrating the everyday skills, crafts, and music of our ancestors. With wide community support, the first Franklin Folk Festival was launched in 2004 and continued through 2023. As changes are made for future events and to meet our goal of heritage preservation, FHAMC will sponsor several projects instead of one large event to meet our goal to preserve our heritage through demonstration, and education. FHAMC will also continue to partner with like-minded groups to promote heritage preservation opportunities, i.e. Cowee Christmas, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Heritage Days, etc.

In 2016, FHAMC adopted the Women's History Trail *"Walking in Her Steps"* project, a designated path in downtown Franklin identified by bronze plaques that share stories about women who help shaped Macon County's history. In March 2024, our monumental bronze sculpture, "Sowing the Seeds of the Future" will be dedicated to the Town of Franklin as public art. This piece will serve as the Trailhead for the WHT and will be in a pocket park by the river in East Franklin. Please visit our website to find out more.

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