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**The Ridge Macon County Archaeology Project and the Town of Shorter, Alabama present the 2023 Old Federal Road Storytelling Festival, Saturday, October 28, 2023, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. CT Old Shorter High School/Shorter Elementary near the Cubahatchee Bapt. Church on Macon Co. Rd 8 (Old Federal Road)**

***Featuring Storytelling – Music – Reader’s Theatre – Ruff Rydaz Horse Club & Tri-State Auto Club Antique Car Parade – Exhibits – Food Vendors!***



**Old Federal Road Storytelling Festival**  
**Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023 | Shorter, Alabama**

This arts and culture educational and entertainment event acknowledges the multicultural history and people of The Federal Road, one of the nation’s first federally-funded interstate routes. The Federal Road made possible the “Alabama Fever” land rush which comprised the early settlement of Alabama and its population growth during the 1800s and it contributed to expansionism that led to the forced removal and displacement of the Muscogee Creek Nation. According to historians, if your family roots trace back to ancestors who migrated from the east to the “Old Southwest,” chances are they traveled on the Federal Road. This festival is the one and only event of its kind in Alabama that is dedicated to this history.

The event theme is “When Freedom Came.” The meaning of freedom varies from person to person in our society today. For some people freedom means being able to work and live and raise a family. For others freedom means being able to travel and enjoy life. This festival will highlight what freedom means to us, and what it has meant in the past to others. For example, the festival program booklet cover on the left was inspired by formerly enslaved men who recalled vividly the moment when freedom came as they left their plantations near the end of the Civil War to go with Union Army troops as they marched across Alabama heading towards Columbus, Georgia.

You are cordially invited to become a vendor or exhibitor and join us to honor southeast Alabama’s significant historical and cultural legacy and to support our efforts to foster community well-being and social cohesion through the arts and humanities.

The vendor fee is \$25. There is no charge for exhibitors. To

register, download and complete the form and mail with payment OR download, complete, and mail form and visit link below to submit payment online: <https://www.digtheridge.com/donate> For more information about the event and vendor and exhibitor opportunities, please contact Dr. Shari L. Williams, Executive Director at 770-843-1913 or [contact@digtheridge.com](mailto:contact@digtheridge.com)

## 2023 OLD FEDERAL ROAD STORYTELLING FESTIVAL VENDOR/EXHIBITOR FORM

We invite you to host a booth where you may sell your items to our attendees as one of our vendors or you can be an exhibitor and distribute “free” samples, printed materials, or complimentary services. The vendor fee is \$25. There is no fee for exhibitors, but cash and in-kind donations are appreciated. To register as a vendor or exhibitor for the 2023 Old Federal Road Storytelling Festival, please fill out all parts of the form below.

We provide a 10 x 10 outdoor space. You are responsible for our own: display, equipment, canopy, table, chairs, etc. Electrical is available on a limited basis. Expect 150-200 participants. There is drop-off parking, however, a cart or other manual means of transporting your goods is recommended. After drop-off, vendor/exhibitor parking is available nearby. Tentative Schedule for the Day: Vendors/Exhibitors set-up by 8:30 a.m. and clean up 5:00-5:30 p.m.

**VENDORS – \*\*We welcome vendors who offer food, cultural items, arts and crafts items, and folk items.\*\*** Please mail your completed form with a check for \$25 payable to: Ridge Macon County Archaeology Project. Download, complete, and mail this form to: Ridge Macon County Archaeology Project c/o Dr. Shari L. Williams, 3 Conisburgh Ct., Columbus, GA 31907, ATTN: 2023 OFRSF. Please make a copy of this form for your records. **\*We must receive your registration form by September 30, 2023.**

**EXHIBITORS –** Download, complete, and mail this form to: Ridge Macon County Archaeology Project c/o Dr. Shari L. Williams, 3 Conisburgh Ct., Columbus, GA 31907, ATTN: 2023 OFRSF. Please make a copy of this form for your records. **\*We must receive your registration form by September 30, 2023.**

### VENDOR/EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Company/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-profit:     Yes             No                                    Registering as:    Vendor     Exhibitor

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Company Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Company website: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person’s Name, Phone number , and Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your display and services:

Will you be providing free items/products to attendees? If yes, what items/products?

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By completing and submitting this registration of behalf of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Organization/Company Name)

I, as the organization/company representative, agree to be responsible for providing the display/exhibit items listed above, and to adhere to the parking arrangements and the set-up and clean-up schedule as outlined above. I also agree to abide by the 2023 OFRSF’s directions to ensure safety for festival attendees.

Organization/Company Rep’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_