

*National Association for Interpretation
Sunny Southeast Regional Workshop 2016*

*Interpreting Nature
and History in an
Urban Environment*

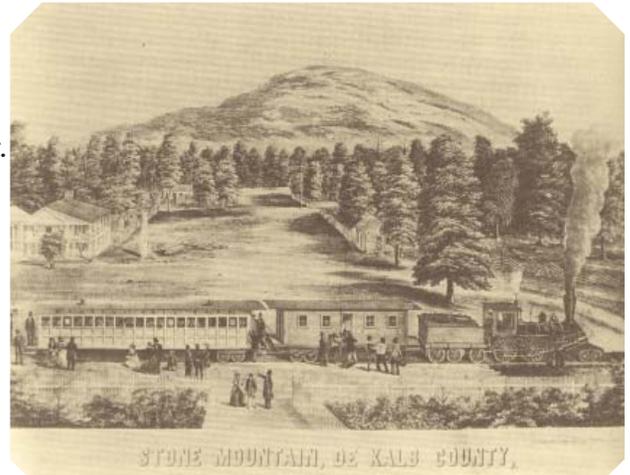
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February 3-6, 2016
Stone Mountain, Georgia

Welcome to Stone Mountain, Georgia

Join other interpreters from around the southeast this February in Stone Mountain for the NAI Sunny Southeast Regional Workshop. Stone Mountain is a little oasis in the midst of a busy Atlanta metro area. Nature lovers are inspired by the granite mountain with trails that take you through forests, meadows, streams and a lake. History buffs can travel back in time to an Antebellum plantation or to a time when the mountain was used as a rock quarry.

Stone Mountain Park is a 3,200 acre park of granite mountain, natural areas, history, huge bas-relief carving on the side of the mountain, recreation, laser shows, food, snow tubing, and events. Located 16 miles from Atlanta and close to all of metro Atlanta, the park hosts an estimated 4 million visitors a year. The park is operated by the Stone Mountain Memorial Association (SMMA) through a long-term public/private partnership with Herschend Family Entertainment Corporation (HFEC), a private corporation that manages all commercial operations within the Park; lodging, attractions, retail, and special events. SMMA supervises the lease with HFEC, manages and maintains all public areas, the Natural District which makes up two-thirds of the Park and includes the Mountain itself, roadways, provides public services, and supports historical and natural education.



The 2016 Regional Workshop will be held at the Education Annex located at 6826 James B. Rivers Memorial Drive and at the Confederate Hall Historical and Environmental Education Center located at 2003 Robert E. Lee Blvd. Walks at interpretive sites in the park, both natural and cultural, will be part of the sessions to provide you an opportunity for guided exploration of the area.

Visit SMMA website: www.stonemountainpark.org or HFEC website: www.stonemountainpark.com for more information about the park.

NAI Region 3 2016 Workshop Information

Full Workshop Fee: NAI Member \$100 NAI Non-Member \$175
(Includes Wednesday dinner, Thursday lunch and dinner, socials, breaks and sessions)

Thursday Only workshop fee: NAI Member \$40 NAI Non-Member \$60
(Includes lunch and dinner, social, and sessions)

All registrations can be completed online. Payments can be made by using a credit card or check. All checks must be made out to NAI. You will not be registered until payment is received at the national office of NAI. Registration forms and fees must be received by January 25, 2016. Registrations after this date, including walk-in registration on site, will be accepted but will incur a \$10 additional fee.

Submit all registration fees electronically through www.interpnet.com when paying by credit card. If paying by check, submit your information to the National Association for Interpretation, PO Box 2246, Ft. Collins, CO 80522. Please print a form to send with your payment if paying by check. Contact Kate Mowbray at (706) 613-3615 X 231 or by email kate.mowbray@athensclarkecounty.com for questions about registration.

Tentative workshop Schedule

Wednesday evening

4:00-5:30 pm Registration in the Education Annex
5:30-6:00 p.m. Welcome to RIW 2016
 Opening Speaker: Hermina Glass-Hill
6:00-6:45 p.m.. Dinner
6:45-7:15 p.m. Evening Entertainment: Storyteller Tracy Sue Walker
7:15 p.m. Social continues, silent auction open

Thursday

9:00-9:50 am Session 1
10:20-11:10 am Session 2
11:30 –12:00 p.m. Keynote address: Jerry Hightower
12:30 – 1:50 p.m. Lunch: Member meeting and awards
2:30-3:20 p.m. Session 3
4:00-4:50 p.m. Session 4
5:30-6:00 p.m. Social
6:00-8:00 p.m. Dinner and live auction

Friday

Field Trips during the day (lunch provided during site visits)
Dinner on your own

Saturday

9:00-9:50 am Session 1
10:00-10:50 am Session 2
11:00-11:50 am Session 3
12:00 p.m. Workshop ends

Cancellation Policy: Refunds will be given until January 22, 2016 with a \$25 cancellation fee. After that date, refunds will be given only by review of the regional leadership. The non-member rate includes a NAI membership so you will only receive a refund for the workshop portion but will receive a NAI membership. All refunds will be processed after the event.



Opening Speaker: Hermina Glass-Hill

Hermina is a creative and compassionate visionary with proven results in harmoniously bridging diverse communities and audiences toward shared strategic goals. She drives institutional and grassroots capacity-building efforts to inspire and effect positive and sustainable, real world outcomes. A noted social researcher, historian, writer and lecturer, Hermina specializes in community engagement, urban sustainability, social justice activism, program design, and creative solutions planning. An independent concept strategist, she provides professional counsel to corporate, educational, cultural resource, and non-profit firms on corporate social responsibility, community engagement, and urban sustainability. Visit www.herminaglasshill.com



Wednesday Evening Entertainment: Tracy Sue Walker

Tracy has been called “wickedly wonderful” and able to use “her carefully crafted words and expressive face to make her stories dance.” Tracy has always loved stories – hearing them, creating them and telling them. As a professional storyteller, she has shared stories and workshops with people in many places – from the St. Louis Storytelling Festival to the Tale Spin Festival in Chattanooga, and lots of libraries, schools, and festivals in between. Her first storytelling CD – Never Hire a Fox - was released in 2014 and was the recipient of a Parents’ Choice Recommended Award from the national Parents’ Choice Foundation. Visit Tracy’s website at <http://www.tracytales.com/>

Keynote Speaker: Jerry Hightower

Jerry Hightower, Mr. Chattahoochee,” is a well known fixture within the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area since 1979. For all that time as a park ranger in a 48 mile river park, Jerry has helped schools, families, and individuals experience a river, wetlands, water quality, watersheds, nature, and history. The National Recreation Area stretches through the northern suburbs of Atlanta. Expect Jerry to provide inspiring words for Interpreters from years of working in an urban park. Enjoy a preview of how entertaining Jerry is as he performs Bat Song.



Field Trips on Friday, February 5, 2015

All trips include lunch and transportation unless otherwise noted.

The Martin Luther King National Historic Site

Tour the home where Martin Luther King was born, follow his career through the Visitor Center's exhibits, hear his voice in the sanctuary of Ebenezer Baptist Church, rest and meditate in the Peace Garden, and visit his grave.

Field trip fee: \$25

Zoo Atlanta

Enjoy the sights and sounds of a world class zoo; then learn about its research, conservation initiatives and interpretive programs; top off your experience with an Animal Encounter.

Field trip fee: \$40



Wren's Nest

The Wren's Nest is the home of Joel Chandler Harris, the author who penned Uncle Remus: His Songs and His Sayings. Tour this oldest house museum in Atlanta, let your assumptions about Uncle Remus be challenged, learn about innovative writing programs for teenagers, and most of all, listen to stories.

Transportation not provided. Please carpool with other attendees.

Field trip fee: \$30

The Atlanta History Center

Learn about Georgia's history in award-winning exhibits, tour two historic houses, celebrate again the Centennial Olympics, walk the trails through acres of gardens, learn about the work of the Kenan Research Center and the StoryCorps initiative, and visit the Margaret Mitchell House, birthplace of Gone with the Wind.

Field trip fee: \$45

The Center for Puppetry Arts

This site visit is a double-duty program: experience the interpretation of puppetry in history and in various cultures and learn how to use puppetry in your interpretations of both natural and cultural resources. Watch a puppet show, attend a make-a-puppet workshop, and take a tour of the museum.

Field trip fee: \$45



Hotel Accommodations:

Contact the hotel of your choice to reserve a room and reference "Region 3 Interpreters Workshop." Hotels are located near the Park Main gate 2.5 - 3 miles from the Workshop event locations.

Room rates are guaranteed for reservations made by January 27, 2016.



Comfort Inn, Stone Mountain
5355 Stone Mountain (Hwy 78) Stone Mountain, GA 30087
(P) 770-465-1888 (F) 770-465-3424
Rate: \$79 plus tax/night



Holiday Inn Express, Stone Mountain
1790 East Park Place Blvd. Stone Mountain, GA 30087
(P) 770-465-8847 (F) 770-465-9184
Rate: \$99 plus tax/night



Country Inn & Suites, Stone Mountain
1852 Rockbridge Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30087
(P) 770-465-6515 (F) 770-465-4260
Rate: \$89 plus tax/night



Days Inn, Stone Mountain
2006 Glenn Club Dr. Stone Mountain, GA 30087
(P) 770-879-0800 (F) 770-879-5674
Rate: \$69 plus tax/night

Camping Options at Stone Mountain:

Stone Mountain camp ground has 431 campsites - 202 with full hook-ups (water/electric/sewer) for RV's; 189 partial hook-ups (water/electric) for tents, pop-ups and RV's; 3 Yurt sites; plus 56 primitive tent sites. For details, visit <http://www.stonemountainpark.com/lodging-camping/camping>.

Reservations are not required, however it is encouraged to reserve in advance. Review the camp ground map and book online or call 1-800-385-9807. A one-night site rental deposit will be charged to your credit card at the time reservations are made.

NAI Sunny Southeast Regional Workshop 2016 Registration Form

Name _____

Title _____ Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

TOTAL FEES OWED

Full Registration \$ _____ Member \$100/Nonmember \$175

Thursday only Registration \$ _____ Member \$40/Nonmember \$60

(Add \$10 if registering after January 25, 2016)

Off site Field Experiences \$ _____

Extra Meal for Guests \$ _____

Check guest meals: Wednesday dinner \$15 Thursday lunch \$10 Thursday dinner \$15

Total Fees \$ _____

Off site trip choice:

The Martin Luther King National Historic Site \$25

Zoo Atlanta \$40

Wren's Nest \$30

The Atlanta History Center \$45

The Center for Puppetry Arts \$45

Please list any special needs you may have during the workshop: (dietary, accessibility, etc.)

Check all that apply:

Will bring auction item

First timer

Am a student

Want to volunteer at workshop

Want to be a workshop sponsor.

Please list how you would like to be a sponsor (monetary, in kind donation)