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The Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Partner to Host *Native American Family Day*

Montgomery, March 3, 2017 – The Poarch Band of Creek Indians’ rich heritage will come to life on the grounds of the MMFA Saturday, March 11, from 1 to 4 P.M. During this **FREE** event, Tribal members will share aspects of their enriching history and legacy in fun and interactive ways for people of all ages. The event will take place rain or shine.

“We are honored to be partnering with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians to host this rich cultural event for the fourth year in a row. It is an afternoon of fun that generates huge interest in the Tribe from hundreds of families throughout the River Region,” said Mark Johnson, Director of the MMFA.

This year’s event will include storytelling by Robert Thrower, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer; drumming by Medicine Tail; and dance performances by the Tribe’s popular Pow Wow Club. Poarch Creek artisans will also be on hand to showcase their art and attendees will be able to participate in medallion-making, basket-weaving, and clay work in the Creek tradition.

We will have a display of winning pieces from the Tribe’s art contest held earlier this year in the Museum’s Rotunda. Multiple media will be showcased, including copper tooling, painting, and basketry.

“We are honored to share and celebrate Alabama’s Native American Heritage with the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. The educational opportunities that will be made available about the Poarch Band of Creek Indians makes this a great history lesson for all who attend,” said Stephanie A. Bryan, Tribal Chair and CEO, Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

For more information call 334.240.4333 or visit www.mmfa.org for further details.

To learn more, please visit Poarch Neighbors website: www.poarchneighbors.com

The Museum, located at One Museum Drive in the Blount Cultural Park, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.; Thursday from 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.; and Sunday 12 noon to 5 p.m.

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