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

Montgomery, March 1, 2016 – The Poarch Band of Creek Indians’ rich heritage will come to life on the grounds of the Museum Saturday, March 12, from 1 P.M. 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 the entire family. The event will take place rain or shine.

“We are excited about partnering with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians for the third year to present this Family Day. Each year it generates huge interest in the Tribe. This family-oriented event is the perfect way for the River Region to learn about and experience Southeastern Indian culture,” said Mark Johnson, Director of the MMFA.

The afternoon 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 try their hand at medallion making, weaving and clay work in the Creek tradition.

There will be an exhibition featuring *Faces of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians* along with a video further expanding on Creek life.

“We are honored to share and celebrate our culture and heritage with the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, so that people in the community will have the opportunity to learn more about our Tribe. The educational opportunities that will be made available to everyone during this event, makes this a great history lesson for all who attend,” said Stephanie A. Bryan, Tribal Chair and CEO, Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

The media is invited to attend the Native American Family Day and coverage is welcome. Photo, video, and interview opportunities will be available.

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 Montgomery, 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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About the Poarch Band of Creek Indians

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is the only federally recognized Indian Tribe in the state of Alabama, operating as a sovereign nation with its own system of government and bylaws. The Tribe operates a variety of economic enterprises, which employ hundreds of area residents. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is an active partner in the state of Alabama, contributing to economic, educational, social and cultural projects benefiting both tribal members and residents of these local communities and neighboring towns.