

Dr. Carol A. Morrow

Presents

Missouri Cherokee Heritage

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Hello Friends

Welcome!



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Dr. Carol Morrow has been a faculty member at Southeast Missouri State University since 1988. She received her B.A. from the University of Mississippi in Anthropology, and also earned her M.A. in Anthropology from the same institution in 1979. Carol received her Ph.D. in Anthropology from Southern Illinois University.

Dr. Morrow's interest in "all facets" of general anthropology and, more recently, a focused interest concerning the Cherokee heritage in Missouri bring Carol to the Athenæum Series to treat her audience to a pleasant and expert view of Cherokee heritage here in southeast Missouri.

Why Are There So Many Cherokee Descendants in Missouri?

By Carol Morrow

April 10, 2008

Thursday @ 12 Noon

Sadie's Place

Hundreds of people in southeast Missouri have Cherokee heritage but don't know the source of history of this Indian ancestry. The commonly accepted story is that their ancestors are those people that stayed in the area when the Cherokee Indians moved through southeast Missouri during the Trail of Tears in 1838—1839. Actually, the story of Cherokees in our area goes back deeper in time. This first talk will be about the early Cherokee settlers who moved into Osage territory (northern Arkansas), the subsequent 'Osage—Cherokee War', and the early displacement of the Cherokee, a decade before the Trails of Tears.

Refreshments will be served.

Library Hosts: Julie Banks, Cathy Stitz, Sheila Isaacs, Angela Primm, Robin Malone and Pat Willingham.

Who Is a Real Cherokee and Who Decides?

By Carol Morrow

April 24, 2008

Thursday @ 4:00 p.m.

Sadie's Place

There are many Cherokee groups in Missouri and Arkansas today. Most of these groups require some genealogical evidence of 'Cherokee blood' for membership. Upon enrollment, a person receives a membership card which indicates the person is an official member of an Indian group. Are they 'real Indians'? Do you have to have black hair and brown eyes to be 'real'? Is it necessary to speak the language or 'know the culture' to be an Indian? What makes a 'real Indian', and who actually makes that decision? In this second talk, we'll look at these issues and explore what this means for Missouri's Cherokee descendants.

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