Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Full day of concerts at Hagood Mill Saturday

PICKENS — The Pickens County Cultural Commission invites one and all for two free concert events during one day of music at the Hagood Mill Historic Site & Folklife Center.

On Saturday, July, 3 the day will kick off at noon in the visitor's center with the mill's "First Saturday" house concert featuring SC Folk Heritage Award winning master fiddler and Hagood Mill regulars, J.C. Owens Band. Following, at 1 p.m. will be the tight and talented string band Conservation Theory. Seating is limited, so visitors are asked to come early.

Continuing this month, and running through October, each "First Saturday" event will be followed by a "Pickin' in the Evening Shade" concert on the outdoor stage from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Opening the July 3 evening show will be the Mill Cats, with some early 1900s swing and ragtime.

At 7 p.m., the site will present the classic old time country of Bill Lowe & The Heritage String Band, with Bill's wife Connie Lowe on bass and well-known regional musicians Don & Barb Massey and Andy Brooks on the guitar, banjo and fiddle, respectively. Bill has had a long history in the music business as a performer, songwriter and recording artist, appearing on radio and television.

Both events are free, but donations are welcome.

The "spinning" ladies from Fiber Friends will be in the Hagood Cabin during the afternoon to demonstrate their craft and to introduce anyone interested to the art of spinning.

The Hagood Mill, as part of the Pickens County Museum of Art & History, is funded in part by Pickens County, members and friends of the museum and a grant from the South Carolina Arts Commission, which receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Mill Site is open Wed. through Sat. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., to tour the buildings and grounds. Hagood Mill is located three miles north of Pickens or five miles south of S.C. 11, just off U.S. 178 on Hagood Mill Road. For more information contact Hagood Mill at (864) 898-2936 or the Pickens County Museum at (864) 898-5963.