

OKA KAPASSA FESTIVAL

Keeping our History Alive

Much like the Singing River that drew our Native American ancestors here, the rich history of their heritage flows deep throughout the land and people of North Alabama. Preservation of this valuable heritage is at the heart of the Oka Kapassa Festival. Oka Kapassa, a special Native American gathering, is held in Spring Park, Tuscumbia, Alabama to celebrate the culture and traditions of American Indians who once thrived in north Alabama. The 16th annual two-day event will be held on Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10, 2016. Friday Sept. 9 is School Day, with hands-on activities for students in grades 4 - 5 (but is also open to the general public). Saturday Sept 10 is for the public, with scheduled dances, artists sharing their skills, Native food vendors, Native flute music, Chickasaw ponies, Navajo sheep and much more. Admission is free to the public on both days.

It is considered a premier event of its kind in the Southeast. In fact, the festival has been named as a Top 20 Festival by the Southeast Tourism Society. This Top 20 list represents the best and often most unique, activities in the entire region. TVACCU member and Oka Kapassa Committee Member, Larry Gullett is a passionate supporter of the festival. "The Oka Kapassa Festival is a valuable tool for the preservation of our Native American history. For our history to live and thrive within our culture, we must pass that history on to future generations and all generations. That is one of the primary goals of our festival. We are also very grateful for the support of TVA Community Credit Union for our festival through the years." Larry said.



Larry Gullett - seated right



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35 Years of Service



On behalf of our TVACCU staff and volunteers, we would like to congratulate TVACCU CEO, **Kim Burkett**, on **35 Years of Service** with TVA Community Credit Union. His vision, talent and leadership have helped shape the past success of our credit union and will continue to pave the way for our successful future! Thank you, Mr. Burkett, for all that you mean to TVA Community Credit Union!

Rhonda Cabler began her career with TVACCU 25 years ago. Throughout her years of service, Rhonda has always embodied our TVACCU mission of 'Going the Extra Mile'. Her co-workers and members alike know that Rhonda's talent and skills are surpassed only by her dedication to service excellence! Thank you Rhonda, for **25 Years of Dedicated Service!**

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