



THE EAST TENNESSEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MUSEUM of EAST TENNESSEE HISTORY  
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**PROGRAM:** East Tennessee Basket Documentation Day

**DATE:** Saturday, March 2, 2013, 10 a.m. – 12

**LOCATION:** East Tennessee History Center auditorium  
601 S. Gay Street  
Knoxville, TN 37902

**ADMISSION:** FREE / Includes free admission to the Museum of East TN History

(KNOXVILLE, TN) Do you have a basket made in East Tennessee in the 1940s or earlier, which has been passed down in your family or purchased at a yard sale or auction? If so, the East Tennessee Historical Society would like to know about it.

During the coming months, the East Tennessee Historical Society (ETHS) will be documenting basketmakers who made their wares in the region's 35 counties in the 1940s and earlier. To aid in this project, ETHS is hosting a Basket Documentation Day on Saturday, March 2, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Members of the public who believe that their basket was made in East Tennessee are encouraged to bring it to be recorded. East Tennessee baskets whose makers are known are the ideal. However, all baskets that can reasonably be attributed to East Tennessee are welcome, even non-traditional ones—those of wire, popsicle sticks, corn cobs, strips of tin—or ones having make-do repairs, are painted, or are not particularly noteworthy but have great stories connected to them. From those inventoried, project staff will choose examples for inclusion in a feature exhibition at a later date. **We are also interested in related photos of old baskets and people with old baskets.**

The Museum of East Tennessee History is operated by the East Tennessee Historical Society and is located in the East Tennessee History Center at 601 S. Gay Street in downtown Knoxville, across from the Tennessee Theatre. For further information, call 865-215-8829.

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