

Relay For Life celebrates survivors with Fashion Show



selves on Saturday, Oct. 20, with their Second Annual Cancer Survivors Fashion Show at the Blairsville Civic Center. Aside from all the fun the survivors had walking across the stage and down the runway after their experiences fighting cancer, the purpose of the show was to raise awareness with educational efforts in the fight to eradicate cancer.

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The members of the Union County Relay For Life Leadership Team outdid them-

The brave cancer survivors who participated in the Fashion Show, all of whom exhibited elegance and radiant charm, included: Gail Smith, Faye Patterson Kimsey, Alice Aiken, Mary Nicole Graphman,

Pat Neubert, Connie Richardson, Susan Anderson, Katie Strals and Cindy Neely. Perfectly suited for a fashion show, the big room inside the civic center was decorated to the nines with glitter, purple ribbons and helium balloons. Chick-fil-A provided the food and Melissa's Custom Cakes supplied two beautiful

sheet cakes – one strawberry with white icing, and another white and chocolate with white icing. Rick Siefken, owner of Budget Blinds of Blairsville, did a fantastic job as Master of Ceremonies for the event, and overall, it was a memorable

evening for everyone. Each person received a raffle ticket with the purchase of their admission ticket to the well-attended Fashion Show, and there were many, many winners of gifts. The tremendous fund-raising efforts of Union County

Relay For Life are possible thanks to the volunteerism of Diane Shillcutt, Mary Ann Lockaby, Vee Laffoon, Mia Crowe, Sue Upchurch, Allyson McGraw and many other volunteers and members of the community.



Young cancer survivor Mary Nicole Graphman at the Cancer Survivors Fashion Show on Oct. 20. Photo by Mark Smith



Alice Aiken sporting high fashion at the Oct. 20 Cancer Survivors show inside the Blairsville Civic Center. Photo by Mark Smith



Volunteer fashionistas at the Oct. 20 Cancer Survivors Fashion Show, featuring Gail Smith, Faye Patterson Kimsey, Alice Aiken, Mary Nicole Graphman, Pat Neubert, Connie Richardson, Susan Anderson, Katie Strals and Cindy Neely. Photo by Mark Smith

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classes: American, Modern & Vintage; Japanese, Modern & Vintage; European, Modern & Vintage; Custom; Competition; and Special Interest.

Those who register a motorcycle, which can be done the day of the show, will get the chance to win one of many custom plaques designed specifically for this show.

The show's organizer, Dennis Bradley, is a retired Union County educator, and he's glad that the show continues to do well here in the North Georgia Mountains.

Bradley, a self-proclaimed "motorcycle guy," has owned a number of motorcycles from his teenage years to today. In fact, many people know of Bradley's love of motorcycles, which is how the show came about in the first place.

"In 2001, the Jaycees originally approached me about organizing a motorcycle show as part of the Sorghum Festival," said Bradley. "I gave them some figures about how much it would cost, and they decided not to do it.

"So I said, well heck, I'll just do it myself. I contacted some businesses around town

that I knew and got them to be sponsors and pay me a \$50 sponsor fee, and I put their name on two sponsor boards that I have at the show. And that's how it came about."

One of the coolest features of the show is the democratic way in which the bikes are selected for awards, as everyone who attends gets to vote on their favorite motorcycles.

"Some people will come to the show and say, 'I don't know anything about motorcycles,' and I say, well, just vote for one that's your favorite color," said Bradley. "It's a fun event."

"And at the end of the show, we count the ballots and give out the awards. The last several years, the awards have been really nice (one-of-a-kind) wooden plaques."

As for why he enjoys the hobby of collecting and showing motorcycles, Bradley says it all goes back to the joy of riding them.

"It gives you a kind of freedom you don't get riding in a car, since you're out in the breeze," said Bradley. "Of course, they're real

maneuverable, and they can be lightweight, although some of these big ol' huge cruisers weigh as much as a small car almost.

"But I think that's the main draw, just freedom of getting out and riding in the wind."

All proceeds from sponsorships go toward the cost of putting on the show, which is a unique offering and now a longstanding tradition here in the North Georgia Mountains.

"A lot of the motorcycles there, when people come to the show and they see them, they say, 'Oh man, I had one of those when I was growing up,'" said Bradley. "A lot of these bikes that are there are rare – you just don't see them much anymore."

Also available on Saturday will be music and door prizes awarded for answering trivia questions throughout the show.

The door prizes are being provided by several of the show's sponsors. For a full list of sponsors and for more information on the show, visit <http://dennisbradley.com/motorcycle/index.html>.



The North Georgia Motorcycle Show will take place on Saturday, Oct. 27, at North Georgia Technical College. Photo by Lowell Nicholson

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