



GCHS NEWS

Things done and things to come.

November 22, 2010:

We have a new, much improved website thanks to the efforts of our super web-guru Andy Hemphill of Click! Business Services, and to the many hours of writing, researching, and reviewing by several of our volunteers.

The Record 2010 is available. This year's edition of our journal features a cover illustration of Wildwood by Richard Stevens and many fascinating articles and photographs.

Two additional books are in the works for publication by GCHS sometime in 2011 – a memory book of Jones School by Mamie Ruth Abernathy and a book of paintings of historical places and events by Katherine Thornton.

This year has brought new projects and capabilities to the society, thanks to the generosity of local people and organizations:

A grant from the Elisabeth Wagner Foundation purchased equipment that can photograph large and very small objects.

A donation from the Bobby Greenberg family purchased a new computer and a portable screen to be used for our programs to civic organizations and school groups.

A high-quality scanner and color printer was provided by a grant from the Richard Averill Foundation.

A grant from the Hot Springs Area Community Foundation was used to acquire oral history recording equipment and transcription software.

Additional generous grants were given to the Society by Dr. Samuel G. Benson's Registry Foundation, the Coca-Cola Foundation, and the Stovall Family Foundation.

GCHS received numerous donations of historical materials from many local (and some distant) lovers of the history of the area. Several photographs were loaned to the society so that we could make digital copies of them.

This past summer, the youthful enthusiasm of college students Regina Bates, Natalie O'Neal, and Alexandria Kaylo (who spent many days this summer working as volunteer interns at the Archives) brought spirit and much needed help to many GCHS projects.

Sharon Shugart's article "The Letters of Frank Coyce Stearns, 1877-1881" in the *Record 2009* won the 2009 Best Edited Article Award from the Arkansas Historical Association.

Henry deLinde and Bonner Brown eliminated the flooding problems experienced at our back door by replacing the outside platform. It entailed breaking up the old concrete step, hauling away the rubble, and laying the new platform.

We celebrated with Renee Lucy and Nan Merchant who completed a two-year reorganization and cataloging of our subject files. Now they continue to update the files with news clippings and other ephemera.



Gail Ashbrook and Frankie Jo Herron typed a comprehensive index of old *Record* articles and worked on developing an index of obituary information from scrapbooks, old and new newspapers, and materials found in the files – both invaluable tools for researchers.

We're celebrating fifty years of preserving our local heritage! We're proud of what we've accomplished since our founding in 1960, and we look forward to the discoveries and challenges of the next fifty years. We hope you'll be a part of our adventure!