



October 11, 2012

Dear Friends,

The Garland County Historical Society will present "Hot Springs Community Band: Music with a Mission" by Dr. Craig V. Hamilton at its noon, Tuesday, October 16 meeting at the Garland County Library. Dr. Hamilton has been the music director and principal conductor of the Hot Springs Concert Band (formerly Hot Springs Community Band) since 1999. Under his leadership, HSCB concerts, featuring innovative programs and outstanding musicianship, have attracted crowds that harken back to the time when band concerts were major events for the whole community. We hope you can attend this interesting program.

Dr. Hamilton is the Lena Goodwin Trimble Professor of Music, Director of Bands, Coordinator of Instrumental Studies, and Chairman of the Music Education department at Ouachita Baptist University. He is active as a clinician and adjudicator in the areas of marching, concert, and jazz bands. He earned his Ph.D. in Music Education from the University of North Texas, Master of Music degree in Trumpet Performance at Arkansas State University, and Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. The Ouachita bands, under Dr. Hamilton's leadership, have toured throughout the United States and Europe, recorded six CDs with the Mark recording label, and performed at state, regional and national conferences and meetings.

We have just received a grant from the West Central Arkansas Planning & Development District with which to purchase a scanner that has greater capabilities than our present equipment. This scanner will be an important tool in the digitizing of photographs, slides, and negatives. We thank Rep. John Vines for his help in acquiring this grant.

We have sent the book *The Art of History: Catherine Thornton's Hot Springs* to the printer. It is a lovely, colorful volume that anyone interested in Hot Springs will enjoy. We will let you know when it is available at the archives.

We will be exhibiting our books and showing slides of Hot Springs long ago at an exhibit at Pioneer Days at the Garland County Fairgrounds, 8-8, October 19 and 20. Sponsored by the Friends of the Courthouse, Pioneer Days will feature a pioneer cabin, a school house, a replica of our first jail, demonstrations of pioneer skills like blacksmithing and soap-making, a fiddle contest, a petting zoo, exhibitors, artisans, and crafters, and much more.

As always, thank you for your wonderful support,

Liz Robbins, Executive Director