

November 14, 2012

Dear Friends,

We hope you can attend these upcoming events: a very **special movie on November 18**, a fascinating program at our **society meeting on November 20**, and our **society's Christmas dinner on December 18**.

Bill Volland of the Central Theater is inviting us to a special screening of his film "Hot Springs Then and Now . . . The Story of Hot Springs" at 2:30 or at 4:30, **Sunday, November 18**, at the Central Theater (1008 Central Avenue). Historical society volunteers will be offered a discounted admission price of \$8.00. These screenings will also be open to the public at regular admission prices. Bill is generously donating part of the proceeds to GCHS. GCHS publications will also be for sale at the theater.

Admission: (Adults - \$11.00) (62+ - \$10.00) (12 and under - \$6.00)

Running Time: just under an hour

Bill's documentary highlights Hot Springs National Park and takes you from the past to the present day. It uses some materials from GCHS as well as film footage dating back to 1910 and High Definition footage (some footage furnished by Hot Springs Convention and Visitors Bureau). As Bill says, "Step back in time and experience the elegance and excitement of old Hot Springs. Take flight over pristine lakes, visit local attractions and much more. Gone are the early bathhouses, the Victorian hotels, the casinos, the gangsters, and the free baths . . . they are all just pages in time." This is a great trip back in time—hope you can be there!

Linda McDowell will present "A Look Back: Hot Springs' African American Community" at the noon, **Tuesday, November 20 meeting** of the society at the Garland County Library. This fascinating program takes a look back at Hot Springs' rich African American history that consisted of a vibrant black community of people and businesses that flourished for many decades.

Linda, Archival Assistant at the Butler Center for Arkansas Studies, is a family and local historian with an interest in Arkansas' African American history. She has contributed related articles to various Arkansas historical journals and has assisted with numerous research projects. She currently serves on the board of the Arkansas Historical Association and has memberships with the Garland County Historical Society, the Arkansas Genealogical Society where she was a former board member and officer, and the National Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society. She is a native of Hot Springs, where she attended its public schools, and is a graduate of Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri.

Also at the November 20 meeting, a vice-president and two board members will be elected. The nominating committee will present its selections. Nominations can be made from the floor.

Please also mark on your calendars—our annual Christmas dinner will be at Red Lobster at 6:00 pm on **Tuesday, December 18**.

The Record 2012 and also our new book *The Art of History: Catherine Thornton's Hot Springs* are at the printers. We'll let you know as soon as they are available. They should be here soon.

I hope all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Hope to see you soon!

Liz Robbins, Executive Director