

## GCHS Meeting and News – Last Newsletter!

Dear Friends,

Our program at noon, Tuesday, January 17, at the Garland County Library will be very interesting. Terry Diggs will tell about the people, places, and history of Bonnerdale and the southwestern part of Garland County at the society's meeting at noon, Tuesday, January 17, at the Garland County Library. The little community of Bonnerdale, like much of the county west of Hot Springs, was a product of logging and the MD&G Railroad in the early 1900s.

Terry lives on his family's old homeplace at Bonnerdale and considers himself one of the last of the Arkansas hillbillies. A local attorney, he has been a student of local history, music, and folklore for many years. His past programs for us have been extremely popular.

Also at the meeting, we will install new officers for 2017-2019:

President	Marsha King
Vice President	Gary Jackson
Treasurer	Dave Fastenow
Secretary	Connie Jackson
Board Director (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Clay Farrar
Board Director (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Pete Peterson
Board Director (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Paulann Turner

GCHS has been nominated for 2016 Organization of the Year in the annual Greater Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce Community Service Awards program.

The Chamber will honor and congratulate the nominees as well as announce the winners at the Annual Awards Dinner on January 19, 2017, in Horner Hall at the Hot Springs Convention Center. Tickets (\$75) can be purchased through the Chamber.

If you would like to attend, you can get tickets with a credit card at <http://web.hotspingschamber.com/events/Annual-Awards-Banquet-Meeting-5996/details> or by going to the Chamber office at the corner of West Grand and Ouachita.

We are very honored to be nominated! And we need to give a round of applause to the members, volunteers, board, and officers (led inspiringly by President Renee Lucy) who made 2016 such an outstanding year for our society.

We're grateful to the Elisabeth Wagner Foundation for a \$1,000 grant with which we will purchase needed software and to the Entergy Corporation which gave us a \$750 grant in recognition of the volunteer hours given to the society by Entergy retiree Mike Blythe in 2016.

Thank you again for your support! We are looking forward to great things in 2017!

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