



GARLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dear Friends,

I hope you can join us at our monthly meeting at noon, Tuesday, November 19 at the Garland County Library. Terry Diggs will present a program of folk stories and songs of the Ouachita Mountains.

Terry practices law in Hot Springs, but lives on his family's old homeplace at Bonnerdale in southwestern Garland County and considers himself one of the last of the Arkansas hillbillies. Terry has been listening to (and remembering) the old folk tales and songs since his early childhood, and much of the folklore he shares came from his own family and other inhabitants of the Bonnerdale area. Terry performed as a storyteller/folk singer for the National Park Service in Hot Springs for seven years and has brought folklore to civic clubs, schools, and other groups. He has performed all around the area over the years, including a performance with comedian Jerry Clower at the Guthrie, Oklahoma, Centennial; at Toad Suck Daze in Conway; and at the Historic Arkansas Museum in Little Rock. Be sure and come hear Terry, and bring your old tales and songs with you--he'd love to hear them!

At the last meeting, members voted to nominate Clay Farrar and Mark Blaeuer to the GCHS board. At Tuesday's meeting, these nominations will be voted on.

We're very grateful to wonderful neighbors who gave us a helping hand at the archives recently. A section of land next to our parking lot at the corner of Prospect and Bolton needed massive tree cutting, trimming, and cleanup. Our neighbors volunteered to do this for us. One recent Saturday morning they arrived with chainsaws, clippers, and rakes and worked cheerfully for hours. This problem area is now a problem no more, and at no cost to our nonprofit organization. We sincerely thank Becca Clark, Cynthia Keheley, Fred Padilla, David Mitchell, Leslie Ramsey, Alissa Parker, Lloyd Caulfield, and Larry and Jamie Merriman for the gifts of their time, their labor, and their friendship.

The Record 2013 is at the printers! We will mail copies to members and call for members to pick them up at the archives in the second week in December.

Please mark your calendars—our annual Christmas dinner will be at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, December 17 at Cajun Boilers. I'd appreciate a call or email if you're coming, so we can give the restaurant an accurate head count.

In the last month volunteers Mike Blythe, Clyde Covington, Gary Jackson, and I have enjoyed giving programs about local history to the XYZ Club, the Forum Club, the Nitecappers, the Baim Law Firm employees, Oaklawn Rotary, and the Arkansas Paralegals Alliance.

Just a few of the research topics people investigated at the archives this month included relatives who lived here, the Pappas Brothers three-way chili recipe, Ken's Coin Shop, Jack Mountain, architecture after the turn of the century, and Civil War days in Hot Springs.

Interesting donations this month included photographs of the interior and exterior of Hamp Williams Ford Motor Company on Ouachita Avenue and the Wilson Motor Company, a World War II scrapbook kept by Hal Borland's family, a scrapbook of photos of Hot Springs compiled by visitors in the 1920s, a Hot Springs dog tag from 1947, a 1923 Missouri Pacific booklet about Hot Springs, a paperweight advertising the Clowers I. Q. Zoo, and documents relating to the Orphans Home.

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It's been a fun month! We hope to see you at the library next Tuesday! And thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,

Liz Robbins, Executive Director
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