

GC Historical Society Newsletter/Zoom Link to January 19 Program

Dear Friends,

Please join us for our noon, Tuesday, January 19 Zoom meeting, when architectural historian Shelby Linck will present "Some Like It Hot: A Story of Cluster Springs."



A gentleman inspects Cluster Springs on April 16, 1897.

When is the meeting? Tuesday, January 19, Noon

Please use this link to join the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84522382368>

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Cluster Springs (about seven miles east of Hot Springs) is one of the late 19th century tourist attractions that contributed to Hot Springs' popularity as a resort for health, pleasure, and sight-seeing. Although Hot Springs is best known for its thermal waters, systems of cold springs dotted the area, and some (including Cluster Springs) were developed as part of a recreational trail system. This program will explore the background of the springs and tourism around the Hot Springs area, as well as the discovery of Cluster Springs as part of the Arkansas Department of Transportation's environmental review for the extension of the Hot Springs Bypass.

Shelby is an architectural historian in the Cultural Resources Section of the Environmental Division at the Arkansas Department of Transportation. Her primary job functions at the Department include surveying and evaluating the historic eligibility of structures and helping with the historic bridge program. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in Anthropology and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in Public History.



The footbridge at Cluster Springs in modern times

We'll leave time after her presentation for questions.

Please share the Zoom link with friends!

Tuesday's meeting will see "the baton" passed from President Clyde Covington to incoming President Julie Brenner Nix, with Bitty Martin becoming our new Vice President. At November's meeting, other officers elected were Elaine Johnston, secretary; Ray Rosset, treasurer; and Toma Whitlock, board member.

Please read the copy of the November minutes at the end of this document. If you want to make any corrections or additions to them, please email or call me.

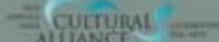
History fans should note:

- If you missed our fall programs, you can see them on our website, garlandcountyhistoricalsociety.com. Click on the word “Programs” on the toolbar.
September: "Paint How a Straight Line Feels": Stories from the Artist-in-Residence Program at Hot Springs National Park” by Abby Hanks and Dr. Christopher Thrasher.
October: “Memories of Whittington Avenue” by Ron Fuller.
November: “The Mining Boom: Wild Times in Bear, Arkansas” by John Archibald
- Join Charlie Moore on Facebook on January 26 at the Arkansas Highlands Folk Project to discover the history and mystery of Old Time Music of the Arkansas Highlands. This monthly series explores this misunderstood genre and helps you understand why so many, from around the world, are taking a serious interest in this music and culture. The programs will be live, lively and interactive.

THE ARKANSAS HIGHLANDS FOLK PROJECT

Join Charlie Moore, founder of the Arkansas Highlands Folk Project, as he takes you on a virtual tour of modern performers of old time traditional music.

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- Larry Foley, whose award-winning documentary *The First Boys of Spring* explores the history of baseball spring training in Hot Springs, has announced that the film is now available on the Docurama Channel, Cinedigm’s documentary channel. Their programming plays on demand on Roku and Amazon Prime without ads, with a \$5 per month subscription to Docurama, and plays free with commercials. <https://docuramachannel.com>. Also, Pluto TV will be broadcasting the film in

2021. <https://pluto.tv/about-us#about>.

Even if you don't like baseball, the local photographs and history as well as the human stories in the film are fascinating.

- On February 5, the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program will have a virtual tour of Toltec Mounds Archeological State Park as part of their Sandwiching in History Tours. These tours premiere on their Facebook page on the first Friday of each month at noon and are archived on their YouTube channel.

On a very sad note, we lost a wonderful friend this month. Nat Martin, longtime volunteer and past president, passed away in her sleep on January 5. The photo below shows her at a party we held at the archives last February to celebrate her ninety-second birthday. Mike White surprised her with a bagpipe serenade, and Nat was her irrepressible self. No one was funnier or kinder or had a greater gift for friendship than Nat. We are so grateful for her service to the society, for her laughter, for her love.



Thank you for your support! I hope you can join us remotely on the 19th (and on our Facebook page).

Liz

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Garland County Historical Society

Monthly Meeting

November 17, 2020

The meeting was conducted remotely using Zoom. The meeting was called to order by President Clyde Covington at noon.

Minutes of the October meeting had been emailed to members by Liz Robbins. There being no corrections or additions received, the minutes were approved.

Election of officers:

Last month, the nominating committee presented the nominations for 2021-2023:

President - Julie Brenner Nix

Vice-President - Bitty Martin

Secretary - Elaine Johnston

Treasurer - Ray Rosset

Board vacancy - Toma Noble Whitlock

This list was emailed to members prior to this meeting. Since no negative responses were received, the slate was elected.

Executive director's report:

Although we can't host our annual Christmas party this year due to Covid concerns, the society can still spread Christmas cheer by partnering with the Senior Companion Program of the Arkansas Agency on Aging of West Central Arkansas (AAA) in "**Santas for Seniors.**"

Please donate what would have been the cost of attending the Christmas party—\$30 per person—to the society. All of the donated money will be used to create gift packages for the 33 seniors in the program. Each package will contain a gift card, a GCHS "Making History" mask, and a Christmas card that thanks the senior for helping to make Garland County history the rich tapestry it is today.

You may donate to "**Santas for Seniors**" by

- Going to www.garlandcountyhistoricalsociety.com, clicking on Donations, and choosing the “**Santas for Seniors**” button
- mailing a check to: GCHS, PO Box 21335, Hot Springs, AR 71903
- calling 501.321.2159 to make a credit card donation over the phone
- dropping off your donation at our archives building (mask required), 328 Quapaw, M-F, 9am-1pm

Please consider GCHS items, such as t-shirts, masks, notecards and books, as unique Christmas gifts for loved ones. You can buy these on our website. Your purchases will help us continue our work.

Program:

Executive Director Liz Robbins then introduced our program speaker, John J. Archibald, who presented “The Mining Boom: Wild Times in Bear, Arkansas.” He is a career journalist with a bachelor’s degree in communications from Marquette University. He worked as a journalist for the *Pacific Daily News* of Agana, Guam; the *Sentinel-Record* of Hot Springs and the *Oshkosh Daily Northwestern* of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He is a published book author, public lecturer and letterpress printer. John returned to Arkansas in 2006 to publish the wonderful monthly tabloid, *Ouachita Life*. He has edited several books by Arkansas authors. John is a great friend of GC history and of the Society.

The meeting was adjourned at one p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine C. Johnston

Secretary