



GARLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dear Friends,

The next few weeks are full of exciting events, including the launch party for the new GCHS book *Then & Now: Hot Springs, Arkansas* by GCHS volunteer Mike Blythe. Mike's beautiful book juxtaposes old photographs of historic Hot Springs landmarks and scenes with photographs he has taken of those places "today," with some interesting historical tidbits about the locations. Please join us at the party (Tuesday, December 8, Rm. 201, Convention Center, 4 – 6 pm) for refreshments, fellowship, and a great celebration of local history.

As a bonus, the party will also launch Don Duren's revised edition of *Boiling Out at the Springs: A History of Major League Spring Training at Hot Springs, Arkansas*. Don has greatly added to the first edition with more stories, information, and baseball lore, as well as a beautiful new cover.

Please mark your calendars:

Saturday, November 14: DAR reception for Melting Pot Genealogical Society, Garland County Library, 10 - 12

Tuesday, November 17: GCHS meeting (Oral Histories program), Garland County Library, noon

Saturday, December 3: Local Author Book Fair, Garland County Library, 10 – 1

Tuesday, December 8: *Then & Now: Hot Springs, Arkansas* and *Boiling Out at the Springs* book party, Rm 201, Convention Center, 4 – 6

Wednesday, December 16: GCHS Christmas dinner, Smokin' in Style, 5:30

Middle of December: *The Record 2015* will be here. When I have the date on which you can start picking it up at the archives, I will email members.

November 14 (Saturday): The Hot Springs of Arkansas Chapter DAR is presenting the NSDAR Historical Preservation Recognition Award to the Melting Pot Genealogical Society at a ceremony and reception from 10 until noon at the Garland County Library. Let's congratulate our historical friends on this well-deserved award.

November 17 (Tuesday): David Elmore will present "How to do an Oral History for Lay Persons" at the noon GCHS meeting at the Garland County Library. David will include the definition and development of oral histories and then will explain the planning, preparation, execution, and follow-up to conducting an oral history. He will also discuss relevant ethical and legal issues and have a question and answer session.

A ULAR graduate, David has had a thirty-year career in radio, television, motion pictures, and mass media, including seventeen years in Hollywood as an assistant cameraman and cinematographer. He worked on over 100 films and numerous TV shows, commercials, music videos, short films and other media projects. In January 2007, he went to work for the Arkansas Educational Television Network (AETN) as a Television Production Specialist, oral history interviewer, and station archivist. He conducted about 120 interviews as a part of the In Their Words WWII Oral History Project from 2007 to 2010.

"History is the witness that testifies to the passing of time; it illuminates reality, vitalizes memory, provides guidance in daily life and brings us tidings of antiquity." - Cicero

501-321-2159 * 328 QUAPAW AVENUE P.O. BOX 21335 * HOT SPRINGS, AR 71903

A member of the Oral History Association, David has conducted many family oral history interviews and led oral history workshops and trainings for the Diamond Girls of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas Girl Scout Council in the run up to the Girl Scouts of America's 100th Anniversary in 2012. He currently is writing a book about conducting oral histories for family historians, genealogists, teachers and students.

December 5 (Saturday): From 10 - 1, at the Garland County Library's Local Author Book Fair, you can meet local award-winning authors, get signed books, ask questions about their nonfiction works, novels, poems, short stories, memoirs. Please visit with us at the GCSH table.

December 8 (Tuesday): Book launch party for *Then & Now: Hot Springs, Arkansas* by Mike Blythe and *Boiling Out at the Springs: A History of Major League Spring Training at Hot Springs, Arkansas, Revised Edition* by Don Duren, 4 – 6, Rm. 201, Convention Center. The party will be a lot of fun, as well as a great chance to see these excellent books and perhaps get some Christmas gifts for your special people.

December 16 (Wednesday): GCHS's annual Christmas dinner! Come to Smokin' n Style, 2278 Albert Pike, 5:30, to celebrate the season with GCHS friends. Please call 321-2159 or 624-4729 beforehand so we can give the restaurant a head count. (There is no monthly program at the library in December.)

November and December are full of wonderful events and opportunities to celebrate our history. I hope to see you at all of them!

Best wishes,

Liz Robbins, Executive Director