

Dear Friends,

Please join us at our monthly meeting at noon, Tuesday, May 17, at the Garland County Library.

Tom and Mary Hill will present the program "Ghosts of Hot Springs National Park." They're going to tell about and show photos of the many bathhouses, fountains, and other park buildings that no longer exist.

Tom Hill is the Curator at Hot Springs National Park, responsible for the care and preservation of the park's museum collections and archives. He was born and raised in Hot Springs and graduated from Hot Springs High School in 1976.

Mary Hill is the Museum Technician at Hot Springs National Park. She is also a trained museum curator and assists in the management of the park's extensive collections. She graduated from Hot Springs High School in 1975.

Both Mary and Tom hold Associate degrees from Garland County Community College, Bachelor degrees from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in physics and biology, Bachelor degrees in History from Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, and Masters of Science degrees in Museum Studies from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. They previously served as curators at the Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum in Rantoul, Illinois, and at Hill Aerospace Museum at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. They moved back to Hot Springs in 2011.

This will be the last monthly meeting until September.

Thank you for helping us on Arkansas Gives Day! The society raised \$9,194.26 during this event. This money will truly help us continue to preserve our history!

And thank you for making our party on May 11 at the Convention Center a huge success! The crowd loved the baseball theme and meeting Mark Blaeuer, author of the photograph book *Baseball in Hot Springs*. We have copies for sale (\$22) at the archives if you missed the party.

Mark will give a program based on his book at 2 pm, Thursday, June 2 at the Garland County Library. Besides the major leaguers who came to Hot Springs, his book highlights local teams (including the Bathers) and the baseball schools of the 1930s and 1940s.

We are very grateful to the Oaklawn Foundation for a grant for a new microfilm reader. Our very old, broken reader was not repairable—replacement parts are no longer made for it. The Oaklawn Foundation came to the rescue with a generous donation so researchers can continue to use our microfilm.

Thank you again for your wonderful support! See you Tuesday!

Liz Robbins, Executive Director

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