

Dear Friends,

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Tuesday, March 15, Noon: The society will present “Toys of Yesterday” at its monthly meeting at the Garland County Library. Beth Goeden and Mary Ellen Gardner of the Vapor Valley Questers will present the program.

In 2013 Vapor Valley Questers decided to collect toys, books, games, puzzles, trains, and dolls dating from the turn of the century through the 1970s. The more than seventy items they acquired became the Toys of Yesterday collection. Portions of the collection are on display at Hillary Rodham Clinton Children’s Library and Learning Center in Little Rock, with others traveling around the Central Arkansas Library System (CALs). Before the collection was turned over, the Questers photographed and researched each item and created an entertaining and informative program about the collection.

Wednesday, March 16, 2PM: The society, partnering with the Garland County Library, will present *Then and Now: Hot Springs, Arkansas* at the library. Mike Blythe will show photos from his very popular book and tell the stories of the historic Hot Springs locations that the book features—“then” and “now.”

Thursday, April 7 8 AM to 8 PM: You can help us earn bonus dollars and prizes given by the Arkansas Community Foundation by donating on Arkansas Gives Day, a twelve-hour statewide online giving event the foundation sponsors. Go to ArkansasGives.org between 8 AM and 8 PM to make a donation. Your tax-deductible donation goes further thanks to the ARCF’s generosity. We deeply appreciate your support!

As always, we have been very busy. In the past month, GCHS has given programs to Grand Avenue Methodist Church Keenagers, Garland County Retired Teachers, two Red Hats groups (Hot Springs and Hot Spring Village), Centerfork Baptist Church, and the Hot Springs Geology Club. We have provided research and materials to many individuals as well as to the Hot Springs High School East Lab, the newly created Mountain Pine Museum, *CBS Sunday Morning with Charles Osgood*, and *Vintage Hunting* (a new series on the House and Garden network that will premiere this summer).

As time goes by, more and more people are interested in our history. Your support makes it possible for GCHS to continue to collect and preserve historical materials and to make them accessible to all. Thank you!

Hope to see you soon,

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