

GC Historical Society September Meeting/Program

Dear Friends,

Please join us for our September meeting. We're going to have Zoom meetings this fall since the pandemic makes it impossible for us to gather in person at the library. Here are the details for the September meeting:

GCHS September Zoom Webinar

When: Tuesday, September 15, 2020. 11:55 AM

Program: Dr. Christopher Thrasher of National Park College and Abby Hanks present "Paint How a Straight Line Feels": Stories from the Artist-in-Residence Program at Hot Springs National Park.

This is an online meeting limited to the first 100 participants.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/95768011930>

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Webinar ID: 957 6801 1930

International numbers available: <https://zoom.us/u/acUxjxL8>

If you aren't able to join the meeting, you will be able to see a recording of the program on our website after September 15.

Christopher has also written (with Abby) an article about the history of the Artist-in Residence program for *The Record 2020*. He is the Director of the Honors Program and an Assistant Professor of History at National Park College. In his spare time, he works as a Volunteer Archival Technician with Hot Springs National Park, and he is the author of two books, *Fight Sports and*

American Masculinity: Salvation in Violence from 1607 to the Present and *Suffering in the Army of Tennessee: A Wide Awake Nightmare from Atlanta to Nashville*. Abby Hanks is a graduate of National Park College and is currently enrolled as an undergraduate student at the University of Arkansas, where she is majoring in Art History.

Here's a 2004 watercolor (*Fire Pit at Gulpha Gorge*) painted by Alison Parsons, the first Artist-in-Residence.



Courtesy Hot Springs National Park

We're happy to offer a "Making History" GCHS face mask! (with thanks to Todd and Darbi Murray of The Gear Factory). You can order a mask for \$8 (add \$1 for shipping) from our website or by calling the archives. (There are also t-shirts still available!)



You can satisfy your history cravings by going to the Arkansas State Archives blog (<http://arkansasstatearchives.blogspot.com/>) and reading excellent recent posts about a variety of topics, including the mining boom in Arkansas and political corruption in late nineteenth century Arkansas.

And don't forget Wendy Richter's wonderful blog at <https://arkansashistory.online/>. Her recent posts include the Jesse James gang stagecoach holdup on Malvern Road; M. C. O'Bryan, an important early Hot Springs merchant; and how complaints about the post office in Arkansas are nothing new. Here's a circa 1876 photo we have of one of O'Bryan's stores—this one was on Park Avenue:



We appreciate your support more than I can say. Thank you for your love of our history!

Stay very safe!

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