



**Our Mission is Simple...**

To assist and support, through fellowship and action, the efforts of The Questers, an international non-profit organization, and individuals with an interest in the research and study of antiques, historic preservation and restoration and education.



**2018-2020 President, Thelma Poole**



## **Thelma Poole's Installation**

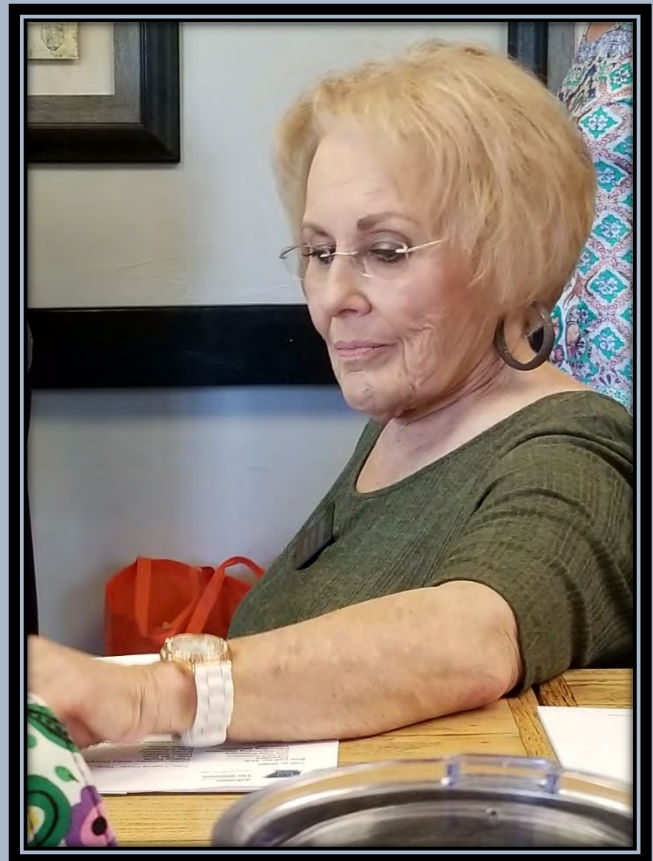


## **Change Over Meeting:**

**Arkansas Questers President Thelma Poole**

**Arkansas Recording Secretary Fran Schroeder**







## Fall Fun Festival



Arkansas Questers attended the 2018 Fall Fun Festival on September 28 and 29th. This was a time where we renewed and strengthened relationships among the other Arkansas Quester chapters, and created new ones as well.

It was held at the beautiful Red Apple Inn and the weather was amazing. The theme of the first evening was the roaring Twenties. As you can see by the picture, we all participated.

We had two very informative programs; E. Fay Jones and Stoneflower Cottage and a Snapshot of Prohibition. Clara B. Eno Chapter gave us an update on the 2019 State Convention.

















Arkansas  
State Questers  
Fall Fun Festival!  
Red Apple Inn  
Heber Springs AR



Gloria and Beth must be discussing the fun they had during their day!  
Pat must have driven 200 miles!!!



VAPOR VALLEY QUESTERS  
Chapter 1307

Look at that smile on Dot Sanders face!

“Traditionally a time to renew/strengthen relationships among the chapters, and hopefully create new ones as well.”





The gang from Fairfield Bay on the left wanted to dine!

It looks like Maxine is ready to do the charleston? Kick high girl!



Roger and Thelma Poole watch as Maxine takes the floor?



Friday night at the Speakeasy proved to be just too much fun! Above some of the girls from Bella Vista were ready to dance!

Deanna and Darlene were a little more reserved.



This man kept flirting with us! Camille?



Then the food came!



Thelma takes the floor and the mike, not to dance, to introduce our Maxine!



Saturday morning we met for a wonderful program on the history of The Apple Tree Inn, Greer's Ferry Lake, and Stoneflower Cottage designed by Fay Jones.



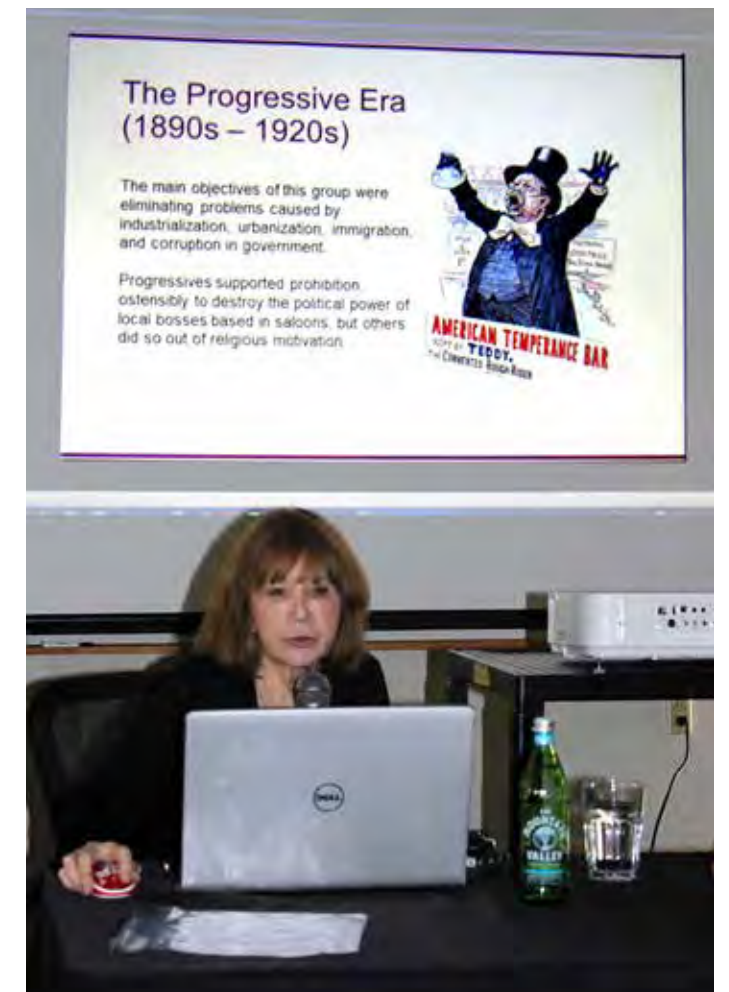
After a frustrating start for Mary Ellen due to equipment difficulties. We enjoyed her presentation on the stages of prohibition in the United States. We have come to expect a wonderful program from Mary Ellen and she did not disappoint us.



Maxine explains what our chapter has done with the "Toys of Yesteryear" on display at the Hilary Rodham Clinton Children's Library and Learning Center in Little Rock. The Beacons, the Questers grant and how they will work!

Beth moves around the room demonstrating how the Beacons work on her phone.

Roger appears to be quite surprised!





Thelma Poole presented several certificates of appreciation for chapters throughout the state

One for her husband Roger, of Pinnacle as state web-master!

Thelma Poole presented a certificate of appreciation to Mary Ellen Gardner from the Arkansas State Questers for the work she has done researching, publishing, writing, and producing programs.



Thelma Poole presented a certificate of appreciation to Vapor Valley Chapter #1307 from the Arkansas State Questers for the work that has been done on the *Toys of Yesteryear* project.



**SPRING  
ARKANSAS STATE QUESTERS  
CONVENTION  
April 12 & 13  
VanBuren, AR  
at the Holiday Inn**

*Programs on Old Time Radio, Van Buren  
History, and Costume Jewelry  
Keynote speaker Tom Wing, curator of the  
Drinnan Scott House*



## Pinnacle Chapter



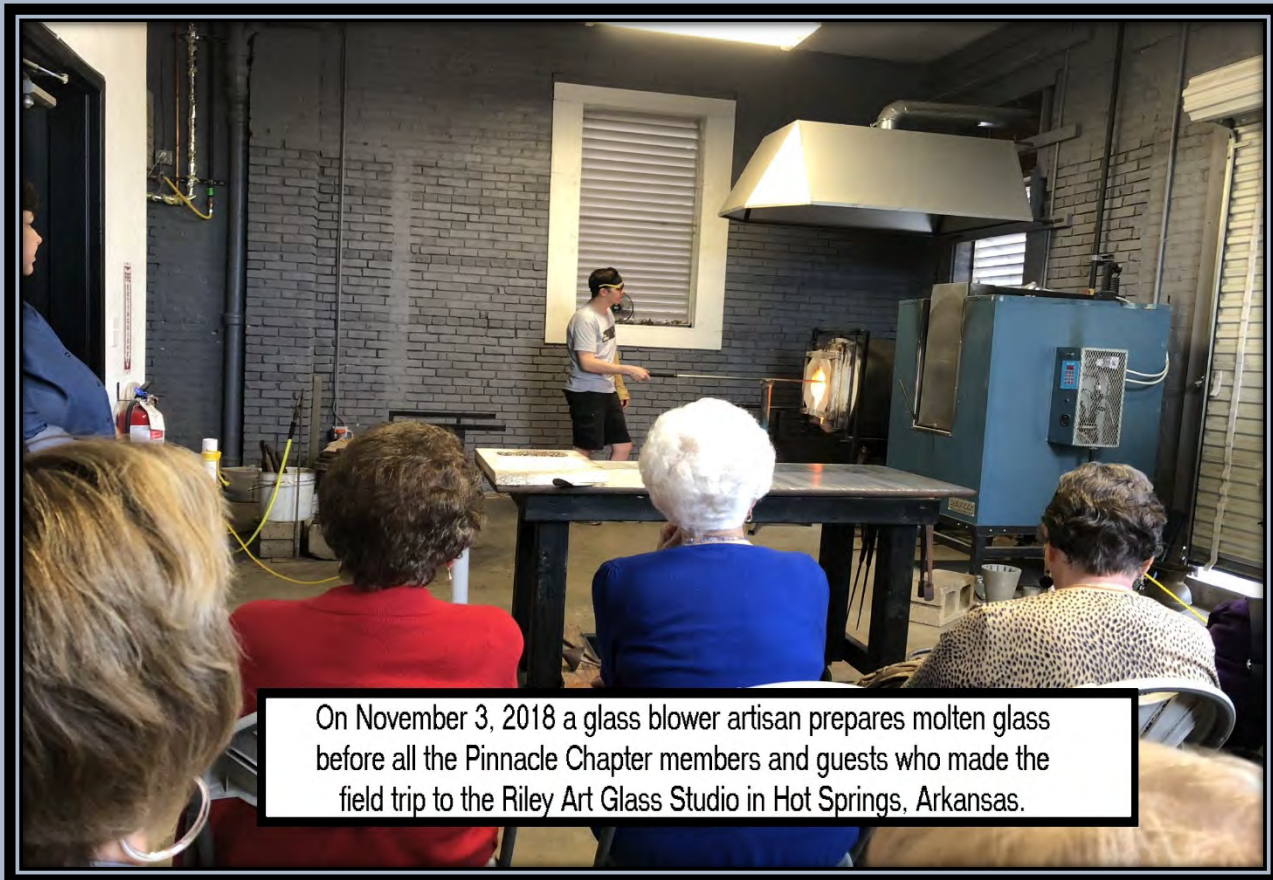
Newly installed Pinnacle Chapter Officers for 2018-2019 are (L to R) Roger Poole, Recording Sec, Carolyn Moseley, Corresponding Sec, Goldie Haynes, 1st Vice-President, and Jane Ann Bolin, President.



June 6, 2018 Pinnacle Chapter conducted an officer changeover meeting at the Essie Purse Museum in downtown Little Rock, Arkansas



On November 3, 2018 it was standing room only as Pinnacle Chapter made a field trip to the Riley Art Glass Studio in Hot Springs, Arkansas



On November 3, 2018 a glass blower artisan prepares molten glass before all the Pinnacle Chapter members and guests who made the field trip to the Riley Art Glass Studio in Hot Springs, Arkansas.





**Aurian Zoldessy with Handmade dolls on stand made from Grandsons tinker toys. Dolls given as favors at Christmas Coffee hosted by Aurian and Martin Zoldessy.**



**Carol Moseley proudly holding green dog won while playing "Dirty Santa."**



**Thelma Poole at Gann Museum only building in world made out of Bauxite!**



**Roger and Thelma alias Bonnie and Clyde attending Fall Fun Festival.**



## Indian Rock Village



2018 Christmas potluck and gift exchange at Nancy Mueller's home.

From left (seated): Dorie Shunneson, Nancy Mueller, Darla Warring, Willa Wells, Carol Bertalot, and Kathy Williamson. Standing: Gail Banks, Nancy Tripp, Elizabeth Newton and Doris Wilkinson.



A program on old cookbooks the home of Wanda Boyd, shown front center in yellow.

Pictured from left: Nancy Tripp, Nancy Mueller, Doris Wilkinson, Wanda Boyd, Elizabeth Newton, and Willa Wells. Back row FRONT RIGHT: Darla Warring and Kathy Williamson



Darla Warring giving a program from the tintype photography era to the present.



The February 2019 meeting was held in the home of Sharon Berdine. On the morning of the program, Sharon woke up very ill. Her husband took her to the doctor who gave her a shot and a prescription. The meeting went on with Sharon quarantined in her bedroom and co-hostess Kathy Williamson making herself at home in the kitchen. Wonder if Sharon slept through it all? Sharon's husband, Bob, is not a member (yet), but we coaxed him into having his picture taken with us. Kathy's daughter, visiting from North Dakota, took the picture. Shown from left are: Willa Wells, Dolores Hietbrink, Elizabeth Newton, Bob Berdine, Ingeborg Baur, Jean Eaton, Carol Bertalot, and Wanda Boyd. Back row behind Bob are: Darla Warring, Kathy Williamson, and Nancy Tripp.



Gail Banks gave the February 2019 program in the home of Sharon Berdine on the history of her 200-year-old “farmhouse” home in South Haven, Mississippi which she and her husband remodeled over a period of 17 years.

They now have a home in Fairfield Bay, so will be moving permanently. Hopefully, their beautiful home will sell soon to a loving family so she and her husband can be in the Bay among new friends.



# Diamond Head



The November photos were taken at the Gann Museum in Benton. They were highlighting WW11.  
Group photo standing L-R : Kathie DeVilbiss, Linda Pallito, Paulette Weber, Guest (don't remember her name)  
Sitting L-R: Sue Fogle, President Linda Hunter, Pam McAllister.

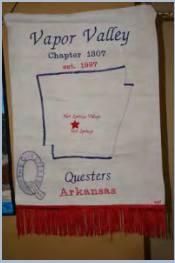




The January Program Was in the private room at Red Lobster. Our Treasurer Carol Tubbs presented a program on her collection of "Amsterdam Houses" and Russian China. There is a photo of Carol and her collections. Other photo is L-R: Paulette Weber, Linda Pallito, and Sue Fogle.







# Vapor Valley



These are photos taken at the Hillary Rodham Clinton Children's Library in Little Rock.

It's the dedication of the Beacon Sage Speakers for the "Toys of Yesteryear" exhibit, which was our past P & R project and donation to the library.

Photo above is Beth Goeden.



Photo of Mary Ellen Gardner



Photo of President Maxine Bequette



Photo of document signing

# Neighbors

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

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## Toys of yesteryear soon to have voices

By SANDY JOHANSEN  
Staff writer

It began as a simple collection of toys of yesteryear, but quickly grew into a popular exhibit at the Hillary Rodham Clinton Children's Library in Little Rock. Now, thanks to the Vapor Valley Questers, these toys will now be given voice to explain their history to library visitors. The Questers have arranged for 25 BeaconSage speakers, approximately the size of a silver dollar, to be positioned aside each featured toy. Aristotle, an award-winning interactive agency with headquarters in Little Rock, will be managing the production of the accompanying website, downloads, toy vocals and additional texted historic information.

Jane Parker, Hot Springs Village resident,

donated many toys, including Raggedy Ann and Andy. "Believed to be early edition 1933, when I was born and both dolls were redressed in clothes which my grandmother made for them. Original clothes are in the doll trunk which accompanies them," said Parker.

Quester member, Mary Ellen Gardner, offered her favorite doll. "I played with this doll and especially liked her roller skates and clothes closet. None of my girlfriends had anything like it," said Gardner.

Gardner researched the history of each endowment which will be included in the vocal and written history of each toy.

Gardner's investigations included details on Playskool. Founded in 1928 by a former Milwaukee, Wisconsin, school teacher, Lucille King,



Erika Estep and her son, Ethan, check out toys of yesteryear.



Visit the toys and hear the voices of Raggedy Ann and Andy.



Antique dolls and Playskool workbench will soon share their history.

her creations were various wooden prototypes aimed at education for preschool and kindergarten-age children. Within two years, Playskool created over 40 wooden toys. Training and production of the BeaconSage speakers is in progress and full installation; applications are scheduled for completion by the end of summer. Funding for the project was made possible by a grant given to the local chapter by the National Questers and lo-

**Sandy  
Johansen  
photos**

cal donations.

Hot Springs Village donors include Bill Berry, Patricia Brandt, Patricia Coffman, Pat Cuba, Lois Decker, Janet Ferris, Mary Ellen Gardner, Shirley Guest, Gretchen Hewitt, Deanna Hicklin, Rose Jackson, Sheila Lee, Gloria Lyda, Marna Morissette, Jane Parker, Carol Payne, Toni Phillips, Pat Poole, Roberta Pope, Jan Rich, David and Gail Salmen, Helen Seekatz, Barbara Shurtleff and Catherine Ann Cowan Wedwick. Donors from Hot Springs include Jimmie Jones and Nita Ridgway.

Other donors who generously donated memorabilia included Rose Chojnacki, Aurora, Colorado; Bruce Fox, Bella Vista, Arkansas; Paul and Amy Jenkins, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; Thelma Poole,

Bryant, Arkansas; and Mary Sharrah, Van Buren, Arkansas.

International Questers started in 1944 when Elizabeth Bess Bardens passed an antique store on her lunch break where she bought a syrup pitcher. The pitcher launched a discussion group which grew rapidly and now currently has 721 chapters in 43 states and two Canadian provinces, totaling over 11,260 members.

A nonprofit organization, HSV's Vapor Valley Questers research antiques, share discoveries and help to preserve and restore buildings and historic sites. Monies for their preservation and research is generated by local members and various fundraising activities.

For more information, visit [www.arkansasquesters.com](http://www.arkansasquesters.com).



Planning the positioning of BeaconSage audio (from left), Retinna Hill, library director; Mary Ellen Gardner, Beth Goeden and Maxine Bequette (Quester members); James Norris and Jill Schumacher, Aristotle production staff



Hillary Rodham Clinton Children's Library, 4800 West 10th Street, Little Rock



Vapor Valley  
#1307  
Questers

Tour the  
Gann  
Museum

See the SW  
Trails Murals  
Benton, AR

Nov 19, 2018





# Butterfield Trails



February, 2018 Questers Program, Mountain Meadow Massacre II, planned by Shirley Olsen. The meeting was held at the Bella Vista Museum. Other chapters were invited to the meeting and it was also open to the public. The speaker, Frank Terry, is a direct descendant of one of the few survivors of the 1857 massacre.



Nancy Bumgardner , April 23, 2018, presenting a program , Our Immigrant Ancestors, telling the history of her family who settled in Ut

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Gravette Day, Saturday, August 11, 2018 Several members of Butterfield Trails Questers Chapter participated in Gravette Day. Shown l. to r. are Camille Hatcher, Ruth Lowery, Betsy Meeks and Connie Fetters working at the Raffle Booth for the Kindley House.



Gravette Days: Quester Judy Payne working the Selfie Station





### Kindley House Museum

The most recent acquisition for the chapter's project was a glass case to house a collection of antique bibles that were donated to the museum.



The September, 2018 Questers Program, Gamble Cemetery, was presented by chapter member, Betsy Meek. Betsy detailed her family genealogy and the multi-generation family affiliation with the cemetery located in Centerton, Arkansas. The Trail of Tears Questers Chapter met with the Butterfield Trails Chapter and presented the restoration that has been accomplished by their chapter in regard to grave markers, head stones and obelisks



Questers program October 22, 2018, given by Faith Herring and Ruth Lowery. The chapter toured the Newton County Historical Park and Museum in Neosho, Missouri.

Members present, left to right: Gloria Taylor, Cindy Ashley, Shirley Olson, Camille Hatcher, Betsy Mertz, Suzanne Evans, Virginia Reynolds, Sandy McAuliff, Ruth Lowery, Jill Werner, Faith Herring, Deanna Booyer, Park Director.



Questers visited an antique store in Neosho after visit to historical museum



Camille Hatcher and Connie Fetters attended the pancake breakfast and also set up the Oral History Project Poster.

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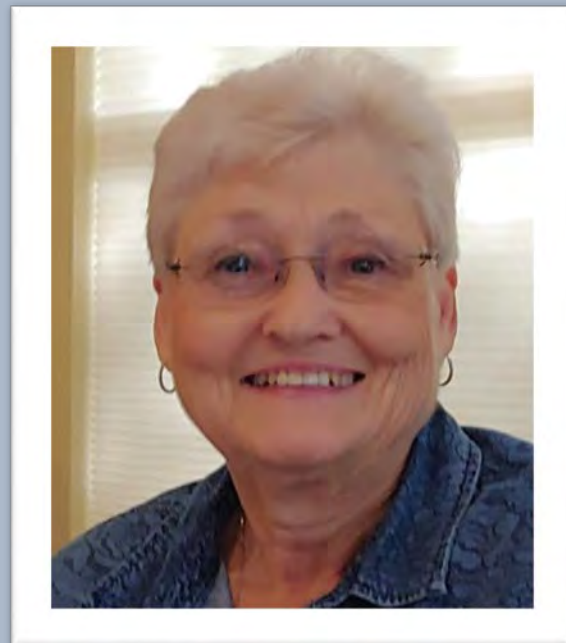
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## Blowing Springs



## Butterfield Trails

**Gravette Historical Museum partnering in oral history project  
by Susan Holland / *WESTSIDE EAGLE OBSERVER***

*May 16, 2018 at 5:00 a.m.*



*Westside Eagle Observer/SUSAN HOLLAND Randi VanNoy (right), curator of the Gravette Historical Museum, interviews Xollie and Delbert Buffer for the Northwest Arkansas Oral History Project. The Buffers are long-time Gravette area residents and are known for driving their horse-drawn carriage in area parades. They are one of several interviewees whose stories have been recorded and will be placed in the archives at the University of Arkansas.*

**GRAVETTE --** Two Northwest Arkansas Questers Chapters from Bella Vista, the Butterfield Trails Chapter and the Blowing Springs Chapter, are partnering with the Pryor Center for Oral and Visual History at the

University of Arkansas, local history museums and community agencies to collect oral histories of Northwest Arkansas residents.

A significant partner in this project is the Gravette Historical Museum Commission. Randi VanNoy, the curator of the museum, works with the project to recruit people to share their stories. She then sets appointments for them to be interviewed at the Kindley House or other convenient location for the interviewee. Interviews generally take about an hour and the participant is able to also provide photos which are scanned and kept with the interview.

"We are losing a lot of important history by not recording stories of Arkansas by our long-term residents," said Connie Fetters, one of the coordinators of the Northwest Arkansas Oral History Project. She and Camille Hatcher, the second coordinator of the project, went to local Questers Chapters and history museums to encourage capturing these stories. After finding that members of local groups were interested in helping interview residents about their Arkansas stories, they went to the Pryor Center to find a partner for the project. Through their efforts, Northwest Arkansas residents now have an opportunity to share their stories. These stories, which are digitally recorded, will be placed and kept in the archives of the University of Arkansas. They will also be available for the public to access on the Pryor Center website.

The project has been going on for about two months. Ten people have been interviewed so far at Gravette and about 20 more have been referred to be interviewed, Hatcher said. Each interview is unique and the stories shared are significant to the history of the area.

Anyone who would like to be interviewed, has a person they would like to recommend for an interview, or who would like more information about the project may contact Randi VanNoy at 479-866-7297 or either of the project coordinators, Connie Fetters, 479-640-3519, or Camille Hatcher, 479-855-4761. Individuals who would like to become one of those interviewing the subjects should also contact VanNoy or the project coordinators.

There are three Questers Chapters in Bella Vista. Questers are dedicated to the study, conservation and preservation of historical objects and places for the benefit of citizens today and in the future. Meetings are a mix of field trips to historical sites, presentations on historical topics and sharing of collections. Each chapter is also involved in local community preservation and restoration projects. The Butterfield Trails Chapter has been instrumental in securing several period furnishings for the historic Kindley house.

New members are always welcome in this active international preservation group. To learn more, visit the websites [arkansasquesters.com](http://arkansasquesters.com) and [questers1944.org](http://questers1944.org).

## Residents' stories become part of history by Lynn Atkins / *November 21, 2018 at 4:00 a.m. THE WEEKLY VISTA*



*Photo submitted Volunteer Camille Hatcher prepares for an interview with Wanda Roe, a retired artist and teacher. Although Roe was born in Batesville, she's lived in northwest Arkansas for many years.*

A group of volunteers in Bella Vista are making history -- literally. By recording the memories of long time residents, volunteers are adding a new dimension to the history of Northwest Arkansas.

The two women heading up the project locally are members of the Butterfield Trail Questers Chapter, but they've recruited help from The Blowing Springs Quester Chapter and others with an interest in history. Questers is an international group whose members share an interest in history and in historical artifacts. The local chapters meet once a month.

Connie Fetters, past president of the Butterfield Trails Chapter, was interested in oral histories when she heard about the Pryor Center at University of Arkansas.

According to their website, [pryorcenter.uark.edu/](http://pryorcenter.uark.edu/), the center was created in 1999 to document the cultural heritage of Arkansas by collecting audio and video interviews. The Pryor Center trains the volunteers and lends them the equipment needed to record an oral history. The local group uses only the audio recording equipment.

The only qualification to become a subject in the local project is that a person has to have a connection to Northwest Arkansas. Some of the subjects were born in the area and lived their entire life close by, but others were born somewhere else but have a story about Northwest Arkansas.

Interviews are usually done in local museums or community centers, Camille Hatcher, the second coordinator for the project, said. They usually travel to where the subject is located and recently two volunteers traveled all the way to Kansas City to speak to former Bentonville residents who owned a store downtown.

Since the Butterfield Trails Questers primary project is the historic museum in Gravette, they started by interviewing residents of the Gravette/Hiwasee/Maysville area.

Fetters said she was impressed by their sense of community.

"Many of the persons we interviewed left the area and came back. There is a pride in their roots and many would like their children and grandchildren to come back to the area if they have left. One old timer from Hiwassee pointed out that you didn't really want to talk about anyone, because almost everyone was kin in the area."

They also spoke about the ways they supported the community.

"It is also pretty special how the Gravette Day festivities are still going strong for so many years," she said. There's no limit to the amount of interviews the group will complete, Fetters said. Over the past three months, they have completed 18 interviews and there are about 20 more referrals they will schedule as soon as possible. Many groups, including local historical museums, do oral histories, Fetters said, but what makes the Pryor Center different is their plan to archive all the histories their volunteers turn in. Each one will be transcribed and both the transcription and the recording will be posted on the Pryor Center web site where they will be accessible to anyone with an interest.

"The families will be able to find them and look back," Hatcher said.

During their training at the center, the volunteer historians were told to ask just a few guiding questions and let their interviewee talk, Fetters said. The tapes won't be edited, she explained, although the Center personnel may remove some long silences. The subject of each interview will be able to listen to their session and approve it before it's placed online.

They've had a few surprises while doing the histories, Fetters said. For example, while everyone knows about the apple orchards in Benton County, few people know that there used to be a walnut factory in the area that was a major employer. The hulls of black walnuts were used in several different industries, she said, even munitions.

Both Hatcher and Fetters were impressed when they heard stories about the depression in Northwest Arkansas. "It was an inclusive community that helped each other," Hatcher said.

They also heard stories about going downtown on a Saturday, Fetters said. It was a family event, but when they arrived in town, the family separated with the women congregating in one spot, the men in another and the children playing with their friends.

One recent subject, Bella Vista resident Norma Clark, spoke about when John Cooper first started buying up the farms around the old Bella Vista resort. No one knew what was planned for the area and some residents believed it was going to be a secret military base -- maybe a missile site.

Another subject told Fetters about the time when everyone was sure the railroad was going through Maysville and an ambitious resident built a brick hotel to house the passengers. Then the railroad was built through Gravette and the hotel was dismantled brick by brick and reassembled in Gravette.

They also heard about a turkey drop in Gravette. The turkeys weren't thrown out of a helicopter, but they might have been thrown off the roof a building downtown. The interviewee wasn't sure of the details -- or the survival rate of the turkeys.

When they traveled to Van Buren for an interview, they got a first-hand account of the desegregation of local schools from a former Rogers resident.

"We want to keep these stories alive," Fetters said. "It's important."

It's also very fulfilling work, Hatcher added.

They are looking for more subjects and more interviewers, as well as for a few good typists to work at home transcribing the interviews. To volunteer or to tell them about a potential interviewee, call one of the coordinators, Camille Hatcher at 479 855-4761 or Connie Fetters at 479 640-3519.





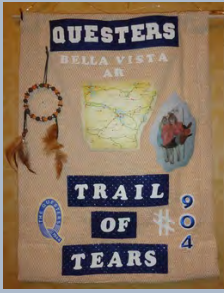
## **Blowing Springs**



**Blowing Springs Chapter 957 attending Butterfield Trails Program. Experiences of recording voice memories for the Pryor Center.**



**Cynthia King, auctioneer, Blowing Springs and Katy Van Note at Basket Program. All three Quester groups raised over \$800.00 for The Bella Vista Museum Log Cabin.**



# Trail of Tears

**Trail of Tears #904 in Bella Vista AR, met on Wednesday January, 16, 2019 at the home of Katy Van Note at 11:00 AM.**

Special Guests were Thelma Poole, Arkansas State President and her husband Roger Poole, State Webmaster. There were 18 members present, and 5 guests: Thelma & Roger Poole, Julie Fischer, Cindy Edwards and Dawn (Becky's caregiver) Cindy Edwards requested to join and was welcomed as a new member to the chapter.

Homemade soup and fresh baked pie luncheon was followed by the program:











## Esther Osbahr, President of Trail of Tears #904, told about her record collection. Very Vintage Vinyl

Esther's interest and her record collection began with the Vogue Picture records that were produced for only 11 months.

Since then Esther has collected about 50 old records, ranging from the shellac 78 RPM records of the 20's and 30's to the colorful children's records made in the 40's - 60's.

As part of her presentation, Esther brought along her portable record player and played some of her records sparking memories long passed among the listeners present.













# Facebook: Friends of Gamble Cemetery, Centerton AR - Bella Vista Trail of Tears #904

It's a great time to visit Gamble Cemetery. Many stones have been repaired thanks to grant money received from the Bella Vista Trail of Tears #904 chapter of Questers. Also a big thanks to Dorothy Miller and friend Bill for the countless hours spent cleaning headstones and clearing brush by hand! It looks amazing! Words cannot express how much it is appreciated!







## Clara B Eno



**Attending the ribbon cutting of the newly-restored Albert Pike Schoolhouse were (front row, from left) Clara B Eno Questers Fran Wade and Louise Howard, as well as, (back from left) River Valley Museum Board Members John Robert, Cathy Gifford and Sheila Bell.**

**By BENNETT HORNE / Press Argus-Courier Editor**

Posted Dec 19, 2018 at 12:01 AM Updated Dec 20, 2018 at 11:46 PM

Once the Albert Pike Schoolhouse made its way back to Crawford County and the courthouse grounds, the next step was to get it restored where it was again more presentable for visitors.

And when that item was checked off the to-do list Christmas came early to Crawford County Judge Dennis Gilstrap.

“This is an early Christmas present for me,” the judge said following a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly-restored building to kick off the Dec. 1 courthouse lighting ceremony. “I told Sheila (Bell) probably six or eight months ago that I would love to have this building restored so Santa Claus could actually be in here when we had our lighting of the

courthouse. We're very thankful to the River Valley Museum and Sheila Bell has done lots of legwork on this project as well."

Bell was more than happy to take the reins of the restoration project, even though a lofty financial goal had been set.

"This building and the courthouse is just a real love of mine, along with the history it speaks to of Crawford County," she said. "This is a piece of it that was saved by some wonderful people in Crawford County. The judge had asked me a year and a half ago to try to find somebody to do this work and it took me almost a year to find somebody. It tells me that the county takes a great love when we were able to gather this money together - no grants, only a small loan - but then the community folks giving anywhere from \$20 to \$10,000. It takes every penny."

Bell said the response told her "the community cares about this facility" and that the citizens "recognize the importance" of the schoolhouse.

"This building has been a landmark and a tourist destination in Van Buren for as long as I can remember," she said. "It came back to this property in 1974. It was a community effort that brought it back and, since that time, it has been a consistent draw on the courthouse lawn."

Bell said about 31 different people contributed funds to the project, including such bigger groups as the Van Buren Women's League, the Clara B. Eno Questers and the Crawford County Literary Society.

Every bit helped.

"One lady wrote us a \$20 check and that was just fine," said Bell. "She wanted to be a part of it and that's what she could give."

The fundraising drive met its goal of \$30,000, but the group actually ended up spending about a thousand more dollars.

"As (the contractor) took off the roof, as he told us, there were more rotted timbers than what you could see from underneath. So we spent right at \$31,000. We had borrowed some - Citizens Bank was kind enough to loan us money - and the River Valley Museum had taken some money we had and used it to make sure we had enough to cover the expenses, but now we've got to pay off the loan."

After meeting the initial goal in just a few months, Bell believes additional donors will again step up to the plate.

"We raised this in three months," she said. "We've still got some other folks that we know are going to make contributions. People can definitely continue to contribute to this project."

And why wouldn't they want to help fund a project that draws visitors from all over the United States.

"When we were standing here with all of the construction going on a lady from Wisconsin and another lady from New York and a guy from Illinois were on these courthouse grounds and had come to see the Albert Pike Schoolhouse," said Bell. "How cool was that! So this shows that the tourism of Main Street, Drennan Scott, Albert Pike, the courthouse, all of this has so much history and people are interested."

Terry Carson, president of the Van Buren Chamber of Commerce, said he is most impressed with how Van Buren is working hard to maintain some of its history.

"Albert Pike is a name most historians know about and we're just fortunate to have this cabin here on this location," he said after the ribbon cutting. "This is a part of Crawford County and has been for a long time along with this beautiful square and courthouse. You can see by this crowd people here tonight respecting our history. We don't dwell on it all the time but we do respect it and enjoy it."



# Quapaw



**Cheryl Simmons teaching Quapaw members how to make greeting cards**







**Barbara Boyett and Donna Wiedower, Quapaw members, making greeting cards.**



**Carmen Portillo, guest presenter, sharing her chocolates from her business Cocoa Belle Chocolates**

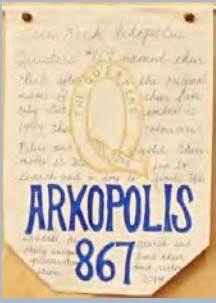


**Sally Jones, Quapaw member, sharing Chanel Jewelry, magazines, and scarves history.**





**Lunch at the Capital Hotel –  
December 11, 2018**



# Arkopolis

## FACEBOOK: Mount Holly Cemetery

December 13, 2018 •

Thanks to a grant from the Arkopolis Questers, we were able to bring in Texas Cemetery Restoration LLP for several days in August to repair five grave markers that date back to the second half of the 1800s. As is often the case with older markers, they did not look severely damaged, but their stability was compromised.

The repairs required both heavy lifting and a delicate touch. All the monuments needed to have their bases leveled, so they had to be temporarily lifted off their bases. The more parts there are to a monument—the Reed monument, for example, has six separate components above its base—the greater the risk the movement alone may cause damage.

All five monuments were cleaned with a biologic product that gets in the cell structures of mold, lichens and algae. With gentle brushing, some of that comes off right away, but the cleaner continues to gradually penetrate the pore structure of the stone. Rain helps the process. Maximum results usually take about six months to appear.



*Using a gantry, the crew positions the Causin monument to be mortared back onto its base, which had been leveled & repaired.*



*The Leetham monument awaits return to its base.*

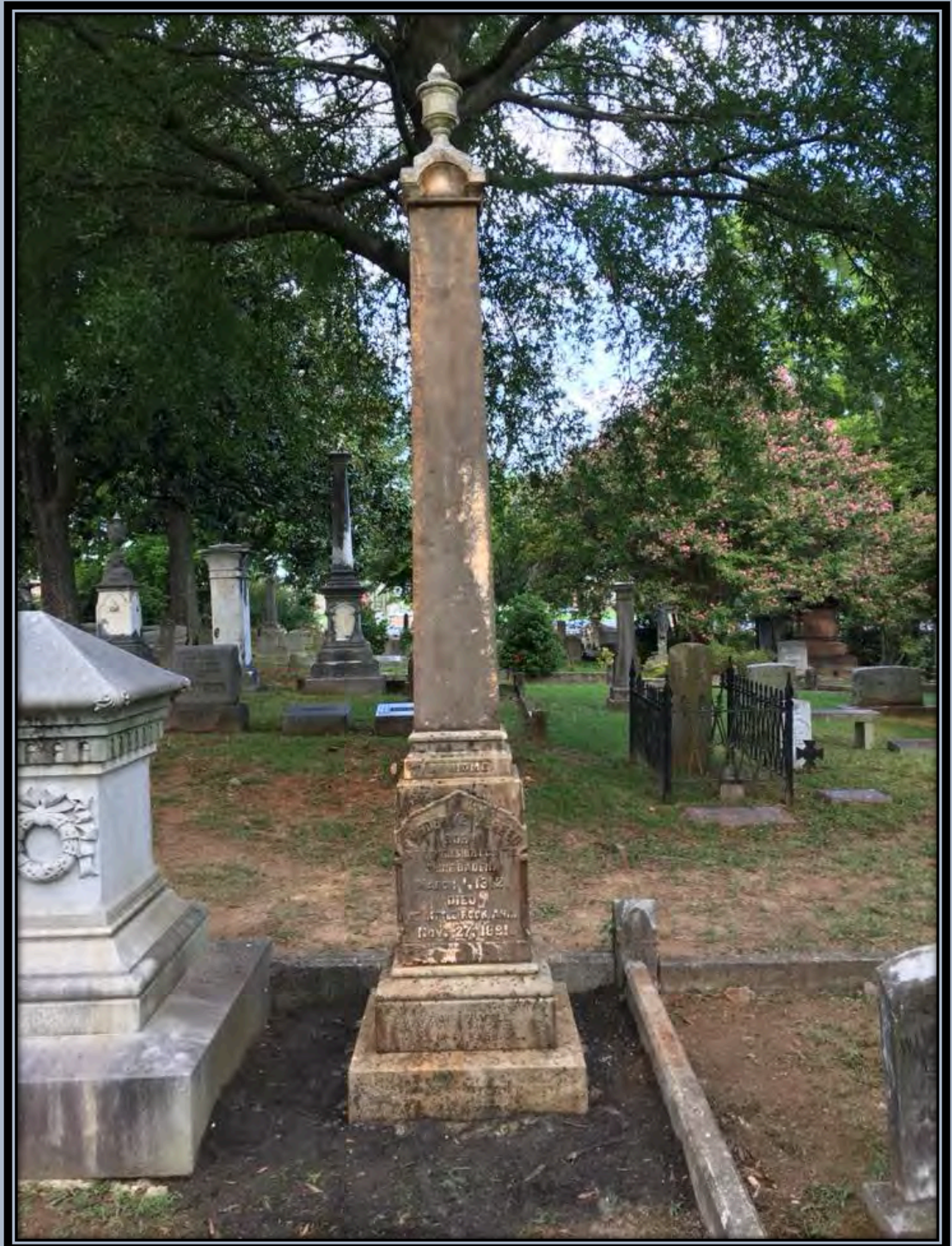


*The sandstone base of the Kinnear marker was almost two feet underground before it was dug up and repaired. The pocked surface of the marble portion indicates past use of an acidic cleaning product.*

Earlier this month the Texas Cemetery Restoration company fixed five monuments in Little Rock, Arkansas' Mount Holly Cemetery. The cemetery, which is located in the Quapaw Quarter area of downtown Little Rock, is the burial place for numerous Arkansans of note. It was listed in the National Register of Historic Places - NPS in 1970 and has been nicknamed "The Westminster Abbey of Arkansas". The repairs to the monuments were funded with grant money from the Arkopolis Questers, a Little Rock chapter of an international historic preservation organization. David O. Dodd, a 17-year-old spy executed during the Civil War, and Elizabeth "Quatie" Ross, who is known in local folklore for giving her blanket to a sick child while traveling through Arkansas on the Trail of Tears before dying of pneumonia herself, are among the individuals buried in the cemetery.



This 1891 monument was restored this week with funds received from the Arkopolis Quester Antique Club Grant! We are grateful for their interest in and support of Mount Holly Cemetery.



## Historic Little Rock cemetery gets repairs – Arkansas Democrat Gazette

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Texas Cemetery Restoration owner James “Rusty” Brenner (second from right) and his crew, Ernesto Dimas (from left), Lucio Vasquez and John Murchison, make sure the base of a monument is level Wednesday before putting the next piece on as they restore monuments at Mount Holly Cemetery in Little Rock. - Photo by [Staton Breidenthal](#)

The 14-foot-tall marble obelisk marking a German-born Arkansan's final resting place in Mount Holly Cemetery in downtown Little Rock leaned slightly to the left.

It wouldn't take much for the monument, built in 1891, to topple over, said James "Rusty" Brenner, leader of a crew working to level it Wednesday morning. Even a child running into it could cause it to fall and create a domino effect of damaged gravestones, he said.

Safety and historic preservation are priorities for Brenner, who owns Texas Cemetery Restoration. The Dallas-based company fixed five monuments in Mount Holly Cemetery last week.

The site, which some call "the Westminster Abbey of Arkansas," is owned by the city, but repairs are mostly funded by donations and grants, Mount Holly Cemetery Association archivist Kay Tatum said.

The cemetery was dedicated in 1843, and repairs are an ongoing process. The rock wall around the edges continually needs work, and the street that runs through it has some paving issues, Tatum said.

The latest triage was funded with grant money from the Arkopolis Questers, a Little Rock chapter of an international historic preservation organization.

"Something that's as old as Mount Holly Cemetery requires maintenance all the time," Tatum said.

She said the city has been generous, but has to divide its resources, so gifts are fundamental.

"Every dollar is important to us," she said.

Dottie Funk, a grant writer for the chapter, said the group votes a few times each year on the projects they want to submit funding applications for. The chapter has raised \$35,000 in grants since it started in 1998.

The first grant funded a partial restoration of the fountain. In 2016, the group received nearly \$8,000 in grants to restore the sexton's bellhouse, the traditional cottage for the cemetery's groundskeeper. A grant from the statewide Questers chapter can bring in \$1,000 to \$2,000, while the group can ask for between \$5,000 and \$7,000 for a grant from the international level of the organization, Funk said.

Another monument restored last week was dedicated to a woman named Eleanor Housing and her son, John, who died five days apart in 1861, possibly during the flu epidemic, Funk said. No obituary exists due to the stoppage of newspaper articles during the Civil War, so the conjoined markers are possibly the only remaining record of the deaths.

Most of the monuments themselves are in decent condition, but age and weather can make their footing uneasy, Brenner said. All five were cleaned at the end of the process with a chemical compound that will take effect over the next several weeks, whitening the marble or limestone.

Over the years, the Questers have also secured grants to restore an iron bench dedicated to Andrew Scott, a Supreme Court justice for the Arkansas Territory, and a memorial to John D. Adams, an early owner of the *Arkansas Gazette*.

The cemetery is still active. A private graveside service was held there on Friday for Ron Robinson, the veteran Little Rock communications professional who died Aug. 14. Robinson's grave joins those of numerous governors of Arkansas, mayors of Little Rock and other notable Arkansans, from generals to suffragists to authors.

The site also holds the graves of people for whom Arkansas counties were named -- Chester Ashley, Sanford C. Faulkner, William E. Woodruff.

"It's important to know where we came from," Funk said.

Often, when Tatum walks through the cemetery to ask if people are looking for a certain grave, they're out-of-town visitors looking for the graves of people like David O. Dodd, the 17-year-old spy executed during the Civil War, or Elizabeth "Quatie" Ross, who is known in local folklore for giving her blanket to a sick child while traveling through Arkansas on the Trail of Tears before dying of pneumonia herself.

"If you want to know about Arkansas, Mount Holly is a good place to start," Tatum said.

Gretchen Hall, president and chief executive officer of the Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau, noted Mount Holly Cemetery's importance to historic and civil rights tourism in the city. It was one of the first cemeteries to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1970. In its early years, it had sections set aside for black, Catholic and Jewish decedents.

"Mount Holly Cemetery fits beautifully with Little Rock's wealth of historic attractions," Hall said. "Awareness and programming are key to preserving this beautiful historic landmark."

On Wednesday, Brenner pointed out a monument that had caught his attention -- on top of the base stood a stone pillar, cut off diagonally at the top, with another built to appear that it had fallen against it.

He said it seemed to be an artistic representation of a life cut short. But he worried about its precarious balance.





# Calico Bluffs

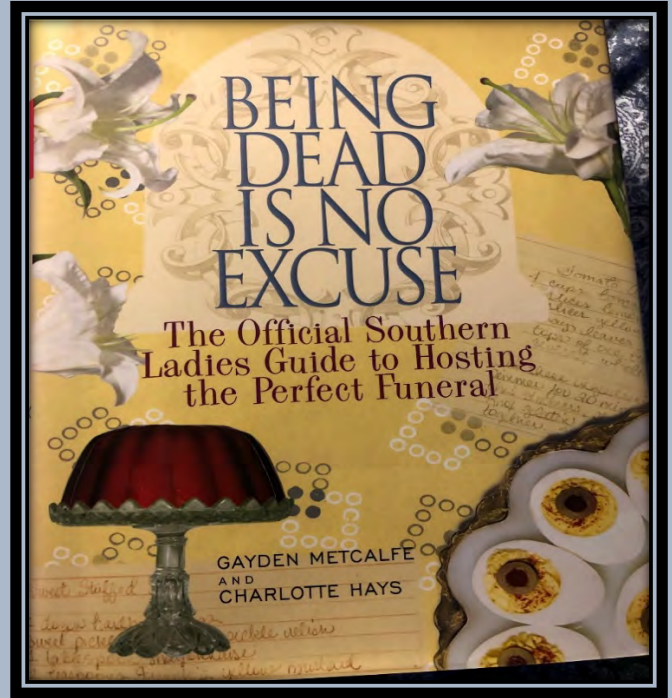


Calico Bluffs members: Bob Schenck & Steven Cooper at 2018 Questers International Convention, KC, MO



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Calico Bluffs Programs: Bonnie Tatom, Guest Quester, Antique Cameos



Calico Bluffs New Member Linda Bradbury & VP Margaret Mason

**Calico Bluffs New Project-Assisting Area Cemetery Boards-VP Margaret Mason presenting Galatia Cemetery Books 1&2 as Donation to Calico Rock Librarian Amy Whitefield**



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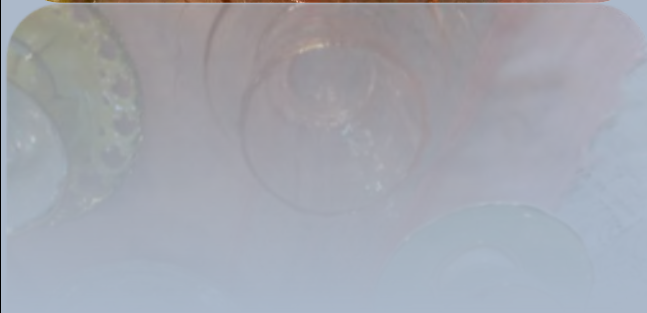


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# Davis Special

Davis Specials Program: Visted the Little Shop in Prim located in Prim, Arkansas for high tea





### Davis Special Questers Talk History of Hand Held Fans

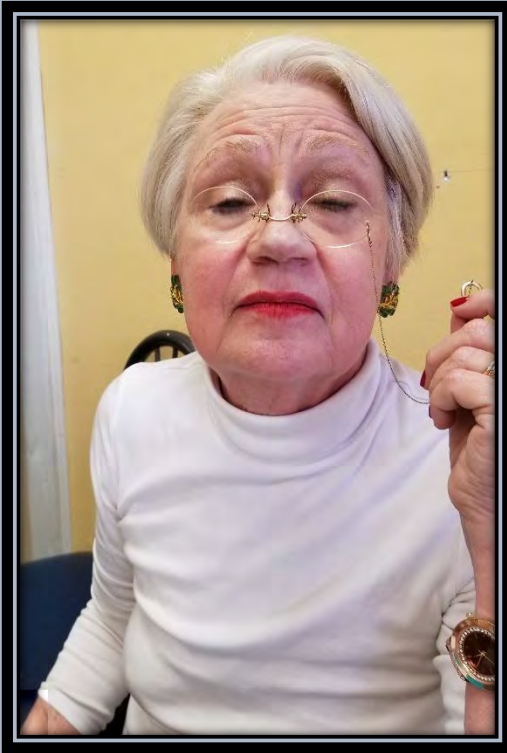
On Monday, September 17, a small group of Davis Special Questers met in the newly remodeled Eagle Bank (old Simmons Bank) on Dave Creek Parkway. The program was presented by Fran Schroeder on

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the history of hand held fans and the Language of Victorian Fans. Some of the beautiful fans were brought in by some of the members. Did you know that fans were used over 4,000 years ago? Did you know that Madam de Pompedour of

France in the mid 1700s had a fan made for her that took 9 years to make and cost \$30,000? Did you know that it is supposed that the old saying "out with the old, in with the new" is thought to be attributed to the time in the 1800s when paper advertisements were used in making the fans? When the inexpensive "old" paper would deteriorate, it was just taken off and replaced with "new" paper. Our group made a unanimous decision to change our meeting date to the 3rd Wednesday of each month. We are looking for new members at present and had two join us at this meeting. Some of us are looking forward to attending the Quester Fall Fun Festival in Heber Springs at the Red Apple Inn this month.

Davis Special Program: Something Off the Wall Show and Tell and White Elephant Gift Exchange, Fairfield Bay



Davis Special Programs: Indian Artifacts with Jo Lynn Davis







## Questers January Meeting

What a great meeting Davis Special Questers had on Wednesday, January 23. We had lunch at Bentley's in Greer's Ferry which was followed by a program on Native American Arrowheads, weapons and an exhibit of ancient pieces of pottery, as well as some wonderful contemporary art works. The program was presented by Jo Lynn Davis. If you are interested in the various programs that the Questers have,

please contact President Bonnie Tatum at 501-294-9397 or Vice-President, Fran Schroeder at 501-884-5440. Quester motto is "It is fun to search and a joy to find" and "Preserving the

Past for the Future." Our focus is on our collections, historical information as well as helping to volunteer in the museum during the spring and summer months.

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
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