

The Arkansas Trav'ler is published twice a year by the Arkansas State Questers. Receipt of the newsletter is a privilege of membership. The Questers is a private, non-profit international organization incorporated in the state of Pennsylvania. The purpose of the Questers is to educate by research and study of antiques and to donate to the preservation and restoration of artifacts, existing memorials, historical buildings, landmarks, and education.

A Message from our President

This new year 2021, promises to be interesting and even exciting. We will be having more meetings, even if they must be virtual. We will be doing more education, preservation, and research in order to promote the goals of Questers. And we will strengthen our friendships along the way.

A. MEETINGS

- a. Arkansas Spring Convention FRIDAY – SATURDAY, April 16-17, 2021
- b. International Convention Thursday, May 13 – Sunday, May 16, 2021
- c. Chapter meetings can be hosted via ZOOM

B. EDUCATION

- a. ZOOM programs can be hosted by any chapter and other chapters may be invited at your discretion.
- b. Programs your chapter has used can be offered to share to other chapters.
- c. Live ZOOM programs can be presented for your own or other chapters as desired.
- d. See the Quester Facebook page and website for additional ideas for programs and research.

C. PRESERVATION

- a. Continue finding opportunities in your area for your chapter to have an impact.
- b. Research through local organizations and events for possible preservation activities.
- c. Consider donating chapter funds into the Arkansas State P&R Fund to help other chapters receive grants in 2022.
- d. Consider donating chapter funds into the International P&R Fund for International Grants in 2022.
- e. Consider donating P&R Funds to International Fellowship program (this is a new option with the new By-Laws).

D. RESEARCH Use the internet or local newspapers to find state or local historical events, places and people.

E. FRIENDSHIP keep members informed of family illness or deaths within your chapter and the state.

- a. Call each other for a phone visit.
- b. Send cards for birthdays, anniversaries and Thinking of you.
- c. Attend ZOOM meetings.
- d. Plan some that are strictly social with a theme...like show and tell.
- e. Keep the business portion of the meeting short.
- f. Try to find a short educational feature, or just read a short article of interest.
- g. Invite one or two members who are not tech savvy or don't have a computer to join in at a socially safe distance in another room or on your porch, weather permitting.

Each of our members are important to me. If you know of someone that needs encouragement, or has health or family issues, please don't hesitate to keep me informed and tell me what you think I might be able to do to help. I am here to serve the Arkansas Questers any way I can.

Quest on,
Esther Osbahr



EVENTS

**2021
Arkansas
Questers
State Annual
Spring
Convention**

It's Virtual this year!

By April we may be able to gather in small groups to celebrate **Happy Hour** and to watch a few of the sessions together!

See pages 6 & 7

**2021
Arkansas
Fall Fun
Festival**

In October – Date to be announced

STATE NEWS

Arkansas State Executive Board for 2019-2020

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Meet Sharon Tyler, our new Parliamentarian.

I began my life in Detroit, Michigan where I was both raised and educated. Then I followed the urge to "Go West Young Woman" by relocating to Denver, Colorado in 1976. My working career focused on marketing be it: grain, food manufacturers, or books and magazines. Retirement years began in 2016, as Jim, my husband, and I moved to Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. I am curious and enjoy networking. I love researching, investigating in depth, and organizing information in a coherent form. The Quester's provides that opportunity with so many collectors and community involvement. I am looking forward to serving as State Parliamentarian.

Founders Award

Dear Arkansas Questers,

The FOUNDERS AWARD contest is held at each International Convention.

This year's theme is "WOMEN OF THE WEST". It is fitting that we should learn about women that impacted the west, since this is the 100th year celebration of Womens Suffrage.

The Founders Award is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a member. The paper requires research and can be quite an intensive effort. A few years ago, I was honored to write a paper when our International convention was in Iowa. The topic that year was "Ethnic Heritage of Iowa." I was so surprised and humbled at the convention to win the Founders Award for that paper. I would encourage you to challenge your chapter members and yourselves to consider writing a Founders Award paper.

I will be happy to help any way that I can, by proofreading, or offering advice on topics. Sadly, there are not usually very many papers submitted so your opportunity to win is actually quite good. But more importantly, you will have the chance to learn something new and contribute to our fine organization. The papers are available for all members to read in the future to be used for programs.

Deadline is March 1, 2021, so it's time to choose a topic and begin your research. Be sure to look up all the rules on the International Quester website, because there are very specific guidelines that must be followed.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Esther Osbahr

Thank You to Sharon Tyler, Arkansas Quester State Parliamentarian

New International, State and Chapter By-Laws project is complete!

All twelve chapters in Arkansas have completed the update of the Chapter By-Laws, policies and signature page. This could not have been accomplished in this crazy year without the enthusiastic leadership of Sharon Tyler. Our Quester International Parliamentarian, Judy Otis, sent this congratulatory email ...

“Wow, you gals did a fantastic job of having all 12 Arkansas Chapters complete their policies. I just finished reviewing them all.The Chapter Policies were great with lots of specific details.”

These International, State and Chapter By-Laws, Policies and Procedures are now uniform throughout the Questers. This will make it easier to follow correct procedures. These are all available to read and print on the Arkansas Questers webpage.

Esther Osbahr, Arkansas State President

Misuse of Quester Directory Information

Some of you may have received a flyer or other communication in the mail, by email or in a text that advertises programs that organizations like THE QUESTERS may be interested in. The communication appears to be endorsed by The Questers. It is not. Just discard it. If you received it by text or email, you may want to block the person who sent it to you.

Here is the letter from International advising how to guard our mailing lists. We should place the disclaimer shown in Rosemary McPherson’s letter on every page of any mailing list that we have. This can be done easily by inserting it in a header or footer. Or typing it into the body of the list.

December 16, 2020

Dear fellow Questers,

The International Executive Board (IEB) has been made aware of an email and/or US post office mailing sent to many Questers. The IEB did not authorize the sending of this mailing or were we aware of the mailing until Questers started to question it.

I have been in contact with the person, and he responded that he had a 2019 – 2020 Directory. He did not receive it from the IEB or Headquarters. THE QUESTERS do not promote programs. If, as a Quester group, you hire a person to do a program for you, that is fine. You cannot give out information about other Questers or Quester groups.

Questers do have a disclaimer that is on our directory, which states:

This mailing list is the exclusive property of THE QUESTERS. It is not to be used by any member or Chapter or made available to other individuals or organizations for the promotion of private interests.

If your Chapter or state is sending out a mailing list, even ones between yourselves, it would be in the best interest of THE QUESTERS to put the disclaimer on all documents with addresses that you are sending out. The IEB and Headquarters will also be using this protocol for all mailings. With so many without jobs or low income because of COVID, we might be getting many cold calls. The best we can do is delete, use the garbage can, or hang up. Remember, if you do not recognize an email or phone number, hang up, and they can leave a message so that you can call back. Do not open emails that look like junk. Just be aware and stay safe and well.

Presidents, please share with your members.

Sincerely,

Rosemary

Rosemary McPherson

THE QUESTERS International President

president@questers1944.org

Contests in 2021

All State contests are suspended for the year, including Best Program, Best Yearbook and Most New Members.

Fundraising will be focused on the State P&R Fund so that Grant Account can be replenished to award grants in April 2022.

Need Program Ideas for Virtual Meetings?

There are lots of PowerPoint presentations available that can be shown in a Zoom or other on-line meeting format. Check out both the State and International websites for ideas.

(Of course, they’re great for in-person meetings, too!)

State Website: under (1)-tools-news-search/(1CC)Program Ideas
International under Members/Study Papers and Research Library

2021 Annual Deadline Dates to Remember

Meetings are in bold

- Jan – Make Hotel Reservations and Registration for Spring State and Int’l Conventions (if to be held in person).
- Jan 15 – Grant application deadline to State P & R Chairman on even numbered years.
<https://www.arkansasquesters.com/4f-grant-programs.html>
- Jan 15 – The Arkansas Trav’ler Spring Issue submission for articles deadline
- Feb 1 – Chapter treasurers collect dues of \$28 + amount to stay in chapter treasury
- Feb 1 – Quester International Quarterly submission deadline for articles for Spring Issue
- Feb 15 – Nominations Committee - Mail a State Officer Official Election Ballot to each voting member of the State Council by February 15. The State Council consists of current State Elected Officers, Chairmen of Standing Committees, State Past Presidents, and current Chapter Presidents. <https://www.arkansasquesters.com/4a-all-member-lists.html>
- Spring – Consider donating to International Funds
- Spring – Submit memorials donations to State and/or International
- Mar 1 – Articles/labeled pictures for State and Int’l scrapbooks to appropriate Historian
- Mar 1- Deadline for Founders Award Submissions “Women of the West”
- Mar 15 – Postmark deadline to send Nomination Ballots back to Teller
- April 1 – Deadline to Register for Annual Spring State Convention
- April 1 – Dues to reach International Headquarters from chapter Treasurers (Please mail by Mar 15)
- **Apr 9-23 – Arkansas State Convention, VIRTUAL** (more information to come)
- **May 13-16, 2021 – Quester International Convention, VIRTUAL**, see questers1944.org under tab Members, see Newsletters - Fall and Winter (Nov) Quester Quarterly 2020 - All events will be available to view through May 21, 2021
- **June 1** – Quester International Quarterly submission deadline for articles for Summer Issue
- **June – State Board Members (Change over) Meeting - See Meetings on website**
- August 1 – Quester International Quarterly submission deadline for articles for Fall Issue
- August 15 – The Arkansas Trav’ler submission deadline for articles for Fall Issue
- Sept – Yearbooks. Send digital copy to 2nd Vice Pres. with one paper for international submission. Send in triplicate if in paper. Send digital file to webmaster for posting. See website (4C) Chapter Yearbooks Arkansas State Yearbook Guidelines and Yearbook Judging form for use by 2nd VP
- Sept – Register for Fall Fun Festival – See website (5C) 2021 Oct FFF
- Sept – Consider donating to International Funds
- Sept – Submit memorials donations to State and/or International
- October 1 – Quester Quarterly submission deadline for articles for Winter Issue
- October 1 – Deadline for Registration for Fall Fun Festival
- **October – Arkansas State Questers Fall Fun Festival – Date and site to be announced**
- November – See Winter Quester Quarterly: Register for Int’l convention to get the tours you want.
- November 15, 2021 – International deadline for grant application and accompanying paperwork submission. Chapter must raise 25% of project cost. Submit in odd numbered years for even year award. Volunteer hours also required

Rev. January 15, 2021

Chapter News

Pinnacle #1219

Our chapter tried valiantly to continue to meet through the Covid 19 pandemic. First by ZOOM though many found it lacked the satisfying experience of an “in person” meeting. So we began physically meeting in the Mabelvale United Methodist Church gym where we could social distance and also broadcast the meeting by ZOOM for those who chose that method. Though we consistently had a quorum in attendance, in November we finally decided we could not continue putting the seven to eight people who physically attended in jeopardy of contracting the disease. So we

decided to cancel all meetings until February when we will review the situation. However, we continue to remain in contact and communicate news and Quester information via e-mail.

Our chapter celebrated Veteran's Day at the Thomas Cemetery, our current P&R Project, along with the Prudence Hall Chapter of the National Society DAR and the Patriot Guard Riders with their flags.



Quapaw Questers 519

With the increasing number of COVID19 cases, it seems that life will never return to normal. While it's been sad that we cannot meet and fellowship with our dear friends, President Kay Tatum of The Quapaw Questers 519 has started a Chapter newsletter to keep members informed of news, awards and accomplishments. While this is not as welcoming as meeting in the homes of our membership, it's an avenue in which to keep in touch during these uncertain times. Our sweet member, Sally Jones has contacted the membership personally for a "wellness checkup", which the members appreciated very much. Sadly, we lost a 41-year member, Susie Burgess on December 2nd. Susie was very active and will certainly be missed by all. Future newsletters will include an "Antique" article in keeping with Chapter programs. Articles are also welcomed by Chapter members to be included in the newsletter.



Beloved Members We've Lost



Joyce Lorraine Gallagher, a member of Vapor Valley #1307, passed away on Oct. 16, 2020, at the young age of 88. In addition to being a loving wife, stepmother and friend, she was also described as being the fashionista of Hot Springs Village! You may visit the Joyce Gallagher Tribute wall at <https://www.tributes.com/joycegallagher> and click "Photos" to see Joyce with her family throughout the years.



Mary Copeland, co-founder of the Pinnacle Chapter #1219 in 1992, passed away Nov. 15, 2020. During her full life, she traveled to every continent except Antarctica, and every state except Hawaii. Her favorite preservation project was the restoration of the Arkansas Carousel, housed at the Little Rock Zoo, where she is seen here riding Quester, the horse adopted by the Pinnacle Chapter. You may read her obituary at [Dial & Dudley Funeral Home: Bryant, Arkansas \(AR\) \(dialanddudleyfuneralhome.com\)](http://dialanddudleyfuneralhome.com). As Mary would have liked, the family requested that memorials be made to a cause of your choice, one that will make our earthly world a better place. Condolences may be sent to her daughter and son-in-law who lovingly cared for her in her last years, Karen and Rick Endel, 1927 Lee Creek Dr., Van Buren, AR 72956.



Linda Sue "Susie" Burgess, 86, a member of Quapaw #519, passed away at home surrounded by her family on December 2, 2020. She was a 41 year member of the Chapter. She and her husband accumulated one of the largest collections of early American blue and white stoneware in the country, as well as many other antiques. You may view her obituary at [Obituary for Linda Sue "Susie" \(Adams\) Burgess | Smith Family Funeral Homes \(smithfamilycares.com\)](http://smithfamilycares.com)



Florence Hill, a long-time member of Trail of Tears #904, lost her husband of 66 years, Charles, on December 11th, 2020. His obituary stated that he was "a strong, quiet man with a wicked sense of humor and orneriness." You can find a description of his life and remarkable community service at www.funeralmation.com. Florence became inactive to stay home and care for her husband but is expected to return to active status soon. Condolences may be sent to Florence at 27 Cambria Drive, Bella Vista, AR. 72715

Arkansas Questers "Virtual" Spring Convention



Celebrating 100 years since August 18, 1920 when the 19th Amendment was ratified giving women the vote.

**April 9 to
April 23**

**Virtual Meeting
with**

"Happy Hour"

April 16, 5pm



Also on the 16th:

SEB meeting at 11:00am & State Council Meeting at 1:00pm by ZOOM

Join us online for Virtual meetings and programs, including a virtual Happy Hour on April 16. There will be lots of written programs, (with pictures), PDF converted Power Points and Video Programs about Suffrage and many other topics of interest offered on the State Website, contributed by our Questers Chapters throughout the State.

It would be exceedingly difficult to have our annual fundraisers for our state P&R Grant Fund. So, your convention fee of \$35.00 will be primarily placed into the Arkansas State Questers P&R fund which ultimately goes back to the chapters as Grants for our important projects! Everyone can participate and feel assured that they have contributed to the wellbeing of our great State Questers!

Your convention fee will award you a password which will allow access for a full two weeks to the access point of programs on the State Questers Website. During the Happy Hour, prizes will be awarded for fun "search and find games" within some of the online programs plus other games!

Wear a Suffrage Hat to the Virtual Happy Hour! What better way for every Quester in the State to "attend" than from the comfort of your own home?

Arkansas Questers "Virtual" Spring Convention

REGISTRATION FORM

Please send by April 1.

On April 8, 2021, you will receive a password and link which will allow access for a full two weeks to the access point of programs on the State Questers Website. You will also receive a Zoom link to our April 16, 5:00 pm Happy Hour. Remember to wear a Suffrage Hat and bring snacks and a beverage to enjoy with fellow Questers.

Schedule:

April 8, 2021 : Links emailed for access to website Virtual Convention programs and Zoom meets

April 9-23, 2021: 24/7 access to Arkansas Quester Spring Convention Page

April 16: SEB Zoom meeting @ 11:00

State Council Zoom Meeting @ 1:00 pm

Zoom Happy Hour @5:00 pm

Questions? Email or call Katy Van Note - Trail of Tears #904 cktvn@me.com 515-490-6238

SAVE THIS PORTION and your flyer. **TEAR OFF LOWER PORTION AND MAIL TO:**

Betsy Mertz-Registrar 63 Dunipace Dr. Bella Vista 72715

Arkansas Quester 2021 Virtual Spring Convention Sign Up Form

Name: _____

Chapter and #: _____

Address: _____

email: _____ ***required**

Cell Ph.: _____ Home Ph: _____

Make check payable to: **Butterfield Trails Chapter #949**

Send to: **Betsy Mertz – Registrar, 63 Dunipace Drive, Bella Vista, AR 72715.**

Spring Convention Registration Fee: \$ _____ **Fee (to go to P&R fund) \$35.**

Additional Donation for State P&R: \$ _____

Total Amount Remitted: \$ _____

