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Save The Date

January 12—12th
 Night Christmas Party, Scott Connection
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 Colonial Event, Cadron Settlement Park,
 Ed Williams 501-944-0736

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President's Messages:

EARA Election time again....Our EARA By-laws require that we ask our Board of Directors and Officer's every 2 years their wishes to continue to serve our club. It has been 2 years since I have taken to responsibility of President. We are due for our every 2 year elections. So far most everyone has stated that they will continue in their current positions. We have a need for a nomination for Treasurer. Ed Williams has volunteered his services to do this for the next 2 years. If anyone else wants the position, please, have someone nominate you to one of the Board members. They will notify me of the nominations. We will get the ballot out in the Jan. Issue of **Shinnin'Times**. I want to thank everyone for the wonderful job and hard work that they are doing to make this club huge success. I will be ending the nomination process for 2018 Board/officers on Jan 14. We have had a great 2017 Rendezvous season. Looking forward to 12th Night Christmas Celebration and 2018 Rendezvous Season. Happy Holidays to EVERYONE!!!

I will be trying to get a **2018 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY** out for the club in the March newsletter. I would like to have accurate information about all of us...current addresses, phone no., emails, birthdays, family members and such to put in it. We have a couple of older Directories to mentor this project. Please, volunteer to assist me to call and double check on all the member's information so that we have a current corrected list. It is a big Job. We will enjoy our activities and be a better club, if we have each other's numbers/info and access to each other for plans and decisions.

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President's message Continued

12th Night Christmas Celebration at Scott Plantation Museum-Train Station is set for Jan. 13, 2018. We can camp or stay in the Train Station and Log Cabin. We could also pitch a tent. We will have a community fire pit in front of the log Cabin to cook our foods. Please, bring fire irons and other things that you will need. We have wood provided by the club's cutting event in 2017. Billy Koch will be bringing a water buffalo for us to use. We ask that members park outside the fence for handicap Parking and across the street for everyone else. We can pull up to the fence to unload and walk the things into the buildings. The grounds are flat and near the river. Water drainage is slow in that area. We do not want to rut up the park site. A HUGE thank-you goes to Scott Plantation Museum's Board of Director's permission and to Ed Williams for arranging for us to use their facilities for our event. We will have supper about 4:30. Dirty Santa gift exchange and fellowship will follow. We can spend the night on Friday night and Saturday night. We will throw down bedrolls in the station. Looking forward to seeing you then and hearing about all your Christmas Holiday activities.

20th ANNUAL PETITE JEAN VOO-Fall 2017 our long fall weekend atop Petite Jean Mountain was a beautiful, sunny event with many friends, family and public visitors. We had a cooking contest, adult games that included a Skillet toss, relay races in the dark, Fire Starting, and lots of fun and laughter. The park personnel performed demonstrations at the Hawk and Knife Blocks, had Charles Griffith, M.S., Herbalist/Writer (He taught at Rock Mountain College for 10 years in the 90's) teaching a native edible plant seminar, and many demonstrators from EARA's membership shared skill and knowledge of the 1800's with travelers coming from far and near. Families from as far as Houston, Texas participated in the Highland Game's Kaber toss. We had a total of about 22 camps and 4 trade tents. The weather was beautiful, not a cloud in the sky. It raised our spirits just as high as the Arkansas mountains.

Frontier Day at the "Hill of Five Trails" Rendezvous at Washington State Park...Feb. 15-18, 2018. We will be camping on the grounds of the Block-Catts house across the street from the Giant Magnolia Tree and Blacksmith Shop. Frontier Day for Home School kids will be on Friday, Feb. 16. Please, come and demonstrate and teach a skill to the children. We will be performing demonstrations for the students and visitor to the park all weekend. There will be a pot luck provided by the park for our lunch. We need someone to run the hawk blocks for the school kids. We will have a Potluck on Saturday night after the cooking-contest. The town will have many of its building open for tours. It is a great weekend for our event with lots of activities to enjoy.

Washington State Park is having a **Fiber Event** Jan 6, 2018. Pre-registration with \$25 fee is required. It is from 9AS-4P. We have had member's voice requests for instructions. They have a wonderful room full of looms and spinning wheels. Shelia teaches spinning and weaving. Your registration fee will give you instructions, supplies, and a lap loom to be your very own to take home and reuse with your new skill.

2018 Event Calendar

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March 2-4—White Oak State Park Colonial Event, Ed Williams 501-944-0736 or ed_laurine@juno.com

March 10-18 Southwest Regional Rendezvous—Nacona, TX

April 6-8 Sulpher Fork Days Doddridge, AR Contact Sam Bumgardner 03-824-3105

April 14-15 - Colbert's Raid at Arkansas Post. All come to celebrate the last battle of our Revolutionary War against Great Britain. Contact Ed Williams at 501-944-0736 or ed_laurine@juno.com

April 20-21 Woolly Hollow Voo, Tom Reedy 501-679-1636

April 27-29 Scott Rendezvous, Contact Ed Williams at 501-944-0736

May 12—Territorial Fair, Historic Arkansas Museum Ed Williams 501-944-0736

May 18-20—Saline Crossing Voo Doyle Richey/Marsha Kimmerly 501-860-3686

June 1-3 —Fort Bennett "Wildcat" Voo Contact James "Nonose" Thompson 501-269-5833

July 4—Territorial 4th of July, Historic Arkansas Museum Ed Williams 501-944-0736

August 4—Ice Cream Social Carol Fritt's Place, 501-350-1706

August 25—EARA Picnic Woolly Hollow? Teresa Lafferty 501-247-6466

September 7-9-- Calico Rock Voo Billy Bennett 254-718-7410 /870-297-2269

September 15-17—Soggy Bottoms Voo Lori Bennett 903-949-8842

October 12-14—Leslie Voo Glenn Cook 501-941-7910 gc1760@yahoo.com

November 21-25—Petit Jean Voo, Petit Jean Mountain State Park, Glenn Cook 501-941-7917/501-350-6640

December 2—Christmas Frolic, Historic Arkansas Museum, Ed Williams 501944-0736 ed_laurine@juno.com

Changes and additions, once more information comes in, will be noted in future issues.

Recipe-Gourd Soup

Original Recipe

Should be made of full-grown gourds but not those that have hard skins; slice three or four and put them in a stewpan, with two or three onions, and a good bit of butter; set them over a slow fire till quite tender (be careful not to let them burn); then add two ounces of crust of bread and two quarts of good consomme, season with salt and cayenne pepper; boil ten minutes or a quarter of an hour; skim off all the fat, and pass it through a tamis; then make it quite hot, and serve up with fried bread.

(For “gourds” use small squash or pumpkin. A tamis is a sieve.)

Modern Adaptation

3 onions
4-5 pounds butternut squash
¼ lb. butter
½ loaf of stale, crusty bread
2 quarts either beef or chicken broth
cayenne pepper
salt
additional butter or oil for frying bread

Peel and slice onions. Peel and slice squash. Melt ¼ lb. butter in largest pot. Saute onions and squash in butter until tender, stirring frequently. Cover with broth and simmer until squash and onions are very tender. While soup is simmering, grate 1 cup bread crumbs from loaf. Cut remaining bread into cubes and fry in butter or oil in batches. Just before serving, press soup through colander or sieve to puree. Thicken with bread crumbs. Add salt and cayenne pepper (careful not to add too much cayenne!) to taste. Serve with 3-4 pieces of fried bread on top.

This receipt was originally published in 1832 in *The Cook's Own Book* (Munroe and Francis, Boston). Modern Adaptation offered by the foodways staff at Old Sturbridge Village.

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