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2015 EVENTS

Lots of great events planned for 2015, including the first SWRR held in Arkansas for quite some time. If you know of any events that are not listed here that would be appropriate for EARA members, please let me know at joyce@heifercreek.com

**March 10-22 SWRR Leslie,
AR James "Nonose" Bousway
Thompsonnonoseou812@yahoo.com**

**501-247-6466/501-255 . The
site is wonderful, and if you've
never been to a SWRR then you
don't know what you're missing.**

We are predicting close to 200 camps and lots of great events are planned, and lots of prize money to be had for all sports!

March 27th - 29th, 2015. White Oak Lake Colonial Encampment and Shoot. This encampment commemorates Arkansas's Colonial time period and is held at White Oak Lake State Park located near Bluff City, Arkansas. All colonial reenactors are welcome. Friday and Saturday morning will be a rifle and smoothbore competition. A tactical event on Saturday afternoon. Ed Williams 501-944-0736 ed_laurine@juno.com

April 10-12 Scout-o-rama, Springlake Park, Texarkana, TX

Attention all Mountain Men and Women: I would like to invite everyone to Scout-o-Rama April 10-12. This event is free to all. It show cases what scouting is all about. We need lots of folks to come down and do demonstrations. Weaving, fire building, tanning, etc. We have permission to fire weapons for demo purposes only. Powder/patch but no ball please. You may start setting up on Thursday. If you have any questions

please feel free to call **Teresa at 903-671-2450** or email at gwynnfeodre@yahoo.com

April 11-12 KEELBOAT JUANT. The first is the 200th anniversary of the founding of the town of Old

Davidsonville. In addition to working with the public, video

and photos will be taken for use in the new visitors center. These two events will receive \$500 each for bringing the Keel Boat Contact Ed Williams at ed_lauraine@juno.com

April 16-19 Woolly Hollow Voo Tom Reedy 501-679-1636 (no email)

APRIL 18 Arkansas Post Ed Williams 501-944-0736
ed_lauraine@juno.com

May 9 HAM Glenn Cook 501-941-7910/350-6640

May 18-19th a MONDAY AND TUESDAY for History days, also at **Old Davidson**, contact Ed ed_lauraine@juno.com

for this event as well, He may have problems getting off work so we may need to recruit someone to pull the boat.

May 28-31 Saline Crossing Voo Doyle Richey/Marsh Kimery 501-860-3686

July 4 HAM Glenn Cook 501-941-7910/350-6640

Sept 5 EARA Annual Picnic Glenn Cook 501-941-7917/501-350-6640

Sept 10-13 Calico Rock Voo James Ross 870-746-4030

Sept 17-20 Soggy Bottoms Voo @ Washington, AR Teresa Lafferty/Misshattie 501-247-6466/255-5801

Oct. 1-4 Critter's Voo @ Foulke, AR Bobby Cooper 903-908-5088
Lori Bennett 903-949-8842

Oct. 9-11 Leslie Voo @Leslie, Ark. Glenn Cook 501-941-7910 gc1760@yahoo.com

Nov. 6-8 Civil War Days @Washington State Park Charlene Pippin cmacharliegrrl@yahoo.com 870-983-2307 there are GREAT vendors at this event for just about anything you might want, from period correct buttons on.

Nov. 26-29 Petit Jean Voo @ Petit Jean State Park Glenn Cook

501-941-7917/501-350-6640

Dec. 6 Christmas at HAM (Little Rock) Ed Williams 501-944-0736
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2016 Events

Saturday, January 31st. Colonial Days at Cadron contact Ed Williams 501-944-0736

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History of St. Patrick's day

Teresa Flemming

Saint Patrick (Latin: Patricius; Proto-Irish: *Qatrikias; [2] Modern Irish: Pádraig ['pʲa:d_ʲrʲəj]; [3] Welsh: Padrig [4]) was a 5th-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of Ireland along with Saints Brigit and Columba.

The dates of Patrick's life cannot be fixed with certainty but, on a widespread interpretation, he was active as a missionary in Ireland during the second half of the fifth century. [5] He is generally credited with being the first bishop of Armagh, Primate of Ireland.

When he was about 16, he was captured from his home in Great Britain by Irish Pirates, and taken as a slave to Ireland, where he lived for six years before escaping and returning to his family. After becoming a cleric, he returned to northern and western Ireland. In later life, he served as an ordained bishop, but little is known about the places where he worked. By the seventh century, he had already come to be revered as the patron saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day is observed on 17 March, the date of his death. [6] It is celebrated inside and outside Ireland as a religious and cultural holiday. On St Patty's day, everyone is Irish.

Barm Brack Bread

1/4 pt/ 125 ml/ 1/2 cup lukewarm milk

1 tsp sugar

1 tsp fresh yeast

8 oz/ 250 g/ 2 cups plain flour

1 tsp mixed spice, pinch salt

1 egg, 3 tbsp butter

6 oz/ 200 g/ 2 cups mixed fruit

(currants, sultanas, raisins, candied peel)

1 gold ring (in greaseproof paper)

2 oz /50 g/2 tbsp caster sugar

Cream the yeast and the sugar and allow to froth up in the milk, which should be at blood heat (about 101 F). Sieve the flour, caster sugar and spice and rub in the butter. Make a

well in the centre and add the yeast mixture and Barmbrack the egg, beaten. Beat with a wooden spoon for about 10 minutes until a good dough forms. The fruit and the salt should be worked in by hand; the gold ring wrapped in greaseproof paper

should then be added, and the whole kneaded. Put in a warm bowl, cover and allow to rise in a warm place for about an hour until doubled in size.

Knead lightly and place in a lightly-greased 7 in /15 cm diameter cake tin and allow a further 30 minutes rising time. Bake near the top of a pre-heated oven at gas mark 6, 400°F, 200°C for 45 minutes. On removing from the oven the brack can be glazed with a syrup made from 2 tsp sugar dissolved in 3 tsp boiling water.

WILD RECIPES

Sent in by Teresa Lafferty

Wild and Native Recipes from Tamara Walkingstick UA
Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service

These recipes come from a selection of cook books, on-line sources, and some are my very own.

Wood Sorrel Soup

2 cups chicken or vegetable stock ¼ cup diced potato or Daylily root ¼ TBS olive oil ¼ cup finely chopped onion (wild or otherwise) 2/3 cup packed wood sorrel (stems removed) Salt & pepper to taste.

Heat broth and potato in a pot. Using the olive oil, sauté onion until it is soft and translucent and then add to the broth pot. Keep at a mild boil for 10 minutes Add wood sorrel, bring back to a boil and boil simmer for 10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. For a more refined soup, blend all ingredients after they are cooked, strain, and serve.
Can also use sheep sorrel.

Chickweed Pesto

½ cup extra virgin olive oil ½ cup Parmesan cheese 1 to 2 cloves garlic, chopped
(adjust to taste) 3 TBSP almonds (can use pine nuts but I hate pine nuts) 2 cups packed chickweed (you might need to stem it) Salt to taste

Blend together the oil and garlic first in blender. Then add the remaining ingredients and blend until it reaches a spreadable consistency. Use on pizza, crackers, pasta, etc.

Beef in Guinness

The Guinness in this recipe has the same function as Beef in Guinness the wine in Coq

Au Vin - the acid and moisture combined with the long, slow cooking help tenderise

the tough but flavoursome meat.

2 1/2 lb/ 1 kg shin of beef

2 large onions

6 medium carrots

2 tbsp seasoned flour

a little fat or beef dripping

1/2 cup dry cider

1/2 pt/ 250 ml/ 1 cup Guinness with water

sprig of parsley

(serves four)

Cut the beef into chunks and peel and slice the onions and carrots. Toss the beef in

the flour and brown quickly in hot fat. Remove the beef and fry the onions gently

until transparent. Return the beef and add the carrots and the liquid. Bring just to

the boil, reduce the heat to a very gentle simmer, cover closely and cook for 1 1/2

- 2 hours. Check that the dish does not dry out, adding more liquid if necessary.

Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve with plainly boiled potatoes.

**Join in the Celebrations of the
Louisiana Purchase Land Survey
Bicentennial 1815-2015
"THE Point of Beginning"**

Living-history interpreters will be needed for these celebrations during the year.

THE BIG EVENT:

October 17 – Arkansas is celebrating the Louisiana Purchase Land Survey Bicentennial with a public event hosted by the Mississippi River State Park. This event will have several venues. 1) At the Mississippi River State Park/St. Francis National Forest Visitor Center, visitors can meet 19th-century characters like those who might have lived or worked in the area in 1815. 2) At the Confluence of the St. Francis and the Mississippi Rivers, visitors can help an 1815-period survey

crew. 3) At the Louisiana Purchase State Park, visitors can meet surveyors involved with the 1922 resurvey as well as all those ladies and gentlemen involved with the 1926 dedication of the monument marking *THE* Initial Point. 4) At the St. Francis National Forest Base Line Trail, visitors can learn about the various plants and animals mentioned in the surveyors' journals while meeting some of the survey crew – the hunter and the camp keeper – those who were responsible for feeding the survey crew.

This celebration is only the culmination of several scheduled events which will be announced next month with more information!

Example:

October 16 – Living history interpreters also are needed for a school day at Mississippi River State Park on Friday, October 16.

These specific interpretations are under the direction of the MS River State Park and, to assure all living-history interpreters are on the same page, some coordination sessions or training will be available.

Training Sessions for events:

**March 6 –7th An ALHA Conference Workshop on 19th-century Surveying
1-4pm at Historic Arkansas Museum, Little Rock**

To Register: http://www.arkansaslivinghistory.com/conference_info.html

This will provide an understanding of the process of 19th-century surveying and the adversities surveyors faced and the importance of the 1815 Baseline Survey. This will be a very hands-on experience, both with the use of equipment and with the actual involvement in measuring and laying out lines.

Location: 1850s Farmstead (Rain Location- Hands-on History Room)

To Register: http://www.arkansaslivinghistory.com/conference_info.html

Please contact us if you are interested in or have questions about being involved in the once-in-a-lifetime series of events. Tim and Sharlene Richardson

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