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## RENDEZVOUZ AT LESLIE

The recent rendezvous at Leslie, AR was a great success, with 27 encampments! Although it was a little wet (which provided a lot of entertainment watching some of the visitors trying to get through the mud), the weather for the most part was very pleasant. On Friday, in the rain, we had a number of school children that came through the camp, as well as a lot of passer-bys that saw the sign and stopped in to check us out. And on Saturday we had a number of folks that came back after being there on Friday! Carol and Heather had the spinning wheel going and had a crowd around them most of the time. We had a wonderful pot-luck dinner on Saturday evening and, as usual, everything was wonderful. Plans are already being confirmed for next year, and some of the "bugs" that cropped up this year will be resolved by then.

## WANTED: UPCOMING EVENTS

If you know of any events that are not on our calendar of Upcoming Events, please send them to Renee at [bubbamoore1208@gmail.com](mailto:bubbamoore1208@gmail.com).

Also, I have heard a lot of good comments about some of the articles we have been presenting recently. If you have any articles or tidbits you would like to share, please send them also. Thanks!

## MEDICINE IN THE WOODS

### Vinegar (Part 1)

**DISCLAIMER:** All tips, hints and ideas are used at own risk.

If you use Vinegar for cleaning, it doesn't matter what kind you use, except Brown (cider) Vinegar will stain porous materials. So use vinegar wisely!!

### GARDEN:

- Grow beautiful azaleas: Occasionally water plants with a mixture of 2 Tab. vinegar to 1 qt. water. Azaleas love acidic soil.
- Kill grass on walks and driveways. Pour full strength on unwanted grass.
- Kill weeds. Spray full strength on growth until plants have starved.
- Increase soil acidity. In hard water areas, add a cup of vinegar to a gallon of tap water for watering acid loving plants like rhododendrons, gardenias, or

azaleas. The vinegar will release iron in the soil for the plants to use.

- Freshen cut flowers. Add 2 Tab. vinegar and 1 tsp. sugar for each quart of water.
- Prolong the life of flowers in a vase. Add 2 Tab. vinegar plus 3 Tab. sugar per quart of warm water. Stems should be in three to four inches of water.
- Neutralize garden lime. Rinse your hands liberally with vinegar after working with garden lime to avoid rough and flaking skin. Clean pots before repotting, rinse with vinegar to remove excess lime.

### BUGS AND ANIMALS:

- Fish bowl cleaner. Eliminate that ugly deposit in the gold fish tank by rubbing it with a cloth dipped in vinegar and rinsing well.
- Eliminate animal urine stains from carpet. Blot up urine with a soft cloth, flush several times with lukewarm water, then apply a mixture of equal parts vinegar and cool water. Blot up, rinse, and let dry.
- Deter ants. Spray vinegar around door & window frames, under appliances, and along other known ant trails.
- Remove skunk odor from a dog. Rub fur with full strength vinegar; rinse.
- Keep cats away. Sprinkle vinegar on an area to discourage cats from walking, sleeping, or scratching on it.
- Keep dogs from scratching ears. Clean the inside of the ears with a soft cloth dipped in diluted vinegar.
- Keep away fleas and mange. Add a little vinegar to your pet's drinking water.
- Keep chickens from pecking each other. Add cider vinegar to their drinking water.
- Clean milking equipment. Rinse with vinegar to leave system clean, odorless, and bacteria free without harmful chemical residue.

### MISCELLANEOUS:

- Use vinegar in the steam cleaner to reduce soap bubbles.
- Mix vinegar with linseed oil and use it to clean your wood.
- Clean eyeglasses by wiping each lens with a drop of vinegar.
- Soak new propane lantern wicks in vinegar for several hours. Let dry before using. Will burn longer and brighter.
- Deodorize the air. Vinegar is a natural air freshener when sprayed in a room.
- Turn a chicken bone into rubber by soaking it in a glass of vinegar for three days. It will bend like rubber.

- Deodorize a room filled with cigarette smoke or paint fumes. Place a small bowl of vinegar in the room.
- Remove decals or bumper stickers by soaking a cloth in vinegar and cover the decal or bumper sticker for several minutes until the vinegar soaks in. The decals and bumper stickers should peel off easily.
- Cleaning windows by using undiluted vinegar in a spray bottle. Dry off with newspaper.
- Prevent patching plaster from drying by adding 1 Tab. vinegar to the water when mixing to slow the drying time.
- Plastic can be cleaned and made anti-static by wiping down with a solution of 1 Tab. distilled vinegar to 1 Gal. water. This will cut down on the plastics' tendency to attract dust.
- The colors in carpets and rugs will often look like they have taken a new lease on life if they are brushed with a mixture of 1 C. vinegar in 1 Gal. water.
- A mixture of 1 tsp. liquid detergent and 1 tsp. distilled vinegar in 1 pint lukewarm water will remove non-oily stains from carpets. Apply it to the stain with a soft brush or towel and rub gently. Rinse with a towel moistened with clean water and blot dry. Repeat this procedure until the stain is gone. Then dry quickly, using a fan or hair dryer. This should be done as soon as the stain is discovered.
- Spots caused by cola-based soft drinks can be removed from 100 percent cotton, cotton polyester and permanent press fabrics if done so within 24 hours. To do it, sponge distilled vinegar directly onto the stain and rub away the spots. Then clean according to the directions on the manufacturer's care tag.
- Sponging away grease and dirt with a sponge dipped in distilled vinegar will keep exhaust fan grills, air-conditioner blades and grills dust free.
- Leather articles can be cleaned with a mixture of distilled vinegar and linseed oil. Rub the mixture into the leather and then polish with a soft cloth.
- To loosen old glue around rungs and joints of tables and chairs under repair, apply distilled vinegar with a small oil can.
- Soak a paint brush in hot vinegar, then wash out with warm, sudsy water to soften it up.
- Patent leather will shine better if wiped with a soft cloth which has been moisten with distilled vinegar.
- To add a pleasant scent to a room while at the same time removing an unpleasant odor, add cardamom or other fragrant spice to a bowl of distilled vinegar and place in the warmest corner of the room.
- Varnished wood often takes on a cloudy appearance. If the cloudiness hasn't gone through to the wood, the cloudiness can be removed by rubbing the wood with a soft lintless cloth wrung out from a solution of 1 Tab. distilled vinegar in 1 qt. lukewarm water. Complete the job by wiping the surface with a soft dry cloth.

- Dirt and grime can be easily removed from woodwork with a solution of 1 C. ammonia, 1/2 C. distilled vinegar, and 1/4 C. baking soda in 1 C. warm water. This solution will not dull the finish or leave streaks.
- Stubborn rings resulting from wet glasses being placed on wood furniture may be removed by rubbing with a mixture of equal parts of distilled vinegar and olive oil. Rub with the grain and polish for the best results.
- Wood paneling may be cleaned with a mixture of 1 oz. olive oil and 2 oz. distilled vinegar in 1 qt. warm water. Moisten a soft cloth with the solution and wipe the paneling. The yellowing is then removed by wiping with a soft, dry cloth.

*From an article found on the Internet*

## HISTORY

### This Month in History

#### November 1

- A "Stamp Act" riot occurred in New York City, 1765

#### November 2

- Marie Antoinette, Queen of France, was born in Vienna, Austria, the daughter of Maria Theresa and Francis I, 1755.
- General George Washington issued his "Farewell Address to the Army," 1783
- President James K. Polk was born in Mecklenburg, North Carolina, 1795

#### November 3

- Reverend John Eliot became the first Protestant minister in America to dedicate himself to the religious conversion of Indians. He arrived at Boston from England, and settled at Roxbury, which today is a part of Boston. He began preaching to the Indians in 1646, and came to be known as the apostle of the Indians, 1631
- The Continental Army was disbanded, 1783
- The artificial leg was patented, 1846

#### November 4

- A severe heresy law was enacted in Massachusetts that made death the punishment for any person who persisted in denying that the Holy Scriptures were the word of God, "or not to be attended to by illuminated Christians," 1646

#### November 5

- "Guy Fawkes Day" was celebrated in New York, per a law that ordered that all ministers must preach a sermon on this date in commemoration of the discovery of the plot to blow up the English House of Lords in 1605, 1665
- John Hanson was elected the "President of the United States in Congress Assembled," 1781

#### November 7

- The first Baptist Church in America was established at Providence, Rhode Island by Roger

Williams, who became its first pastor but remained in the church for only a few months, 1638

### **November 8**

- Mount Holyoke Seminary opened for classes. This was the first college in the United States intended specifically for women, and was founded in 1836 by Mary Lyon, 1837

### **November 9**

- The first ferry route was established by the Massachusetts Court of Assistants in Boston. Every approved ferry operator between Boston and Charlestown on the Charles R. could charge a penny for each passenger and the same amount for each 100 pounds of cargo, 1630

### **November 10**

- The United States Marines were established by the Continental Congress, 1775
- The last Battle of the American Revolutionary War was fought, 1782

### **November 11**

- First Lady Abigail Adams was born Abigail Smith in Weymouth, Massachusetts, 1744

### **November 12**

- First Lady Letitia Tyler was born Letitia Christian in New Kent County, Virginia, 1790

### **November 13**

- The University of Pennsylvania originated as an academy established by 24 citizens of Philadelphia. Their inspiration came from a pamphlet on education written by Benjamin Franklin, and who served as the first president of the school's trustees. In 1753 the proprietors of Pennsylvania gave \$15,000 to the academy, and in 1755 it became the College, Academy, and Charitable School of Philadelphia. From this it grew to the University of Pennsylvania, 1749

### **November 14**

- The first streetcar, a horse-drawn vehicle called the John Mason, went into operation in New York City, 1832

### **November 15**

The Articles of Confederation were adopted, 1777

### **November 17**

- The Philadelphia Troop of Light Horse, which was one of the earliest revolutionary war military groups established in the colonies was founded by 26 patriots of Philadelphia after a meeting of the First General Continental Congress. This group later became The First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry, 1774
- Catherine the Great died, 1796

### **November 19**

- President James A. Garfield was born in Orange Township, near Cleveland, Ohio, 1831

### **November 20**

- Peregrine White was born aboard the Mayflower in Massachusetts Bay, the first child born of English parents in New England, 1620
- The First Seminole War began when settlers attacked Florida Indians and the Indians retaliated by raiding isolated Georgia homesteads. Americans believed that the Spanish had incited the Seminole Indians against the white settlers, 1817

### **November 21**

- The Mayflower Compact was signed, 1620
- North Carolina entered the Union, 1789 (12th)

### **November 23**

- Frederick County, Maryland, renounced the British Stamp Act, 1765
- President Franklin Pierce was born in Hillsboro, New Hampshire 1804
- A machine to manufacture horseshoes was patented by Henry Burden of Troy, New York, who was a Scottish immigrant. His machine could produce 60 horseshoes a minute, and was widely used for most of the shoes for the horses of the Union cavalry during the Civil war, 1836

### **November 24**

- President Zachary Taylor was born at "Montebello," in Orange County, Virginia, 1784
- The Texas Rangers, a mounted police force, was authorized by the Texas Provincial Government, 1835

### **November 25**

- During the French and Indian War, British forces drove the French from Fort Duquesne, which the British renamed Pittsburgh, 1758
- The British Army evacuates New York City, 1783

### **November 26**

- Thanksgiving was first celebrated as a national holiday, 1789
- The first streetcar in the world was put into operation by the New York & Harlem Railroad in New York City. It was built by John Stephenson, and was named John Mason. It was a horse-drawn car that ran on lower Fourth Avenue, 1833

### **November 27**

- Land for the first Jewish settlement in America was purchased by Joseph Salvador who bought 100,000 acres near Fort Ninety-Six, South Carolina, 1755

### **November 30**

- The first refugees from the French and Indian War, more than 900 Acadian French deported by British authorities from Nova Scotia, arrived in Maryland. Years later, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow used this exile as the background for his poem, Evangeline, which was published in 1847, 1755
- Author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, (A.K.A. Mark Twain), was born in Florida, Missouri, 1835

## CAROL'S BARN

EARA is having a candle making seminar at Carol's Barn on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 9:00 am. Please, bring bee's wax, molds, pots, potholder, and any other supplies needed. Carol has wick thread. Miss Hattie has 3 sets of candle molds and rack for sale. Please bring something for lunch potluck. Plates and silverware are provided. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER 2012

#### **10<sup>th</sup> – 2nd Saturday at Cadron**

Ree Walker (tomandree@yahoo.com)

**21<sup>st</sup>–25<sup>th</sup> – Petite Jean** – Call the Park – 501-727-6512 (set up on 21<sup>st</sup> after 12:00 pm)

### DECEMBER 2012

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Open House**, Historical Arkansas Museum – Call Museum – 501-324-9351

#### **8<sup>th</sup> – 2nd Saturday at Cadron**

Ree Walker (tomandree@yahoo.com)

### JANUARY 2013

#### **5<sup>th</sup> – 12th Night at Cadron**

Cadron Settlement Park  
Ree Walker (tomandree@yahoo.com)

### MARCH 2013

**9-16 – After the End of the World – Southwestern Regional Rendezvous, Graham, TX**

### APRIL 2013

#### **5-7 – White Oak Lake State Park Colonial Event.**

1700s Colonial/ Rev War living history and skirmish  
Contact William Hardage 501-627-6313 or  
email britishofficer@yahoo.com

**5-7 – Twin Bridges Mountain Man Spring Rendezvous**, near West Plains, MO

**20-21 – 2013 Woolly Hollow Rendezvous.** Contact:  
Ree Walker (tomandree@yahoo.com)

### JUNE 2013

**15-22 – High Plains Regional Rendezvous, Blaine, KS**

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