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## **GET YOUR SHINNIN' TIMES BY E MAIL—CONTACT JOYCE**

### **NEW UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **BUSY AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS**

**August 9<sup>th</sup>** Another year has past and many are still talking about the wonderfulness of the delicious ice cream made in years past. We will meet at Carol's Porch on at 10 am for another delicious day of ice cream gluttony! Many have talked and decided that it would be best to bring lunch, too. Please, bring snacks and fixing for lunch potluck. Betty is bringing her 3 bean dish. We will have grilled Chicken and Sausage, too. Our members have put new fan blades on the fans for Carol so the air will be COOL and so will be the attendants. Looking forward to seeing. Ya'll Come and enjoy. Don't miss out on some shinin' times in August.

**Quilting day at Misshattie's...August 16.** Ladies, we need to get back to work on the quilt. You all have done a wonderful job so far. We are about 1/4th finished quilting. It is really looking beautiful! We have had many hands working on this quilt. We have had moms, kids, members, and event tourists. Please, come to my house at 9 am. We need a long day of stitching to get the quilt completed. We will have salad, soup, and Sandwiches. Please, bring pot luck for lunch and supper. Hopefully, we

can get most of it done that day....Sales of ticket are going well.

Please, volunteer to sell some tickets away from Voo. Sales will start back at the events in the fall. Please, sell to family and friends. We have made enough to repay the supplies and some profit, but it would be great to have a windfall of profit for our club. Please, help us make that happen....

August 23rd - Cultural Celebration at Lake Dardanelle State Park. The keelboat has been invited, so, we need a crew. For more information on the event contact Sasha Bowles at the Park, 479-890-7477, [sasha.bowles@arkansas.gov](mailto:sasha.bowles@arkansas.gov). To be a part of the crew, call or e-mail Ed Williams, 501-944-0736, [ed\\_laurine@juno.com](mailto:ed_laurine@juno.com).

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

If you know of any events that are not on our calendar of Upcoming Events, please send them to the Editor. Thanks!

#### **AUGUST 2014**

**9 - Ice Cream Social**, Carol's Porch. Call Carol Fritts  
501-821-0121

**Aug 23..Lake Dardenelle state Park, need Keel boat crew Sasha Bowles**  
**479-890-7477**

**30 - Bow Seminar**, Carol's Porch. Call Nonose 501-255-5801/  
501-247-6466

## **SEPTEMBER 2014**

**6 - EARA Picnic** at Cadron Call Glen Cook 501-941-7917/  
Teresa Lafferty 501-247-6466

EARA Picnic Sept. 6. at Cadron Settlement Park.

We will start meeting at 9-10am. We will have Ham and Smoke Chicken.  
Please, bring sides, desserts, drinks, and snacks. Catch up on the  
stories and last years news. See you there!!

**11-14 - Calico Rock Voo.** Call James Ross 870-746-4030 NEW PHONE NUMBER  
**18-21 - Soggy Bottoms Voo.** Call Teresa Lafferty 501-247-6466  
**25-28 - Cowboy Church Voo.** Call Jennifer Johnson  
417-634-0132/Glenn Cook 501-941-7917

## **OCTOBER 2014**

**2 - Old Washington Home School Days.** Call Teresa Lafferty  
(501-247-6466)

**2-5 - Critter's Voo.** FAULK, AR. Call Critter/Bobby

**10-11<sup>th</sup> 235<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of Baton Rouge 1779**  
Saint Francisville, LA

Contact William Hardage 501-627-6313 [britishofficer@yahoo.com](mailto:britishofficer@yahoo.com)

**9-12 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Leslie Rendezvous,** Leslie, AR 9-12 Leslie Voo  
Call Glenn Cook 501-350-6640

**25<sup>TH</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> at Cadron Viller's Campaign on the Arkansas River (see flyer)**

## **NOVEMBER 2014**

On the week end of Nov 7,8,9, EARA is getting a stipend for this  
event and  
needs to get a great turn out of campers and demonstrators. It  
is the  
100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Newton Co. They want to put on a onetime  
event and we are the main attractions and they are building the  
event around us. We  
need to have a great turn out. Please, commit to attend. We  
need to get  
many people to agree to come to support EARA with this. It will  
be fund

raiser for our Club. Please, commit to attend and help. We would like to have a event as large as Leslie up there for them. Please, call Misshattie, Nonose, or Mr. Glenn with your commitment to attend. There will be a Potluck on Sat Night. You know we will have a great time, great food, and great fun....as always.

**1 - Searcy Pioneer Village.** Call Melinda LaFevers

**1 - Old Washington Fall Civil War Days.** Call Washington St. Pk.

**7, 8 & 9: (see above) 100th anniversary of Newton Co.**

**27-30 - Petit Jean Mountain Voo.** Petit Jean State Park. Call Glenn Cook  
501-350-6640

## **DECEMBER 2014**

**7 - Christmas at HAM.** Sunday only. Call Glenn Cook  
501-941-7917

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**Don't forget the great fund raiser for a chance to win your very own period-correct, 100% hand sewn quilt.**

Tickets are \$3 for one ticket, 3 tickets for \$5, and five tickets for \$ 10 tickets, you can send your money to EARA, PO Box 21491, Little Rock, AR 72221-1491

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**Summer events at the Faulkner County Museum**

Faulkner County Historical Society, Faulkner County Museum and students from UCA will join our own Lynita Langley-Ware director of the Museum in presenting demonstrations of early Arkansas life.

For dates of events and classes call 501-329-5918 for the museum.

**BOOK REVIEW: *A Midwife's Tale, The Life of Martha Ballard, Based on her Diary 1785-1812*, Edited by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich**

This is a remarkably interesting book that is part of my permanent library. Martha Ballard was a midwife back in New England where she delivered hundreds of babies and provided medical care to women and children. "Physicians" and "surgeons" were almost 100% men, but the primary care provided to women was by midwives who delivered the babies and gave "every day" medicine.

The difference between Martha and the hundreds of nameless and forgotten of her peers was that Martha kept very precise records of all her 816 deliveries and also the financial gain from her practice as well as a narrative of her life and her family's lives.

Martha's financial contribution to the family's coffers was not insubstantial and when her husband went to debtor's prison, Martha was the main stay of the family's income. Martha not only practiced midwifery, but she also ran a "cottage industry" in spinning and barter in thread. Her daughters and hired girls spun the thread, as most females did, with girls as young as three years old being taught to spin. This thread could be bartered, or saved up until there was enough for a weaver who traveled through the area to weave into cloth for the family's clothing.

With little hard currency in the communities at this time, much commerce was by barter, with skeins of spun thread having an actual "monetary" denomination. Many wives practiced this kind of "cottage industry" to supplement their family's living.

Martha was also an herbalist and dug roots of various medicinal value, though she did order some rare herbs that were not found or grown locally.

The editor uses quotes from Martha's diary, but also adds clarification so that we can understand the terms and the conditions under which she lived and worked.

This is one of the more interesting books about medical practice of this time I have in my collection. I highly recommend it to anyone interested in frontier life. Though Martha practiced mostly in the post Revolutionary period medicine and midwifery didn't change much until after the Civil War which saw an increase in the skills of amputations performed by surgeons.

You can order used copies off amazon for not very much and it will be one you want to read and reread again and again.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> of July

To Lord Howe Commander of His Majesty's Forces in America,

Sir, I must regrettable write you that we have lost control of Little Rock Arkansas this past July 4<sup>th</sup> 2014. The 16<sup>th</sup> Foote marched down from the blockhouse at Cadron that was seized last September, to rally support for our cause. They were joined by members of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Foote, which increased our strength. The Historic Arkansas Museum had us inside the museum because the weather was so warm. The men greeted over 300 people, but no one wanted to join our ranks. So at 2:30PM, the men had gotten word that Spanish and American militia where hiding out across the street. The men had learned that they outnumber them, so they decided to find these enemies of the empire and drive them out.

They came up on a fence and took position behind it, immediately they spotted two militia men and began firing at them. The militia men fell back and regroup and where joined by more Militia men. These rebels started to march towards use and firing at us. Finally, after a good volley the militia started to fall back. Seeing to withdraw and the NCO for the 16th Foote order the men forward! They stop half way in the field and fired a volley; on this crucial volley they had many misfires. Then the order came to fix bayonets and the men started to advance on the fleeing rebels. They stop behind a tall wooden fence in which their commander said aim for the officer. Their last volley immediately killed my NCO instantly and wounding the other one. The rebels counter attacked and shot down more men and the British line collapsed. What was left of the British troops headed back to Cadron. My understanding was that the Declaration of Independence was read to the locals there after the battle and that many civilians join the Spanish ranks and area awaiting orders to march on Cadron. I feel that we will be attacked by the end of October and I not sure we will be able to hold them off. I beseech you my lord to send reinforcements immediately or a ship here so we can evacuate to back to the other side of the Mississippi.

Commander of His Majesty's Forces in Arkansas



W.Hardage

16<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foote.

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