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THANK YOU LADIES: By Miss Hattie (Teresa Lafferty)

I'd like to thank all the ladies, men, and tourists who worked on the Period correct EARA Quilt and for the Teaching Seminars at Sew Much More Quilt shop at 100 E. 13th st, NLR and their donation of their work room for us ladies to use for the event. Also a special thank you to Carol, Betty, Heather, Denise, Connie, Pam, Charlene, Renee, Marsha, Doyle and No Nose and the many others for their hours of piecing and quilting. Our Raffle has been very successful. We have collected enough to repay for the supplies and have a good donation to the club.

RECENT EVENTS

CABOT MIDDLE SCHOOL FRONTIER FESTIVAL

October 31 was the Cabot Middle School Frontier festival...the 18th year! I think I have made them all since they started except one year I couldn't get off and my husband took the oxen in my place. Some of my best memories of "dressing up and playing my role" have been made at the school's event. The 5th graders are so bright, generally well behaved and interested in our presentations. Glenn and Corrie Cook (Edge) were there, Tim and Sharleene Richardson, Jimmy Worden, Deb Lewis and several other EARA members to present their programs on some aspect of "living history"

We had a really great Pot Luck lunch in the Library where we were asked to judge the decorated pumpkin contest. Tim had on his stove pipe hat and with his beard sure looked a lot like the Abraham Lincoln pumpkin, and Glenn looked a lot like the Albert Einstein pumpkin.

I heard that teacher Deb Polston who has been the ram rod for this great event every year for this school is going to retire after next year. I sure hope the tradition of this wonderful event continues.

David and I took our mini donkey "Jack Ass" to talk to the kids about donkeys (asses) and draft and burden bearing animals in our history and how important they were to us in settling the US and Arkansas in particular.

The kids have to send thank you letters to their favorite presenters and last year we got one that said "**Dear Mrs. Hetrick, thank you for showing us your ass**" LOL I have it framed and on my wall.

LEAD HILL

Almost back to back with Cabot School was the Lead Hill celebration. What a great bunch of folks were there in this very historically interesting place in Arkansas, the 200th anniversary of the settlement there. The drive up to NW Arkansas was wonderful with the fall leaves showing their colors. The event was held in the nice little city park with many local artists displaying their wares including a great leather worker and flint knapper.

Keith Cook dragged the Keel Boat up there to park on the lake EARA members, included besides David and Me, Glenn Cook and daughter Corrie Edge, Larry and Mary Thompson, the Steve and Jennifer Johnsons, and Tom Reedy and Keith Armburst, Teresa Lafferty and James No Nose Thompson, Mike and Howard Bethe, Tina and James and Jason Cathey, among others, in all we had 13 tents/camps set up.

David and I brought "Jack Ass" to the festival and he was a big hit with the kids as well as our Shitzu dog, "Dude" who was given a camp name by Mr. Glenn of "Chew-toy" (pronounced with a fake Chinese accent) because we got him as a "chew toy" for our Dutch Shepherd who is so hyper she is like an ADHD 2 year old on crack!. David and I also brought a pig about 75 pounds to butcher, scald in the old way, (I supervised) while James and David and a few other guys did the work. LOL The kids and most of the public enjoyed watching the process, but one **teacher** almost passed out. Then we divided up the meat with all the camps that wanted some. On Saturday we rendered the lard and made cracklings which disappeared to the last crumb with both public and campers eating.

The weather was cold at night and sunny in the day time. Of course building a fire to sit around at night was fun, and Mr. Glenn told stories and we drank pie and laughed til we choked. Keith Armburst also brought his camera and started taking photographs (mug shots) of all the folks that were there for the new photo membership list which will be completed by Gwen and others who are working on it.

There were talks by Mr. Glenn and others for the school kids and public, which totaled over 1000 folks, and Corrie told about Keel Boat travels, Mark and No Nose told about fleshing hides and demonstrated, Michael and Howard made rope. Miss Hattie showed the ladies clothing, English versus French, Tina and Medicine bear (James) gave tours of their teepee and camp cooking. Keith Armburst amazed the public with fire starting and Glenn showed off his fire arms. Tom had his diamond fly and primitive camp. This may become a yearly event.

Leslie Vous by Miss Hattie

Quite a few folks came even though the weather was raw and wet every day at Leslie. It didn't dampen the spirits of the time of traders, vou'ers and the public. We had 12 camps set up though rain did seem to scare a few of the less hardy away. The quilt was a hit with the public. Many worked on it Saturday it was damp, but workable. "Duke" signed it with both his paws. Many great stories were told about past times by Mr. Glenn. The cooking contest was put oon by me with eggs, butter and onion as starter ingredients. The food was great. Five Bevers won with her pork pot pie, with a VERY close second of Heather's potato salad.

We went walking to find edible plants in the field were we were camped in. The most creative and period foods found in the hayfield were cooked. Tina cooked an amazing complicated dish of hollandaise sauce with vegetables and meat. The school kids came but stayed a little while until the rain scared them away. We stayed soggy for three days and dried out nicely in Lori's tent. Glenn's chair gave way after the glue softened up. Fortunately no one sat in it and broke it, so it can be glued back together later.

WOOD CUTTING FOR SWRR AT HEIFER CREEK FARM

The rain didn't scare away the hardy souls of EARA on November 22 and 23rd who met at Joyce and David's farm to cut wood for the SWRR. Unfortunately, the chain saws, usually very CRANKY had to be CRANKED and CRANKED, but about 14 or 15

trees were downed and cut into length, and added to the wood No Nose and others have already cut will help secure wood for the SWRR in Lesie in March. Tom Reedy, Andrew Hooper, Teresa Lafferty and James Thompson came up as well as Tina Cathey and her son Jason. Mr. Glenn came up on Saturday and stayed the day. Joyce cooked a big pot of chili and another large pot of rabbit and vegetable stew which was eaten to the last bite, especially by Hooper~! LOL Teresa and No Nose brought the BEST brownies and cake (not sure what kind exactly) but they were both eaten to the last crumb with moans of pleasure. The guys sat up til 3 Saturday morning jawing, but got up Saturday morning and after pots and pots of coffee went out to cut wood in spite of a little drizzle.

As always at any gathering of EARA folks, great fellowship and many belly hurting laughs were had by all!

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!

DECEMBER 2014

DECEMBER 5,6, 7 WE WILL GATHER AT JOYCE'S AGAIN TO SPLIT WOOD AND CUT A FEW MORE TREES. PLEASE RSVP TO JOYCE AT 501-551-7556 OR 581-7279 SO SHE CAN KNOW HOW MANY TO COOK FOR.

7 – Christmas at HAM. Sunday only. Call Glenn Cook
501-941-7917
Keel boat float and camp is CANCELED

2015 EVENTS

January 10th is our “12th Night at the Cadron Block house.” This wonderful get together is a yearly event. Plan on bringing a gift for the “dirty Santa exchange. EARA will provide the meat and everyone else bring a side dish or desert. If you’d like to camp on the grounds or sleep in the “haunted” block house from Thursday on through the weekend come on. Pot luck will be 4 p.m. on Saturday. Call Teresa Lafferty Misshattie 501-247-6466

Jan 30 Colonial Days at Cadron Ed Williams 501-944-0736

Feb 19-22 5 Trails Voo Washington State Park (School Days on 2/20-21) Misshattie
501-247-6466/501-255-5801

March 10-22 SWRR Leslie, AR James “Nonose”
Thompsonnoseou812@yahoo.com

501-247-6466/501-255 and DO NOT FORGET TO SEND YOUR EARLY REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT AND SAVE A FEW BUCKS. The site is wonderful, and if you’ve never been to a SWRR then you don’t know what you’re missing.

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

March 18 Arkansas Post Ed Williams 501-944-0736 ed_laurine@juno.com

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. **29** Ed Williams 501-944-0736 ed_laurine@juno.com

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

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

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

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

Sept 10-13 Calica Rock Voo James Ross

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
cmacharliegirl@yahoo.com 870-983-2307 there are GREAT vendors at this
event for just ab out anything you might want, from period correct buttons on.

Nov. 26-29 Petit Jean Voo @ Petit Jean State Park Glenn Cook
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Dec. 6 Christmas at HAMM (Little Rock) Ed Williams 501-944-0736
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EARA PROFILES

This is a series of articles giving information about our members so we can get to know each other better... so let's introduce ourselves and get better acquainted. When you see someone at an event that you don't know, go up and stick your hand out and give them a howdy'do!

to identify a crystal formation rock that we'd found. So here's Teresa's profile.

Teresa Lafferty, ADN, BSG, CNAI

EARA Secretary/Event Coordinator

SWRR associate/seminar chairman 2015

I have been a Buckskinner since 1995. My first Voo was the 1995 SWRR in Old Washington. My second Voo was the Grand National in Craig, Colorado in 1999. At those Voos, I met Gator, Shine, Potlach....I was hooked. They were the most colorful characters that I had ever imagined that I would meet. I was not a reenactor again until 2003. I went to the SWRR in 2003 with Nora Jean and borrowed a blanket and slept on a rock hillside on the dirt at Waldron, ARK. It was time to Voo again and I decided to move back to Central Arkansas and follow my dreams and fun. I started coming to EARA and met my current circle of friends.

I was born in Rolla, Mo. I grew up in Searcy Ark. I attended 6-7 colleges and have 2 degrees. I was the first pregnant U of A Architecture student. I had to quit that and let my

husband go to school in LR. I have been married 2 times. I have 2 boys that got me into all kinds of volunteer work...Bible School for 5 year olds, 5 years Boy Scouts, 5 years BMX track building and running, and 3 granddaughters that will get me into more. I have worked as a secretary, cashier, washer. Every time I volunteered, I was in the planning and organizing of the events. I sat on the finish line and organized the Motos, did the National paperwork at the track. We had 3 years of regional event w/ 500 racers in attendance for the Weekend of the Hope Watermelon Festival. I was the Cub Scout leader and then Pack Leader for Troup 5 in Hope Ark. I have taught continuing ed Stained Glass Classes at Texarkana College.

I went to Geology School and graduated with a 3.86 PA, a first grader, 4 year old and a husband that just made it through his medical residency at LSU Hospital in Shreveport. Then, I moved to Hope to do volunteer work. After my divorce I had to get a job, so I went to nursing school and

have worked at 3 hospitals and Home Health at Old Washington. I taught Certified Nursing Aid classes and was Clinical Instructor for UA-Hope Nursing School.

After years of raising kids, I loved meeting all the great folks in EARA. I have had a wonderful time serving as cook, secretary, and friend with our EARA group. I also have been members of ALHA, ALHFAM, Hanta Yowin, CMP, NNC. I met Nonose (James Thompson) and his roudy friends. Through him, I got introduced to people all over the country at the SWRR's. I have been on the planning committee for 4-5 SWRRs since 2005. I love camping, learning, sharing, teaching, and attending every event that I can possibly get off work for. Thank-you to al my friends for making my life so much fun and adventuresome. Life is great as a Rendevoorer and a member of EARA. I am looking forward to years of friendship, more adventures, and Voos.

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