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The Arkansas Living History Association Conference “Living History at The Crossroads” is Rapidly Approaching



The Arkansas Living History Association will hold its annual workshop and conference in Washington, Arkansas February 21-23. Historic Washington State Park will host the conference this year with the theme "Living History at the Crossroads". People will gather to learn and inspire through programs covering everything from beginning crochet to distance learning of history programs. Free tours of the state park have been arranged for all of the attendees. Vendors will be on hand selling their wares and all are encouraged to bring an item for the silent auction. This auction helps provide scholarships to annual conferences.

The location of Washington, in southwest Arkansas is great for members in neighboring states, especially Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana. Washington gained early fame along the Southwest Trail because of a special knife made by local blade smith, James Black, for Jim Bowie and for the good cooking at Williams' Tavern. Features of the conference that hearken back to those early days at the literal crossroads will be meals catered by

the modern Williams' Tavern, a field trip along the Southwest Trail roadbed, and knife making demonstrations at the blacksmith shop. Remember to bring your favorite period clothing to this conference because everyone will have a chance to get fancied up (or down) for the ALHA Banquet and Ball on Saturday night. In addition to traditional lodging, a modern bunkhouse is available on site at a great rate. The conference committee negotiated this rate hoping to assist greater attendance with this affordable option. A highlight will certainly be our keynote speaker, Dr. Debra Reid. We hope many of you will make plans to join up just north of the bend in the Red River and only 8 miles from Interstate 30 for networking and one awesome experience after another.

Early Arkansas Frontier: Hunter, Trader, and Trapper Encampment

Take a walk back in time and visit an early Arkansas frontier hunter, trader and trapper encampment. Learn about a day in the life of people living on the frontier. Tour the camps to learn about hunting, trapping, trading and selling of furs, cooking, frontier games and surviving the elements.

- 1) School Day Programs on Friday, March 14th . Program Times: 10am–3pm.
- 2) Hunter, Trader, and Trapper Encampment for the public on Saturday, March 15th . Program Times: 9am–4pm.
- 3) The time period represented is via 1820.

Potlatch Conservation Education Center at Cook’s Lake.

Program Information:

Logistics:

Re-enactors arriving on March 13th , setting up their camps, and conducting programs on the 14th & 15th. However, ‘for those not camping’ they can arrive by the ‘start-times’ for each day of programming.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 8, 2014– 10 a.m.

Valentine Fair

Old State House Museum, Little Rock

Join us for family-friendly games and hands-on activities as we celebrate Valentine's Day.

Refreshments will be served. Admission is free. Call (501) 324-9685 for more information.

Admission: Free

February 14, 2014 9 am - 4 pm

Frontier Days for Homeschools

Historic Washington State Park

Today our interpretive staff will provide a special experience for homeschool groups. Students will experience Frontier Days as the 19th century pioneers would have experienced it. Programming will be designed to correlate with state curriculum requirements. Sign up early for this hands-on adventure! Contact the park for further details and reservations. Admission: \$5.50 plus tax

Email: HistoricWashington@arkansas.com

Website: www.HistoricWashingtonStatePark.com

February 15, 2014 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Pearl Stringing Workshop

Powhatan Historic State Park

Freshwater pearls from the bottom of the Black River have been a large part of our local history, but what do you do with the pearls once they're found? Join our staff to make beautiful necklaces, bracelets, or earrings from milky white pearls and learn about the history of the freshwater pearling industry on the Black River. Note: the pearls used in this workshop were not harvested from the Black River. Please bring a sack lunch. For more information, or to register, contact the park: Ph: (870) 878-6765

Email: powhatan@arkansas.com

February 15 - February 16, 2014 9 am - 4 pm

Frontier Days at the Hill of Five Trails

Historic Washington State Park

The frontier spirit still lives on the Southwest Trail! Experience frontier life and learn what it took to survive as an early Arkansas settler. Join staff as they introduce visitors to a way of life that was rustic and challenging. Demonstrations from many aspects of pioneer life will be presented.

Admission: \$8 adults, \$4 children 6-12

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Vicky E. Schoeneweis wishes to announce that she will have her stand set up – Natural State Mercantile & Apothecary - at the 1914 School in Washington, Arkansas on Saturday, February 22nd, 2014. She will be offering for sale at reasonable prices all manner of tinctures including the following freshly made varieties: Mullein Root, Mullein Leaf, Passionflower, Dandelion Root, Dandelion Leaf, Cinnamon, Red Rose Petal, Yarrow, Rosemary, Mugwort, Licorice Root, Heal-All, & c. & c.

Also a wide variety of dried medicinal herbs & culinary spices (Wildcrafted or direct from the Capital City of Little Rock) as follows: Red Cedar Berries, Fenugreek, Bay Leaves, Caraway Seed, Raw Brown Flaxseed, Golden Flaxseed, Mugwort, Cinnamon Bark, Licorice Root, Heal-all Tops, Ground Star Anise, Whole Star Anise, Cloves, Astragalus Root, plus many more.

Treenware bowls in several sizes at reasonable prices, Mortars & Pestles in two sizes, tincture bottles & corks, as well as an assortment of previously owned items at reasonable prices catered especially to the needs and requirements of Living History Presenters and Reenactors. All reasonable offers will be considered and prices kept low for Cash.

ALHA Welcomes Interim Secretary

The ALHA would like to give a warm welcome to Leah Lambert, our interim secretary. Leah is a Southwest Arkansas native who studied political science at UCA. She began as an intern at the Old State House in the spring of 2012 and was hired as a living historian immediately afterwards. She specializes in characters dealing with early education, the Civil War home front & women's suffrage and is a Journeyman in the ALHA certification program. Besides ALHA, she is also presenting at the Texas living History and the SEALFHAM/MOMCC joint conference this spring.

Put your articles or events in the ALHA Newsletter! Have your submissions for the Spring edition in no later than March 31, 2013

February 28 - March 1, 2014 7:30 pm - 10 pm

"Shakespeare in the Park" Performances and Workshops

Historic Washington State Park 1940 WPA Gym
Enjoy two evening performances by the American Shakespeare Center of Staunton, Virginia.
Performance begins at 7:30 p.m. with a pre-show performance at 7 p.m. in the 1940 WPA Gym. Doors open at 7 p.m. On Friday, February 28, the comedy Merry Wives of Windsor will be performed. On Saturday, March 1, the tragedy Othello will be performed. Four afternoon workshops on Saturday, March 1 will be provided covering topics of how to perform Shakespeare on the modern stage. Workshop admission is \$5 per person. Call ahead to reserve tickets. Tickets may be picked up at the 1874 Courthouse visitor center. **DOORS WILL OPEN AT 7PM AND NOT BEFORE.** Williams' Tavern Restaurant open for supper from 11 a.m. till 7:00 p.m.
Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 6-12
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Email: HistoricWashington@arkansas.com
<http://www.HistoricWashingtonStatePark.com>

March 5, 2014 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Spin-A-Round Meeting

Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park

Local members of Wool and Wheel Handspinners demonstrate the traditional art of spinning thread, and discuss the basics of making cloth. Knowing more about hand-woven cloth and hand-sewn clothing can enhance your appreciation of the lives people lived on and around this battlefield in the 19th century. This monthly informal meeting is held at the park on the first Wednesday of each month. Everyone is welcome. Coffee is furnished, bring snacks if you please.

Meeting Place: Latta Barn

Admission: Free

Ph: (479) 846-2990

prairiegrove@arkansas.com

March 8, 2014 3 pm - 5 pm.

"Town in Conflict" a Living History Street Drama.

Historic Washington State Park

Become immersed in 1863 and 1864 as Washington townfolk try to come to grips with this trying time in our nation's history. Listen to firsthand accounts from politicians, slaves, farmers and others on the critical issues and concerns that the people and the town faced as the Civil War raged on. Experience this unique opportunity on select days in March or April. Tickets may be purchased at the visitor information center on the day of the presentation.

\$8 adults \$4 children (6 - 12)

Ph: (870) 983-2684

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Conference Camping Available

Historic Washington has 8 -10 primitive campsites (Tent camping ONLY) available for use during the Arkansas Living History Conference for those of you who are more hearty, adventurous souls!

Please keep in mind that these are PRIMITIVE.

No electricity

No running water

No RV or trailer hook-ups.

Modern bathrooms are located nearby, and the 1914 school bathhouse possesses potable water & showers.

You will have to provide your own firewood/charcoal, tents, sleeping bags, etc.

The town of Hope is located just 9 miles away with shopping, fast food restaurants, and other modern amenities. Additionally, Williams Tavern Restaurant is open from 11 - 3 everyday right here in the park. Snacks, drinks and other convenience items can be purchased at the park Visitor Information Center Gift Shop from 8 am until 5 pm every day.

To reserve a tent campsite for the duration of the ALHA Conference, please call:

Vicky Schoeneweis at: 870-983-2558

email: vicky.schoeneweis@arkansas.gov

ALHA Conference Certification Program Deadline

ALHA members who would like to stand for Journeyman's or Masters Certification at the conference in Washington must have their application and related paperwork turned in to Ian Beard (ian@arkansasheritage.org) by February 10, 2014. Attached is the certification information which outlines what needs to be submitted.

http://www.arkansaslivinghistory.com/downloads_3_273_6622961.pdf

Arkansas Living History Association Conference, "Living History at the Crossroads"

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Washington, AR. February 21-23, 2014
Hosted by Historic Washington State Park

For conference information [click here](#).

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ARKANSAS LIVING HISTORY ASSOCIATION

2014 Membership Form

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Position: _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

FAX: _____ Web Site: _____

Type of Membership

- Individual: \$12
Any adult, 18 yrs of age or older. The member shall have full voting privileges in the ALHA as a general member.
- Group: \$50
This includes 8 members with full voting privileges.

Please list the 8 members to receive the newsletter and their email addresses:

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____

- Site: \$100 This membership covers a group consisting of 9 or more members. Please attach the names and email addresses of the members on a separate sheet.

Help us learn more about you.

Areas of Interest: _____

Periods of Interest: _____

What you would like to receive from ALHA: (help us develop training opportunities, workshops, etc.)

Please make checks payable to: ALHA

Please send Registration along with Payment to:

Leah Lambert
c/o The Old State House Museum
300 West Markham Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

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