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A Few Words From The President

I am using this editorial spot to heap praise on the current Board Officers, especially Daphne Shoppach. All have done extra work, but Daphne, in particular, has gone above and beyond.

By the time you are reading this edition of the Newsletter, we have had our Saline County Museum's Day and our October Haunted Stories Evening.

The Museum's Day was the best to date. Lots of visitors to all the Saline County Museums. And we were especially blessed, hosting a number above even last year.

Our Haunted Story night crashed on the rocks of bad weather similar to last year. Rainy weather is something we have had to work around for the last couple of years. But that comes with the territory of October in Arkansas.

We have been advertising on the billboard on the Interstate in front of Walmart. Hopefully you have seen us there. It directs people to our website where they can get information about us and our efforts.

www.theshoppachhouse.com

Let's look forward to an even better New Year.

Harold D. Pelton, SCAL President
(501) 840-5873

Windows are still an Issue

From This



and This



To This



and eventually to This



After more pane replacements we are headed in the right direction once again. We even have a couple of windows that actually raise. Who would'a thought?

Your Board continues to serve you in preserving YOUR Historic House.

Museum Day at The Shoppach House

by contributing author Alana Dunn



In the hot and sunny weather of Saturday, September 13th, the historic Shoppach House opened its doors to the public and was honored to participate in the 5th Annual Saline County Museum Day; an event in which ten of Saline County's museums were open simultaneously for the public to experience.

I was asked to help out during the event with several members of the house board. I was unsure of what exactly the day would bring but excited to re-immense myself in the history and community of this deeply important museum.

It was on Museum Day last year where I was first introduced to the Shoppach House – despite being born, raised and active in Benton's community; I had been previously oblivious to its existence. Even now, I still don't quite grasp how many things there are to learn and do in this town; and that places of such historical and cultural significance like the Shoppach House are right underneath our noses, hiding in plain sight amidst the modern additions to Benton's historical layout.

Which, furthermore, enforces how important Museum Day is to the Shoppach House and the community as an opportunity to do something you maybe never would have done or known about otherwise.

I am overjoyed to report the approximate tally of visitors to the Shoppach House on Museum Day, was 75 people. As my mentor, and house board member Daphne Shoppach quotes; "We are grateful for the amount of interest in the Shoppach House this year. And it looks like overall the museum day was a success," and I could not agree more.

To the delight of myself and the rest of the board, a notable portion of Saturday's visitors were young people; which ignited me with a special kind of hope for our generation. It has never been more accessible, to learn about and preserve history, and never more important. It was really very inspiring to see so many young adults and children experiencing topics that can't be fully or thoroughly taught in a classroom.

The Shoppach House is so grateful to The Benton Chamber of Commerce, Saline County, and all the volunteers and visitors that participated in Museum Day. Most of all because it presented an opportunity to open the house up and share an important look into history for people from all walks of life.

To participate and support the preservation of history in our town; especially paving the way for a generation that cares deeply for keeping places like the Shoppach House alive. And to me especially, what I learned that day was invaluable, from the house itself and the people that took time out of their day to pay us a visit. It really goes to show caring and remembering the past and the lessons that it can teach us all. It fosters a better future for our community.

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Individual	\$20.00	Heritage	\$500.00 minimum
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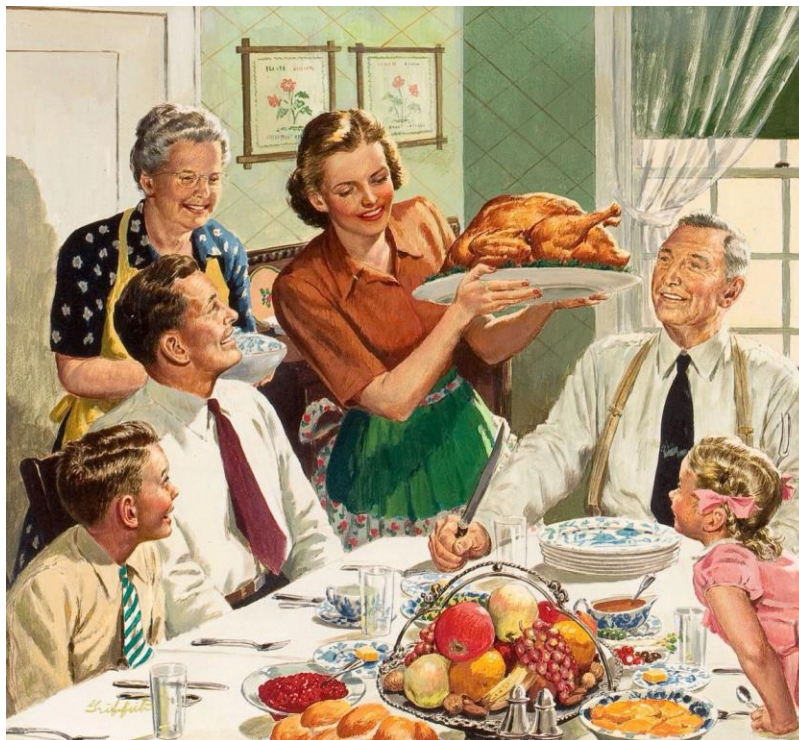
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All members are important. If one is omitted, I apologize. Please contact me at 501-840-5873

Holiday Thoughts



We, your Board Members wish you all the best of the Holiday Season. We hope you have a Thanksgiving Feast full of Family and Friends. May your tables be laden with all manner of delectable treats as well as the familiar old standby's your families have come to enjoy and look forward to each year with Tradition and Love.





Wishing you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Filled with God, Family, and Friends. Remember the Reason for the Season. May we all experience a time of love, forgiveness and acceptance. May our lives be absent of strife and dissension. May Brotherly Love prevail and fill us to bursting.

As Tiny Tim Cratchit, in Dickens **Christmas Carol**, said,

“God Bless Us Every One.”



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