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A Few Words From The President

I apologize for this being the 'late' Spring edition. All I can offer is that it's been busy. Every year things become more challenging, and some things get better.

We still have a legion of issues that need attention. A principal issue is still the brick work.

ANY help the membership can give in locating someone with those skill sets would definitely be appreciated.

I also want to introduce our members to two new Board Members. Mrs. Sherry Loibner and Mr. Sam Stueart. They were elected to the Board early this year and are proving to be both interested and engaged partners. Welcome additions indeed.

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

Kentucky Fried Chicken of Benton, Ma Ma B's Tea & Coffee, and Benton Chamber of Commerce continue to support us. They deserve your thanks and patronage.

Ozark Mission Project deserves Special recognition. Check out story inside.

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

Windows are being Patched

From This



and This



To This



and eventually to This



While this is not the desired end result we wanted, it is definitely an improvement !!

We wanted the windows repaired to the state of ‘new’ windows, circa 1850’s. We couldn’t find a contractor with those skills. We did find someone who could ‘patch’ the windows, slowing their deterioration. Some of the windows were nearly to the point of falling out of their casements. This will give us the opportunity to revisit the restoration when we are able to find an artisan with the proper skill sets to actually restore the windows.

Please help us find one.

Then we had a 'Surprise' project... Ozark Mission Project

Our name was submitted for consideration to the **Ozark Mission Project**. This is a program, sponsored by the First United Methodist Church, where church youth go into communities and tackle worthy projects, as a service. Things like building wheelchair ramps, etc..

We asked for help with our historic property. It needed a fresh coat of paint. We were selected. Over two days, in the scorching heat, junior high and high school students, all members of the First United Methodist Church Family, attacked our needs with a dedication and elevated spirit rarely attributed to young people in our modern society. These were not only local youth, but also students from North Arkansas and from Texas. These young people will be our future leaders, I think we are going to be in good hands America.



(Putting together a plan)



(Getting busy)



(Well underway)

Lead by their project manager, Benton's own, Miss Haley McCormick, they scraped, painted, sweated and smiled through two tough days. They asked questions about the House and it's importance in History. They soaked up every thing they were told and then they retold the story accurately when more of their friends showed up to work. Taking pride in what they were doing.

They did all this while I stood around and melted into the ground. Did I say it was hot?



From the pictures, you can see not only their spirit, but that the end result was better than some professionals we have retained in the past. I was definitely impressed!



At times, there were over twenty student workers on site



The finished product is something we can definitely be proud of.

And, oh, by the way, did I mention they furnished the paint and did it all for free?!?



AMAZING !!!



Membership Information

Membership is on a calendar year basis, from January 1 through December 31. The Saline County Art League, Inc. is a non-profit organization, organized under IRS guidelines for section 501 (c) (3), and all contributions are fully tax-deductible. Membership dues do not entitle the donor to any goods or services in exchange for the contribution. We do, however, try to make this newsletter available to any interested individual and we consider members as interested.

Annual dues are as follows:

Individual	\$20.00	Heritage	\$500.00 minimum
Family	\$30.00	Memorial or Honor	\$1,000.00 minimum
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All members are important. If one is omitted, I apologize. Please contact me at 501-840-5873

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The *Friends of the Shoppach House Newsletter* is a publication of the Saline County Art League. The newsletter contains news about our efforts to preserve the Shoppach House and adjoining grounds, as well as items of historical interest regarding the house and site. If you have information related to the house and/or site that you feel would be interesting for our readers, please feel free to submit it to the editor for consideration for publication. If you have questions, please submit them and we will strive to get you answers. If you find something interesting, we are sure others will also.

We strive to publish semi-annual.

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Don't forget to make fall family plans. **Saline County Museums** will be OPEN, free of charge, from 10am until 4pm, Saturday, September 13, 2025. Visit as many as you can. Start with the **Shoppach House!!** Then check out the Bauxite Museum; Haskell Historical Fire Museum; Mashburn Mustang Museum; Bryant Historical Museum; Benton Athletic Memorial Museum; AR Fire Museum; Tull/Banks House; Gann Museum; Boone Family Farm; and Saline County History and Heritage Society, Inc.

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