

## PLEASE NOTE:

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Address changes and corrections:  
office\_arta@att.net  
888-929-0955

## TAX STATEMENTS

Income statements for tax purposes (1099s) are provided by the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System. For questions or to update your mailing and account information, contact ATRS directly:

800-666-2877  
www.artrs.gov

Find and like us on Facebook to see travel photos, member news and upcoming event announcements.

## Parsons-Burnett Scholarship Grants

The Arkansas Retired Teachers Association is now accepting applications for its 2020 Parsons-Burnett Scholarship Grants. These scholarships are awarded to practicing educators in Arkansas's public schools for the purpose of furthering their education.

Complete scholarship guidelines and application forms are available on the ARTA website, [www.artanow/resources](http://www.artanow/resources).

In 2019, the ARTA Board of Directors voted to increase the number of awards to eight and the amount of the awards to \$2,000. The awards

were presented to the recipients at their local school board meetings.

Recipients of the awards were appreciative of the funds and of receiving them in the presence of friends and colleagues. The ARTA board members who made the presentations enjoyed the opportunity to engage with former colleagues and potential members.

Due to the success of the expanded program, ARTA will again offer eight \$2,000 scholarships. The application deadline is June 15, 2020.

## ARTA Areas to Host Leadership Conferences

The ARTA membership areas will host their spring leadership conferences as follows:

**Area I May 12, 2020**  
Guy Fenter Co-op, Branch, AR  
Contact: Jim Reynolds  
Phone: 479-629-1791  
Email: [mroutdoorsjimreynolds@yahoo.com](mailto:mroutdoorsjimreynolds@yahoo.com)

**Area II April 30, 2020**  
Ozarka College, Melbourne, AR  
Contact: Mary Alice Clinton  
Phone: 501-250-0575  
Email: [maclinton@suddenlink.net](mailto:maclinton@suddenlink.net)

**Area III April 29, 2020**  
Phillips Community College  
Helena, AR  
Contact: Mary Ann Hodges  
Phone: 870-932-1536  
Email: [hodgesmac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hodgesmac@sbcglobal.net)

**Area IV May 5, 2020**  
First Baptist Church  
Glenwood, AR  
Contact: Ellen Holmes  
Phone: 870-773-6785  
Email: [ellen.holmes55@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.holmes55@gmail.com)

**Area V May 7, 2020**  
First Baptist Church, Crossett, AR  
Contact: Anne Smith  
Phone: 870-820-1042  
Email: [annes11145@gmail.com](mailto:annes11145@gmail.com)

**Area VI May 11, 2020**  
Garland County Fairgrounds  
Hot Springs, AR  
Contact: Sandra Bradberry  
Phone: 501-581-3712  
Email: [springbrier49@gmail.com](mailto:springbrier49@gmail.com)

**Area VII May 1, 2020**  
First United Methodist Church  
Rogers, AR  
Contact: James Morris  
Phone: 870-365-8859  
Email: [jamest.morris@cox.net](mailto:jamest.morris@cox.net)

**Area VIII May 6, 2020**  
Cabot Event Center, Cabot, AR  
Contact: Linda Derden  
Phone: 501-944-5834  
Email: [lderden@yahoo.com](mailto:lderden@yahoo.com)

Outgoing and incoming unit officers are especially encouraged to attend these informative meetings. All members are welcome.

# Message from the President

## The Gift of ARTA

I have recently finished conducting my last scheduled ARTA board meeting. I had so many ideas at the beginning of my term, but it all went by so fast. Many of you know that I had some health problems during this past year that resulted in my dependence on other ARTA officers. They all stepped up to help me so that I was able to follow through with most of the plans that I had for ARTA.



I want to thank all of the ARTA board members for their patience in helping me through this difficult time. Donna Morey, Tammy Gray, Linda Powell and Mary Huie helped me navigate through the meetings. Mary Ann Hodges was patient with me as she took the minutes of the meetings, because at times the results of my words made it particularly difficult to understand. David Cauldwell came to my aid when he had to take on the role of a new officer in his first year. I am especially grateful for the care, concern, guidance and help given to me by Bob Thompson and Emilie Monk as they collaborated with me on the many decisions that I had to make during the year.

I started my work with ARTA over 20 years ago as an area co-director member of the board. During those 20 years, I never thought about becoming president. I was really thinking that I would never be able to speak in front of all of those people at the ARTA convention. I want to encourage all of you to get involved with ARTA by starting on the local level, advancing to the area level and proceeding to the state level as a member of the ARTA Board of Directors. As a member of the board, you will be a valued and vital part of ARTA.

You all know that to really understand everything you need to know about your retirement, you need get involved. At this point in our lives, our retirement is of paramount importance. As an additional inducement to become involved with ARTA, you will gain many new friends that you would not have come into contact with otherwise. In my case, these will be my lifelong friends. I hope that you will consider getting involved with ARTA. You won't regret it. "Use your gifts, and together we will."

I hope you will remember the significant push that we have made during the past two years to increase the number of Parsons-Burnett Scholarship Grants and the amount of each grant that ARTA has awarded to public school teachers in Arkansas. This past year, these scholarships were awarded during local school board meetings around the state. I hope you remember the Parsons-Burnett Scholarship Grants when you consider sending a memorial or a contribution in honor of a friend.

I want to thank all of you for allowing me to serve ARTA for the past 20 years. I have had some of the most memorable experiences of my life. One of the biggest honors of my time spent in service to ARTA has been allowing me to serve as your president.

Thank You,

**Lura**

ARTA President

## Important Contact Information

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Inside Pulaski County: 501-375-2958  
Toll Free (Nationwide): 1-888-929-0955  
E-mail: office\_arta@att.net  
www.artanow.com

**Arkansas Teacher Retirement System  
Retirement Benefits and Checks**  
Inside Pulaski County: 501-682-1517  
Toll Free (Nationwide): 1-800-666-2877  
E-mail: info@artstrs.gov  
www.artstrs.gov

**Arkansas Employee Benefits Division  
(Health and Life Insurance)**  
Inside Pulaski County: 501-682-9656  
Toll Free (Nationwide): 1-877-815-1017  
E-mail: AskEBD@dfa.state.ar.us  
www.arbenefits.org

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# Message from the Executive Director

## 2020 Vision

2020 is an important year for all citizens of Arkansas. The U.S. Census will determine the levels of support our local communities and the state receive from the federal government for the next 10 years. EVERYONE needs to be counted.

2020 is also an election year, with decisions made by elected officials affecting our lives for many years into the future. Please be an informed voter who gets your information from a variety of reputable sources. Elected Senators and members of the House at the state level will influence our retirement benefits and state-sponsored health insurance in the future. Public schools and services for elderly and disabled may also be altered by the newly elected members of the General Assembly.

I want to thank our local ARTA members who volunteered to attend the ATRS pre-retirement meetings to distribute materials about ARTA to the attendees. This is a new opportunity to reach public school employees who are close to retiring. We had some individuals join ARTA after receiving the materials. One lady is going to travel with ARTA this summer, even though she is not retiring this year. She joined as a Life member. What a great idea to join and travel with us now. We had a member in Batesville say that she was going to pay the membership for her son who is an active teacher now so he can understand the importance of knowing what is going on with his future retirement benefits. We welcome all who have skin in the public-school retirement game to join ARTA.

The eight ARTA areas are planning the programs for the Area Leadership Conferences that are being held this spring. I hope all of you plan to attend for the information and fellowship, as well as a good meal. There will be elections of leadership to state and area positions, as well committee positions. We want to give every member the opportunity to serve by being part of the decision-making groups. The meeting places are listed in this copy of the INTERLINK. Contact your area directors or local presidents for more information. Your local unit will probably have carpools going to the meeting in your area.



The ARTA Board of Directors is visioning forward to discover different ways to serve our members in the future. As the optometrist asks, "Can you see better now or is this clearer?". We are attempting to treat and expand our vision. Please share with the ARTA board members and staff your perspective on making the organization better with clear vision. Each of you are important to AR-

TA and you have ideas on issues we should try to champion.

I hope to see you clearly at your Area Leadership Conference this spring.

**Donna,**

Amateur optometrist

**"Having a vision for what you want is not enough . . .**

**Vision without execution is hallucination."**

**Thomas A. Edison**

## Welcome New Life Members

### Arkansas County

Donna L. Barnett

### Benton County

Ellen K. Taylor

### Craighead County

Debbie J. Davault

### Faulkner County

Michele Fawcett

Roger Fawcett

### Greene County

Marilyn Dial

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### Lincoln County

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### Perry County

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### Pulaski County

Vertina Banks

Valencia Corrothers

Beverly O. Jones

Nancy Loftis

Judy G. Noah

Marjean Rowe

Vivian J. Torrence

### Saline County

Jeff Dyer

### Washington County

Kerry George

Kathy Murray

### Yell County

Helen J. Ritchie

### Out-of-State

Wanda F. Baskins

## Former ARTA President Remembered



**Mary Evelyn Purselley**

June 5, 1939—December 29, 2019

Mary E. Purselley of Harrison, Arkansas, passed away in December, 2019.

Mary taught in the Harrison School District for 34 years, retiring in 1997. She became an active member of the Boone County Retired Teachers and the Arkansas Retired Teachers Association, where she served as president from 2005-2006.

Mary was also active in the First Baptist Church of Harrison, was a lifetime member of the PTA, and was a member both the State and National Auctioneers Associations.

## ARTA Members Support Parsons-Burnett Scholarship Grants

The Parsons-Burnett Scholarship Grants are solely funded by contributions from ARTA members and supporters. Those wishing to make a donation to the scholarship fund may do so at any time.

Ways that members can contribute include:

- **Individual donation** via one-time payment OR by authorizing a monthly deduction from your retirement check in addition to a Life membership.
- **Group donation** from an organization such as a local unit. This donation may come from organization funds, or may be generated by requesting contributions from members or holding a fundraiser (silent auction, raffle, community event, etc.).
- **Memorial** in honor of a public education retiree or supporter.
- **Honorarium** for professional services that were rendered without charge, such as for speakers at monthly unit meetings.

Ways that members can support the scholarship program are by promoting it to others:

- Active educators you know personally;
- Local school districts;
- Education co-ops;
- Universities near you or where you are an alumnus;
- Professional and fraternal organizations;
- Local media, including community web pages;
- Social media.

The application guidelines and form, which can be reproduced and shared, are available on the ARTA website at [www.artanow.com/resources](http://www.artanow.com/resources). You can also contact the ARTA office at 501-375-2958 or [office\\_arta@att.net](mailto:office_arta@att.net) to request a sample press release to publicize the availability of the scholarship grants.

### NOTICE:

The Arkansas Teacher Retirement System will be sending verification letters to system members again in 2020. The purpose of the letters is to confirm your contact information and your status in the system.

Please respond to ATRS as requested if you have questions or changes.

### Tear and Share

ARTA has updated its Retirement Protection Calendar handout on the facing page for local ARTA members to share. Feel free to copy and share with new retirees and other prospective members in school districts, at pre-retirement meetings, and in your local units.



# HELP PROTECT YOUR RETIREMENT BENEFITS, STARTING TODAY

## SPRING 2020

- Join the Arkansas Retired Teachers Association, the voice of public education retirees. Be sure to include a cellphone number or email so you will receive legislative alerts and other important notifications.

## SUMMER 2020

- Join the local RTA unit near you. There are more than 60 ARTA affiliates around the state where you can stay up-to-date on issues of interest, meet your area legislators, and work with fellow retirees on strategies to communicate with elected officials.
- Read and share ARTA's Effective Communication with Elected Officials ([www.artanow.com/resources](http://www.artanow.com/resources)).
- If you are a local unit leader or legislative chairman, begin developing contact teams for your area legislators. These are individuals who are willing to reach out to candidates or legislators when issues of importance and urgency arise.

## SEPTEMBER 2020

- Attend your fall local unit meeting!
- If you are a local unit leader or program committee chair, invite political candidates to your fall local unit meetings so that your members can meet them and learn more about their stance on social insurance programs such as health insurance, Medicare, Social Security and pensions.
- Send a handwritten letter to the candidates participating in the November general election in your area!

Tell them why a stable retirement income is important to you. Explain how changes in contributions, benefits, premiums and overall costs affect you and your family.

Ask them to support legislation that preserves your retirement benefits, lowers your healthcare and insurance costs, or increases the purchasing power of your income.

## OCTOBER 2020

- Attend your fall local unit meeting!
- Set up a personal meeting between you and some of your fellow retirees with any candidates running for state office in your area.
- Reach out to ARTA after your meeting to let us know how it went, and to help you answer any questions or provide supplemental materials that your candidate requested.
- After meeting with candidates, be sure to follow up with them by sending a thank you note and any additional information they may need.
- Gather with your fellow retirees and make a plan to get to the polls.

## NOVEMBER 2020

- **VOTE VOTE VOTE !!!**
- It is always important to vote. Your consistency and activism proves to elected officials that you care about your health and retirement benefits and that you will be vigilant about making them work for you.

## DECEMBER 2020

- Send a note of congratulations or a holiday card to the elected officials who will be serving as your State Senator and State Representative in January.
- Mail your note or card to the Capitol by addressing one of the following:  
The Honorable (Full Name), Arkansas House of Representatives, State Capitol, 500 Woodlane St. Suite 350, Little Rock, AR 72201-1089  
The Honorable (Full Name), Arkansas Senate, State Capitol, 500 Woodlane St. Ste 320, Little Rock, AR 72201-1090.
- Be sure to include the following information in your note or card: your name, contact information, your professional background/history, and your concerns about health and social insurance programs, especially the state health insurance program and your pension fund.



# Area News

## Area I

The **Franklin County RTA** celebrated Christmas with food, music and gifts to residents of local nursing homes.



The **Johnson County RTA** hosted a group of Clarksville students from the Karen community at their December meeting. The students, their liaison teacher and ESL coordinator presented a program that included music and cultural information about this unique population. The performers wore traditional clothing and sang Christmas songs in their native language.



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Arkansas Retired Teachers Association  
on Facebook to see more news and photos.

## Area II

The **Independence County RTA** enjoyed music presented by the Batesville High School Jazz Band at their Christmas brunch.



In December, **Izard County RTA** donated money to county schools to supply needed items for students. Pictured below, ICRTA members look on as one such check is presented at their Christmas luncheon.



### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

ARTA welcomes your news, photos and story ideas at any time. Submissions may be sent to the Communications Coordinator via email (preferred) or mail. Include a SASE to have photos and materials returned to you.

ARTA Communications  
1200 Commerce Suite 103 \* Little Rock, AR 72202  
tammy\_arta@att.net

Member submissions may be shared on social media unless specified otherwise, and will be included in the INTERLINK as space allows.



# Area News

## Area III

In January, the **Phillips County RTA** partnered with the Phillips County AARP and the University of Arkansas Medical Center East to host an appreciation brunch for the county's veterans and first responders.

In addition to a meal provided by the PCRTA and PCAARP, participants received a certificate of appreciation and had the opportunity to receive free health screenings from UAMS staff. All seemed to enjoy the opportunity to relax and fellowship with others on a cold winter day.



## Area VIII

The **South Pulaski RTA** enjoyed hearing from Cecelia Wilson (L) and Edith Ropke Harris (R) at their December meeting. Ms. Wilson is the author of **Back to Bremen**, which tells the story of Ms. Ropke's family during World War II.



The ARTA staff and leadership look forward to hearing more news from our local units and members at the upcoming area conferences. See you soon!

## Area VII

The **Rogers RTA** collected school supplies for Rogers Public Schools. Below, RRTA member David Cauldwell presents the donations along with a \$250 check to Sharon Langston of RPS, who will see that the contributions are used as intended for at-risk students.



### ATRS Benefit Payment Schedule

#### Checks Mailed/Direct Deposit Dates

March 27, 2020

April 26, 2020

May 26, 2020

June 26, 2020

July 29, 2020

August 27, 2020

September 28, 2020

October 28, 2020

November 25, 2020

December 23, 2020

# ARTA Travel

ARTA members and their families are invited to join us for fun and exciting trips of a lifetime!

ARTA trips are customized for our members. Guests are welcome but must travel with an ARTA member. Whenever possible, ARTA trips are escorted by the ARTA Travel Manager or the ARTA Executive Director.

**BOOK EARLY**—Airline seats are limited. Early booking with deposit will help ensure your airline seat and a price reduction. Reservations made after ARTA's reserve of seats are booked, or after the early booking date has passed, are based upon availability and the price reduction no longer applies.

Early booking for motor coach trips is also encouraged, as these trips require a minimum number of travelers. Motor coach trips are contracted with Little Rock Tours.

For pricing and additional information, availability or to have a detailed brochure mailed to you, call Mary Huie, ARTA Travel Manager, at 501-993-3767.

Links to more trip information are also available on our web site, [www.artanow.com/travel](http://www.artanow.com/travel).

Suggestions for future ARTA trips are always welcome so let us hear from you regarding your dream destination.

*Some of the world's best people travel with ARTA!!*

**Happy Travels,**  
**Mary Huie**  
**ARTA Travel Manager**

## FREE AIR OFFER! FIRST COME-FIRST SERVE Collette River Boat Cruises

**June 24, 2020 – LaBelle Seine**

Immerse yourself in French culture and Parisian romance on a tranquil 7-night river cruise through the resplendent Normandy region. Start your journey in Paris, the “City of Light”. Tour Auvers-sur-Oise, the former home of several painters including Cézanne and Van Gogh. Coast past the idyllic French countryside and dock in Rouen, where you'll see the Gros Horloge astronomical clock. Stop in Le Havre and explore Honfleur. Visit Château Gaillard, constructed by Richard the Lionheart in the 12th century. See the gardens of Giverny, the home and inspiration of the Impressionist painter Claude Monet. This is *La Belle Seine* – a journey as elegant as France itself.

**June 28, 2020; August 10, 2020 and August 16, 2020**

### Magical Rhine & Moselle Rivers

Glide along the enchanting Rhine and Moselle rivers on a leisurely journey to the Netherlands, Germany and France. Sit back and relax in your outside stateroom. Enjoy daily onboard musical performances. Join a local expert for a tour of Amsterdam. Your stop in Cologne features a guided walking tour of the city's old town and Cologne Cathedral. Spend the afternoon in Cochem and sip wine in one of its famous cellars. Tour the 2,000-year-old city of Koblenz. Pause in Rüdesheim, to explore the famous Siegfried's *Mechanisches Musikkabinett* (Mechanical Music Museum). Spend time in Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities. Enjoy a guided tour of the world-famous Strasbourg old town. Step back in time in Colmar, France. Savor a dinner of regional Black Forest specialties and a demonstration of traditional cuckoo clock making in Tittisee, Germany. Cruise past charming panoramas as you get to know the culture and deep history of the region.

**Call Mary Huie at 501-993-3767 for cabin pricing and booking**

## Treasures of Europe

**August 20—31, 2020**

Get ready to embark on the European journey of a lifetime! See the incredible sites of London, from Buckingham Palace to Big Ben. Take the Eurostar train to Paris—the “City of Lights,” and enjoy a full day on your own to explore before taking in stunning views from your dinner table at the Eiffel Tower! Board a high-speed train bound for Lucerne, the enchanting Swiss city on a cobalt lake and one of Switzerland's most beautiful places. In Venice, discover a floating city where iconic landmarks of centuries-old history line canals dotted with gondolas. Tour Florence, the “Cradle of the Renaissance,” and make a special visit to *David*—Michelangelo's masterpiece. Finally, in Rome, bask in cultural treasures and envelop yourself in history, which includes a visit to the mythic Colosseum. **Call for availability**

## Spectacular South Africa—Culture and Nature in Harmony

**September 3—16, 2020**

Experience a harmony of intriguing cultures, stunning wildlife, lush winelands, and elaborate history. Ponder the past during a visit to the Apartheid Museum. Seek out the “Big Five” on two open-air safari game drives. Travel the lush Garden Route between the mountains and the balmy Indian Ocean. Visit the Featherbed Nature Reserve for a cruise in the lagoon. Relax during a leisurely stay in the breathtaking city of Cape Town. A land on the edge of the world, South Africa awaits. Other highlights include: Johannesburg, Soweto, Panoramic Route, Kruger National



# ARTA Travel

Park, Safari Game Drives, Garden Route, Knysna, Featherbed Nature Reserve, Choice on Tour, Stellenbosch, Wine Tasting & Dinner, Cape Town, Table Mountain. **Call for availability**

## Texas Treasures Motor Coach Trip

**October 3—8, 2020**

Let's go to Texas! Experience a taste of Texas as we visit Texas treasures; San Antonio, Fredericksburg and Waco. In Waco, you will enjoy dinner on the Brazos River and a visit to the Magnolia Market Silos. Next stop is deep into the heart of Texas as we make our way to San Antonio and stay at a Riverwalk hotel, steps away from the heartbeat of the city. Our guided tour of San Antonio will take us to the Alamo, San Fernando Cathedral—the oldest standing church in Texas, and Market Square or the “El Mercado”—the largest Mexican Market in the United States. A visit to the LBJ Ranch – “Texas White House” and then on to Fredericksburg in the Texas Hill Country with a visit to Wildseed Farms, the nation's largest working wildflower farm with over 200 acres, a hill country winery and free time to explore shops or visit the National Museum of the Pacific War. **Booking closes July 3, 2020. A minimum of 30 passengers is required for this trip.**

## Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

**October 7—12, 2020**

Up, up, and away! Witness one of the world's most spectacular airborne events and be enriched by the diverse cultures of New Mexico. Visit a true “Land of Enchantment” as you explore Albuquerque and Santa Fe, a rich blend of multiculturalism, natural beauty and profound history. Highlights include: Santa Fe open-air tram tour, Loretto Chapel, Santa Fe School of Cooking, Old Town Albuquerque, National Museum of Nuclear Science & History, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, a drive along the eclectic Route 66 and the main event of watching hundreds of balloons launch during the Mass Ascension—one of the most spectacular displays of sound and color in all of aviation. **Book by March 31, 2020**

## Heritage of America

**November 8—16, 2020**

Follow the epic story of American democracy. First stop, Philadelphia, to view the Liberty Bell and see Independence Hall. Walk the hallowed battlefield at Gettysburg and tour the National Military Park & Museum. Stop in quaint Harper's Ferry, then travel along the famous Skyline drive for amazing views of the Shenandoah Valley. Visit the beautiful home and gardens of Jefferson's Monticello. Arrive in Colonial Williamsburg and tour some of the 88 restored historic buildings and dine in a traditional tavern. Explore the treasures of the Smithsonian Institution with your choice of visiting the National Air and Space Museum or the National Museum of American History. Visit Mount Vernon, the

beloved home of George Washington. A tour of Washington D.C. includes the White House Visitor Center and stops at the moving World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Korean War Memorial. Visit Arlington National Cemetery.

**Save \$200 pp—Book before May 1, 2020**

## Spotlight on New York Holiday

**December 2—6, 2020**

Rock around the (Rockefeller) Christmas tree. From Radio City Music Hall to Times Square, see the Big Apple dressed in its holiday best. Your New York City getaway is filled with shopping, sight-seeing, endless entertainment and holiday cheer. Spend four nights in the heart of midtown close to Times Square. Enjoy an optional excursion to the NYC Garment District Showroom for shopping. Take your seat and watch the curtain rise for two exciting Broadway shows, one being the famous Radio City Hall Rockettes' Christmas Spectacular. Other highlights include: 9/11 Memorial, 9/11 Museum, Statue of Liberty, Greenwich Village, Wall Street and Ellis Island. **Save \$200 pp—Book before May 26, 2020**

## Book Now for 2021

### Exploring Australia

**January 23—February 9, 2021**

The adventure of a lifetime awaits. Cross the International Date-line, skipping a day ahead as you set out to see Australia's vibrant cities, coastal gems, captivating Outback, and so much more! Come to know the Walpiri Aboriginal people during a “Dreamtime Tour”. Delight in a bush dinner in the Australian Outback and enjoy the sights during a dinner cruise of Sydney Harbor. Other highlights include: Melbourne, Barossa Valley, Hutton Vale Farm and Winery, Alice Springs, Uluru, Cairns, Great Barrier Reef, Sydney and Sydney Opera House. **Save \$500 pp—Book before July 17, 2020**

### London & Paris

**March 17 – 24, 2021**

Enjoy the best of London and Paris on this leisurely tour. All of the top sights are included, as well as plenty of free time for your own discoveries. See Trafalgar Square, the Tower of London and Big Ben. Personalize your trip to London by choosing to visit either Churchill's War Rooms or Westminster Abbey. Cross the English Channel on the high-speed Eurostar Train. Dine at the Eiffel Tower and cruise the River Seine at night. Come to know Paris in your own way: with a local guide by coach or by Metro. Enjoy a thrilling dinner and cabaret show at the Paradis Latin Cabaret. **Save \$250 pp—Book before July 10, 2020**

# In Memoriam

*“These immortal dead who live again in minds made better by their presence”*

## **Arkansas County**

Charles C. King

## **Ashley County**

Bobbie J. Teague

## **Baxter County**

Wanda L. Kent  
Ronald J. Lipinski

## **Benton County**

Lucille R. Cathcart  
Jessie L. Faulkner  
Marty L. Graham  
Allen A. Hann  
Ada P. Henbest  
Izella J. Hill  
Sarah G. Mann  
Carolyn McFarland  
Dorothea Newman  
Clyde L. Plunk  
Linda A. Strickland  
Michele Villines

## **Boone County**

Gwen G. Curtis  
Wilbert H. McCutcheon  
Teri L. Monroe  
Shirley K. Patrick  
Mary E. Purselley

## **Bradley County**

Rose M. Rochell

## **Calhoun County**

David R. Grim  
Carolyn F. Williams

## **Chicot County**

Frances G. Newman  
Earsaline H. Tolliver

## **Clark County**

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Martha E. Kinnaird  
Thomas C. Kirksey

## **Cleburne County**

Barbara G. Fowler  
Winifred C. Penn  
Jan E. Propes

## **Cleveland County**

Ilah J. Ward

## **Columbia County**

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Susan H. Barnes  
Robert T. Hardy  
Edgar M. Long

## **Columbia County**

Neta V. Souter

## **Conway County**

Doyne L. Davis

## **Craighead County**

Dennis W. Reed  
Eddie Russell  
Wanda G. Wainscott

## **Crawford County**

Ellis W. Alderson  
Phillip H. Wagnon

## **Crittenden County**

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Dorothy E. Harper  
Mary J. Marconi  
Lucille B. Person  
Angela B. Richardson  
Howard C. Smith  
Velma L. Smith  
Elmer L. West  
Noonan C. Williams  
Ulysses Williams

## **Cross County**

Scott C. Allen  
Polly Poindexter

## **Dallas County**

Elizabeth G. Land  
James H. Nutt

## **Drew County**

Orby G. Gregory  
Jenny L. Smith

## **Faulkner County**

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