

Submit your photos, news and content ideas by January 15 for inclusion in the next issue of this newsletter.

The ARTA office will be closed December 21, 2020 through January 1, 2021.

We will reopen on January 4, 2021.

Members are encouraged to contact us via phone or email until regular office hours resume.

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A Year of Virtual Opportunity

Don't let winter get you down. Life naturally slows down and moves indoors during the winter months, but we still need to take care of ourselves mentally, physically and socially during this time.

Stay as physically active as you can. Visit or talk with others often. Find a class, activity or hobby that interests you. Most importantly, do these things even if you need to do them online via virtual platforms.

No one is suggesting that you spend all day in front of a screen, or that virtual activity replaces real life, but the internet is filled with opportunities to engage with others and enrich your life in fun and meaningful ways.

Following are just a few examples of the many ways you can brighten the boring winter months.

Become a Virtual Volunteer

AR Kids Read needs virtual tutors to work with students on reading. You will work with one student for 40 minutes once a week for eight weeks. Learn more at www.arkidsread.org.

Find other virtual or volunteer from home opportunities at www.JustServe.org, an online service that matches volunteer interests with local organizations.

Take a Class

Libraries, universities, community centers and museums are just a few of the organizations that offer online classes. Offerings include traditional lectures, short courses and one-time classes.

Take in a Show

Artists and venues are struggling to stay in business. You can support them by attending a virtual or recorded concert or performance. For example, the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra offers live and recorded "pay what you can" performances. See their full schedule at www.arkansassymphony.org.

Get Moving

Use an app or find a class to help you stay active and fit.

If you can't get out, Ageless Grace is a brain health exercise program done from a chair. It

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Virtual Toolbox

Facebook Live gives participants the chance to follow along in real time with the option to ask questions, comment or react.

Live Streaming is the transmission of a performance or event over the internet. You may be required to register and/or pay for access to the live stream.

MOOCs (Massive Online Open Courses) provide open content to unlimited participants via the internet.

Webinars are one-way communication that allow a presenter to address a remote audience using computer audio. They may be live or recorded.

YouTube is a video-sharing platform. Content may be live-streamed or recorded.

Zoom is a videoconferencing platform used for meetings, webinars and informational or informal "chat."

Message from the President

2020 Keeps on Giving

Thanks to COVID19, this year has been quite unusual and unpredictable. 2020 is the year that keeps on giving whether we like it or not!

In spite of the shortfalls the virus has presented, we have been able to overcome them with online meetings through Zoom. Out of the abundance of caution, we canceled our state conference which would have been held in October. Only time will tell, but it is our hope that we will be able to reconvene in the spring. It is never too early to start thinking about potential silent auction items.

Teachers, both active and retired, have proven their resilience and dedication once again by altering their lives and taking it "online." Thanks to Zoom, many local unit meetings, as well as our board meetings, have continued to take place and we have had great attendance across the state.

At our most recent board meeting Mary Alice Hughes with Insurance Advantage informed us there will be no change in insurance premiums for 2021 for those on the state's Public School Employees Health Insurance Plan. Remember that you must be on the state plan on your last day of employment, and that if you decline or leave the plan you will not be able to rejoin later.

In coordination with our national partners at NRTA, your ARTA officers have been engaging in strategic planning to establish a five-year plan. As we look to the future, please remember to share with your fellow friends and colleagues the importance of ARTA and to recruit new members who can benefit from our solidarity.

The Arkansas legislative session will convene on January 11, 2021. ARTA members may be called to help in the passage or defeat of legislation impacting our retirement. Some of you have newly elected senators or representatives; I encourage you to get to know them.

Be sure to check the "In Memoriam" section of this newsletter. It is with great sadness we say we have lost numerous members this year. May they rest in peace.

Emilie Monk

ARTA President



From the ARTA Staff & Board of Directors

Important Contact Information

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Arkansas Teacher Retirement System Retirement Benefits and Checks

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Message from the Executive Director

The Covid Coaster

Welcome to COVID19 Corona Virus Fatigue. Yes, you are very tired of hearing about it. The reality is that we all need to be reminded of history.

The so-called “Spanish Flu of 1918” in reality began in the state of Kansas at an Army training camp. The reason that Spain received credit for the flu was because Spain was not involved in fighting World War I. Spain was the only European country to allow a free and open press during the war. It reminds us of the countries who now will not release the numbers of the current infection rates in their country. That pandemic lasted over two years. What we know in 2020 is that COVID19 is a microscopic, highly contagious, air-borne virus that is a cousin of the “common cold”.

A close friend of mine calls our current pandemic situation, “The Covid Coaster”. The idea is that we are all on the same roller coaster but at different parts of the ride. Some are happy and excitedly anticipating the first huge drop. Others are dreading the experience, screaming, while some have their hands in the air and then others are in shock that they got on the ride to begin with. Well, yes, we are all on the ride together. It is painful for most people. The good news is that the ride will eventually end. None of us has the ability to get off the ride until it does come to an end. So, let’s try to make the best of it. I personally do not ride roller coasters, but with the Covid Coaster, none have a choice other than to ride it out.

Mary Huie, ARTA staff member, retired as of October 1st. She worked at ARTA for almost 12 years, most recently as our travel manager. Mary’s smile and kind words are already missed around the ARTA office. Thank you Mary for your many years

of service with ARTA members, employees and so many children in Pulaski County Schools. She is an ARTA member so we will enjoy keeping up with her.



ARTA officers and staff are trying many ways to reach out to our members. It is very important that each of you join the “One-Call” service to receive text messages or emails. Even if you are already receiving email from us, you must sign up specifically to receive legislative alerts and you must “opt-in” and provide a mobile number to receive messages via text. This will be vitally

important during the Arkansas legislative session. You will be able to view all streamed legislative meetings at the website arkleg.state.ar.us.

Starting in January, ARTA will be offering other virtual experiences. Each Monday at 3 pm, there will be a legislative update for ARTA members. A list of other opportunities is listed on page 4. If you have other engagement ideas you can share them with the ARTA office.

“Stay in your seat come time of trouble. It is only the people who jump off the roller coaster who get hurt.”

~ Paul Harvey

I ask each of you to be safe and reach out to folks who are alone during the pandemic. A phone call or note in the mail can really brighten lives. Please reach out to the ARTA office with your suggestions and concerns. If we don’t answer the phone – leave a message and we will return your call during weekdays.

Happy Holidays and many blessings for the new year.

Donna

New Life Continuing Members

Benton County
Diana R. Kolman

Clay County
Mary G. Wiedeman

Cleveland County
Evelyn Cash

Franklin County
Cynthia R. Cole

Independence County
Opal Louise Bunch

Little River County
Beatrice M. Reed

Lonoke County
Tama E. Martin
Melanee Yielding

Montgomery County
William A. Gathright

Nevada County
Harding T. Deon, Jr.
Hyacinth Deon

Pulaski County
Sharon J. Moran
Vicki S. Scott
J. Carlene Spurgers

Sebastian County
Richard S. Foti

Van Buren County
Sherrin J. Richardson

Out-of-State
Louis Midkiff
Warren E. Stenback

Virtual Engagement 2021

Many citizens, ARTA staff, board and members included, were obliged to adopt a “virtual” lifestyle in 2020. We learned to conduct our business, continue our education, and stay in touch with others via both new and familiar technology.

Since this looks to be the norm for the foreseeable future, ARTA will be scheduling more opportunities to gather and connect with others. Events may be informative, around a topic of interest, or interactive, with members contributing to the discussion. Some events to watch for in 2021:

January 11—April 12, 2020

Monday at 3:00 p.m.

ARTA Weekly Legislative Update

Join ARTA director Donna Morey via Zoom to discuss legislation and legislative activity of interest to ARTA members.

Be sure to sign up for ARTA Legislative Updates to receive the meeting ID and passcode (see page 5).

Coming in January

ARTA Men’s Coffee Club

A Zoom room for men to discuss a range of topics. Send your questions and topic suggestions to host David Cauldwell at dcauldwl@gmail.com.

Coming in January-February

President’s Corner

Join us for informative Zoom presentations on some of ARTA president Emilie Monk’s favorite subjects. Watch Facebook and email for dates and times.

By Request

Zoom 101 Training

Learn Zoom basics and ask questions in a friendly environment. Practice your skills in preparation for hosting your own Zoom meetings. Contact the ARTA office at office_arta@att.net or 501-375-2958 to request training or technical assistance.

Have a topic you’d like to know more about? A favorite pastime you’d like to share with others? Contact the ARTA office with offers and suggestions for ways we can connect with you virtually in the new year.

Welcome New Life Members

Baxter County

Carol Ann Wegerer

Benton County

Lynn Fortner

Steven J. Long

Michele M. Oakley

Margaret Ann Parenti

Carroll County

Steve Winkle

Clay County

Vanessa Hartwell

Cleburne County

Marsha J. Daniel

Columbia County

Patricia D. Lawson

Craighead County

Debra E. Austin Bartee

Crawford County

Marilyn A. Black

Deloris Hays

Crittenden County

Lisa H. Cloud

Deana Johnston

Faulkner County

Consolacion H. Braddy

Sarah F. Guinn

Jolene Sanders

Franklin County

Cynthia Coget

Garland County

Caroline Miller

Greene County

Patricia A. Aikman

Lisa Horton

Greene County

Melissa C. Miller

Mala Denise Weaver

Howard County

Alvin L. Stewart

Independence County

Kathy W. McKinney

Jefferson County

Patricia A. Howard

Ronnie Lynn Johnson

Ollie M. King

Lawrence County

Jackie S. Sexton

Little River County

Betty Warren

Logan County

Nancy Louise Jenkins

Miller County

Carolyn Y. Dillard

Montgomery County

Tad V. Kesterson

Nevada County

Leslie Taylor

Ouachita County

Veronica Walker Scott

Poinsett County

Myra Graham

Pulaski County

Brenda S. Butler

Karen Cline

John R. Gillam, Jr.

Jeannie Leder

Linda Tucker

Saline County

Susan D. Blue

Sebastian County

Thongsavath Duong

Margaret Hall

Mildred M. Johnson

Julie Reith

St. Francis County

Joan DiGaetano

Melinda C. Downey

Washington County

Kelly Daniels

Out-of-State

Laurinda R. Eason

Gerlean Martin

Sign up for Legislative Updates

The Arkansas Legislature will convene on January 11, 2021.

ARTA representatives normally attend relevant committee meetings, particularly the Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs, and report back to other members on the legislative activity.

The Joint Committee regularly meets on Monday mornings. At this time, it is unknown whether or not these meetings will be held in person. Meetings that will be live streamed can be accessed from the legislative website at www.arkleg.state.ar.us.

ARTA members are encouraged to become familiar with the streaming process if they wish to observe committee meetings in this way.

ARTA members are also encouraged to sign up for legislative alerts from ARTA. These alerts will be sent weekly to recap the committee meeting, share an invitation code to participate in a Zoom call discussion, and give specific action steps for members to take if needed. Instructions are to the right.

As always, ARTA members are urged to contact their elected officials at any time. Those members who are constituents of Joint Committee members will specifically be asked to make personal contact throughout the session.

Opportunity, continued

is conducted via Facebook Live by the UAMS Arkansas Geriatric Education Collaborative. Find this and other offerings on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/uamsagec.

Take a Tour

Museums, historical societies and attraction operators are just a few of the organizations that offer virtual tours. Visit a gallery, garden or destination when you need a new perspective.

Enjoy the Outdoors Virtually

Find hundreds of recorded presentations from the nature experts at the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission's Virtual Nature Center—www.agfnaturecenter.com

Take a Break

Find a live cam of just about anything from sunsets to zoo animals to outer space at www.earthcam.com.

Take Heart—We are all in this together, and together we can stay active, stay involved and stay connected.

One Call Now Self-Update Portal
AN ONSOLVE COMPANY

1. Sign in or sign up to use the One Call Self-Update Portal at www.mycallnow.com.

Self-Update Portal

Update your contact information for: **Arkansas Retired Teachers Association**
Little Rock, AR 72022
www.arta-now.com

Looking for other groups to join? [Search](#)

Contact information currently in use for: [REDACTED]

Edit	Phone Number	Main Contact	Status	Receive Texts	Verified
	[REDACTED]	yes	Opted-in	yes	yes

Edit	Email Address	Status	Verified
	[REDACTED]	Opted-out	yes

Want to add additional phone numbers or email addresses?
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Sign up for notifications!

Subgroup Subscriptions

- ☒ 03 Text Opt-in
- ☒ 05 Legislative Alerts

[Save](#)

☐ Available To Subscribe ☒ My Subscriptions

2. Edit or add your contact information and choose how you would like to receive messages.

3. Subscribe to receive Legislative Alerts. Check Text Opt-in if you prefer to receive alerts via text.

4. Save and log out.

Life Continuing Memberships

In the last issue of the INTERLINK, President-elect David Cauldwell challenged ARTA Life members to become Life Continuing members. Since that challenge, 18 additional people have become Life Continuing members. They are listed on page 3.

The additional funds generated by Life Continuing memberships are used for the Parsons—Burnett Scholarship Grants. These scholarships are awarded to practicing Arkansas educators to further their own education.

Any ARTA member who would like to become a Life Continuing member can do so at any time using the form on the last page of this newsletter.

Contact the ARTA office at 501-375-2958 or office_arta@att.net for questions or assistance with changing your membership type (as listed in the address area of this newsletter).

Area I

Franklin County RTA has resumed monthly meetings in a hybrid format. Those attending in person are asked to wear face masks and to practice social distancing. The meetings are shared via Zoom for those who prefer to attend virtually. Program speakers to date have participated using both methods, so the FCRTA is confident they can continue meeting successfully under the current pandemic circumstances.

Logan County RTA has also resumed meeting in person. At their September meeting, the superintendent shared how the unit's community service project had helped the students in his district (read more on page 7). Julie Strickland from Heart Hospice also addressed the group.



Area II

Izard County RTA has resumed monthly in-person meetings. They have been fortunate to have a meeting location that allows for proper social distancing, and are looking forward to continuing their meetings in the most normal way possible.

Independence County RTA held their first meeting of the fall via Zoom. It was well-attended and they are hoping to continue meeting in this way for the time being.

Area III

Greene County RTA members were able to meet in person this fall at an outdoor location. They do not plan to meet during the winter months, but plan to continue their regular outreach to members and potential members via email, mail and telephone that they began last spring. This contact is important for communicating and for maintaining a sense of normalcy.

Area III

Phillips County RTA held their first meeting of the fall via Zoom. The meeting was a wonderful opportunity for members to both “see” and catch up with each other as well as to conduct chapter business that had been suspended.

Area IV

Area IV unit presidents participated in a Zoom meeting to share information from ARTA and their respective units. Most have decided to wait until after the first of the year to resume meetings.

Area VI

Garland County RTA has resumed monthly in-person meetings. As recommended, they are wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

Saline County RTA held their first meeting of the fall via Zoom. Members felt this was the safest way to meet for the time being, but are looking forward to returning to in-person meetings as soon as possible.

Area VII

Rogers RTA (Benton County) has embraced virtual meetings and is encouraging other local units to do the same. Zoom and other virtual platforms allow units to continue their business functions while also helping members stay connected.

Area VIII

Little Rock Retired Teachers have begun holding monthly meetings via Zoom. They are working hard to reach out to all members to invite them to participate in the meetings, which follow the same format as their in-person meetings, complete with speakers and entertainment.

Retired Educators of Little Rock have also begun holding meetings via Zoom. They plan to continue meeting monthly in this way so that they can keep members connected and informed, especially during the winter months and the upcoming legislative session.



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Local Units Recognized for Service

Local RTA units are encouraged to have at least one service project each year for the benefit of both local members and the community. The ARTA Community Service and Public Relations Committee reviewed these projects and selected the following Outstanding Service Projects for 2019-20:

Logan County RTA—Youth Service Project

The **Logan County RTA** annually supports the Logan County Boys and Girls Clubs. In 2019-20, they donated \$640 in financial donations and another \$1,000 in in-kind donations and volunteer hours to three locations. Recognizing that many LCRTA members live in an area that is not served by the clubs, which have a positive impact on those they serve, the members voted to add another youth service project in that community in 2020-21.

Phillips County RTA—Community Service Project

The Phillips County RTA organized a Veterans and First Responders Appreciation Brunch for their community in January 2020. The purpose of the brunch was to honor the people who not only served the community, but who also regularly shared their time and expertise with the PCRTA at their monthly meetings.

The brunch was a joint project with other community organizations, including the Phillips County AARP and the University of Arkansas Medical Center East, which provided free health screenings for attendees. The event was deemed a great success, and will be repeated in the future.

Honorable Mention

Baxter County RTA—ASU-Mountain Home Food Pantry, donations to support students in need

Craighead County RTA—Beck Pride, donations for wounded veterans

Franklin County RTA—Maggie House, donations to support displaced youth

Garland County RTA—The CALL, donations to support families in foster care

Izard County RTA—Cash for Kids, cash donation to be used as needed by local schools

Pope County RTA—Magazine collection and distribution to area nursing homes and a local hospital

South Pulaski RTA—Ronald McDonald House, donations to support families staying at RMH

Local Members Have Big Hearts

\$27,929

Cash and in-kind donations* to schools and community organizations reported in 2019-20

\$5,489,450

Dollar value of volunteer hours reported in 2019-20 **

52,344 volunteer hours with youth

149,474 with community organizations

* School supplies, coats/shoes, pantry/personal care items, meals, books/magazines, etc.

** <https://independentsector.org/value-of-volunteer-time-2020/>

Photo courtesy of www.youthdynamics.org



Due to COVID19 all scheduled trips are subject to cancellation and/or a change of departure date. Travelers booked on any trip will be updated regularly on the status of the trip and any options should the status change.

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 an ARTA staff member.

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 reserved seats are booked, or after the early booking date has passed, are based on availability and the price reduction no longer applies.

Travel from airline gateways, other than Little Rock, such as Northwest Arkansas, Fort Smith and Memphis are available if you prefer to depart from there (usually at no additional cost). Travelers will join the group at the trip destination.

For questions and additional information contact the ARTA office at 501-375-2958 or donna_arta@att.net.

Links to more trip information and online booking are also available on our web site, 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!!

2021 Travel Opportunities

Painted Canyons of the West feat. Utah's Five National Parks

April 18—26, 2021

The trek across the Southwest begins in Denver with the Rocky Mountains as a backdrop. Then travel to Colorado's wine country, where you'll enjoy dining with new friends and a wine-tasting at a family-run winery. Enjoy a stay on the Colorado River with a full day to explore before traveling Utah's byways. From Arches to Canyonlands to Dead Horse, Zion, and Bryce National Parks, this tour will evoke the spirit of the Old West before finishing with a return to the bright lights of Las Vegas.



Booking Closed—Call for availability

Highlights of Norway

March 7—15, 2021

Venture to a place where crashing ocean meets craggy mountains, forging the awe-inspiring majesty of the Norwegian fjords. Start in Oslo, where ancient history greets you at the famous Viking Ship Museum. Journey on one of the world's steepest train rides, the legendary Flåm Railway, past rushing waterfalls, looming mountains, and picturesque valleys. Relax in the Norwegian countryside, where you'll wake up amongst breathtaking mountain vistas and fjords. Go deep into the heart of the fjord region to the Briksdal Glacier. Cruise the crystal waters of the Geirangerfjord. Walk the ancient streets of Bergen's trading port. From Oslo to Bergen, you will be awestruck by the grandeur of Norway. **Booking Closed—Call for availability**

The Azores—Jewels of Portugal

June 25—July 6, 2021

Exploration trip—limited to 15 people

Enter an untouched paradise on an adventure through the Azores, the archipelago gems of Portugal. Explore the entire rim of the Sete Cidades Caldera. Spend two nights in a lava stone house overlooking the Atlantic. Indulge in a traditional *Cozido das Furnas* meal, which is cooked by the heat of the volcanic earth. Admire an exclusive viewpoint of Furnas Lake during lunch at the Terra Nostra Tea House. Sample local dairy goods at a family-owned cheese shop. Descend into Algar do Carvão, an ancient lava tube known as the "Cavern of Coal," with an expert guide. From thermal pools and lush craters to local farms and volcanic cuisine, delve into the culture of Portuguese island life. **Booking Closed—Call for availability**

Roaming Coastal Maine

July 7—13, 2021

Exploration trip—limited to 15 people

This is Maine, where rocky shores, infinite nature, and endless lobster forge a coastal New England classic. Dig into local delicacies with an oyster shucking lesson and tasting. Immerse yourself in dramatic nature at Acadia National Park. See how lobster traps are retrieved from the ocean. Admire the picturesque Portland Head Light, Maine's oldest lighthouse. Take part in a vintage wine tasting at Cellardoor Winery. Enjoy free time in the vibrant city of Portland. Towering mountains, delectable cuisine, and bustling harbors await you in this maritime treasure. **Booking Closed—Call for availability**

The Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park

August 7—13, 2021

Ice fields, rushing waterfalls, glacial peaks, and towering summits are just a few of the wonders awaiting you in the Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park. Visit Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the world's oldest, best preserved buffalo jumps. Ride aboard a Jammer (open-air touring car) during a visit to Glacier National Park. Journey along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway. Stop at Athabasca Glacier and choose to ride across this mass of glacier ice or take a walk on the glass bottom platform at the Glacier Skywalk. Explore Bow Falls and Surprise Corner. Visit the incomparable Chateau Lake Louise. Get ready for an adventure that brings together the expanse of the prairies, the majesty of the Canadian Rockies, and Montana's Glacier National Park. **Save \$100 pp—Book by January 31, 2021**

Autumn in Vermont featuring Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks

October 1—7, 2021

Discover Vermont's winding roads lined with autumn foliage and cozy towns with an eclectic spirit. Experience the quintessential New England town of Woodstock. Enjoy a 3-night stay in the youthful, artsy hub of Burlington. Step into the past at the Shelburne Museum, a sprawling campus of nearly 40 buildings dedicated to art and Americana. Feel the past come alive at Fort Ticonderoga, where 18th-century artillery lines the outer walls and actors go through a soldier's daily tasks. Connect with the local community in the Mad River Valley. Stop at Hildene, the former home of Robert Todd Lincoln, past Chairman of the Pullman Company and son of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln. On a colorful journey through the "Green Mountain State," find local artisans, tasty treats, and an age-old history in New England. **Save \$50 pp—Book by March 25, 2021**

Classic Danube featuring 7-night River Cruise

October 3—13, 2021

The Danube River is the second largest river in Europe. At 1,770 miles in length, this mighty waterway carves its way through a total of ten European countries. Join us as we take you on a lovely cruise along the Wachau Valley region, the most breathtaking area of the Danube. You will see a dramatic shoreline complete with lofty hills, hilltop castles and charming villages nestled between flourishing vineyards. Highlights include Bratislava, Vienna, Linz, Passau, Regensburg, Munich, Seefeld, Linderhof Palace and Oberammergau, renowned for the Passion Play. **Save \$400 pp—Book by January 28, 2021**

Heritage of America

October 24—November 1, 2021

Follow the epic story of American democracy. First stop, Philadelphia, to view the Liberty Bell and see Independence Hall. Walk the battlefield at Gettysburg and tour the National Military Park & Museum. Stop in quaint Harper's Ferry, before taking in the 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. **Call for information**

Nashville & The Smoky Mountains Holiday

December 1—8, 2021

Take in the sights and sounds of the holidays in Nashville, Gatlinburg and Asheville. Enjoy reserved seats at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. Tour historic RCA Studio B and the Country Music Hall of Fame. Experience a magical holiday dinner and show at the Opryland Resort. Choose a horse-drawn carriage ride or a Grand Ole Opry Resort's Delta River cruise to marvel at the holiday lights and décor. In Gatlinburg, relax and tap your toes during Dolly Parton's Christmas Stampede and Dinner Show. Explore the natural wonders of Great Smoky Mountains National Park by day and marvel at the spectacular light displays and shows celebrating the spirit of the holidays at Dollywood. Then, travel to Asheville, North Carolina, and enjoy the city's historic architecture, engaging neighborhoods and robust arts districts. Tour the Biltmore Estate, elaborately adorned for the holidays. **Book by May 25, 2021**

In Memoriam

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

Arkansas County

Carolyn J. Danner

Ashley County

Margaret S. Craven
John D. Hollimon Jr.
Elsie G. Mausehardt
Betty A. Whitworth

Baxter County

Joseph E. Braunagel Sr.
Nancy L. Fiske
George E. Montgomery
Corliss F. Nichols
Jo A. Roden
Melanie D. Schaffer
Belma L. Treat

Benton County

Suzanne Ames
Linda G. Brown
Lucy M. Carroll
Kathleen L. Dickerson
James L. Gershner
Mary A. Grice
Mary V. Highfill
Kenneth H. Kinnamon Jr.
Franklin D. Nunnelee
Claire V. Sode

Boone County

Beatrice R. Digeronimo
Charles Edwards Jr.
Marsha Estes
Beverly A. Frizzell
Joe F. Hamilton
Mary R. Roberg

Bradley County

Patricia P. Ashcraft

Carroll County

Mary E. Swofford

Chicot County

Sandra A. Tumey

Clark County

Kathleen D. Corn
Paul Williams Jr.
Ruthie S. Wyatt

Cleburne County

Clyde C. Dorrough
Bettie G. Morrow
Raymond G. Stacks

Clay County

Sandra B. Routszong

Cleveland County

Charlotte M. Davis

Columbia County

James E. Berry
Ruth S. Dodson
Nina M. Dollar
Aurelia E. Gaylord

Conway County

Martha C. Davis

Craighead County

Hillard D. Clark
Ruth H. Grigsby
Shelton P. Halk
Reba C. Hobson
Margie A. Horton
Martha J. Kelley
Marie G. McCain
Mary B. Oswald

Crawford County

Nancy A. Dean
Margaret E. Johnston
Peggy S. Mason
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