



PADDLE TRAILS



THE OZARK SOCIETY
PULASKI CHAPTER



November 2018

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Pulaski Chapter Meetings

Our regular meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Second Presbyterian,

November 6

Our speaker will be photographer Linda Williams Palmer (See page 3 for more information.)

Bring a friend!

Welcome New Member

Robynn Zinser

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From the Desk of the President...

By Janet Nye

The colors of fall are inviting us to get out and experience their glory. Steve Heye is leading our chapter on some amazing hikes so I hope you can get out and hike and enjoy great fellowship.

The Bayou Chapter hosted a great all-society fall meeting the second weekend in October at Lake Claiborne State Park. I really love these times to catch up with friends from other chapters and to see new places. It's also an opportunity to hear what the Society is doing to make a difference for the Buffalo and other natural areas. Some of us walked to Louisiana's highest point. It was a beautiful day and an easy walk. We have a long way to go to catch up with Steve and his journey to get to the highest points in all 50 states!



Hiking to the highest point in Louisiana

The P. Allen Smith-Garden Style Show has been produced and aired this past Saturday. It made my heart sing to hear Allen talk about the Ozark Society and our 3 focus areas-conservation, education and recreation. I hope that folks who learn about us will be inspired to join us.

The Neil Compton Award and fundraising event on October 20th was a huge success. There were

at least 80 people who came to celebrate the work of Alice Andrews on a gorgeous evening on the Arkansas River. David Peterson presented the award to Alice with an amazing sunset in the background. It was a joy to see Alice glowing and receiving the praise she so deserves. I'm sure the rivers and forests were also singing her praise. Congratulations Alice! Thank you for all your years of incredible passion.



Alice Andrews receives the Neil Compton Award

I want to thank the committee who worked very hard to make this event the success it was: Kay Ewart, Donna Peterson, Mary Schlatterer, Carolyn Shearman, Kathy Searcy, Mary Nancy Henry, Alan Nye.

Election Night is Nov. 6th. Our meeting is Nov. 6th. Please come see Linda Palmer, the artist who has depicted amazing paintings of Arkansas' champion trees. We need to show up for her. I cannot wait. AETN produced a show about her work and the trees. She has also had many art displays around the state. She is coming to us from Hot Springs so let's make her efforts worth it. Can't wait to see you on Tuesday!

October Hikes to Cedar Falls and Goat Trail

By Steve Heye

The 2018 hiking season for the Pulaski Chapter of the Ozark Society got underway on October 6th with a trip to the bottom of Cedar Falls at Petit Jean State Park.

Leader Steve Heye was joined by four others ready to get back out in the wilds of Arkansas, after a break for the hot summer. Sandra Mims, Aleta Gray, Charles Mullins, and Bob Hogg were along as the group made their way down from the Mather lodge to the base of the falls.

The trail is well worn and marked with red blazes. The total hiking distance down and back is about 2 miles and the average depth of Cedar Creek Canyon is around 200'.

You make your way down a series of well-maintained switchbacks to the canyon floor.

On the bottom, you come to Cedar Creek and you are about 3/10 of a mile from the falls. The trail crosses a bridge and then intersects with a trail that parallels the creek on the north side. A sign points you upstream to the falls. The day we went, the creek was running well and this meant the falls would be too.

After ten minutes or so of walking upstream the falls and its pool come into view. Because it is in a protective cove of cliff faces, there was no wind and it was becoming a little warm and humid. But there was shade and we made the most of the view for about 20 minutes. This is a very popular spots for families and groups to go to, so we were enjoying the people watching about as much as the scenery.



Taking pictures and story swapping over, we saw it was about 11am and time to head back for lunch at the restaurant in the park lodge. The climb up is not too difficult, but it can seem long when you wait on groups to come down past you. It took us about 15 minutes to reach the bridge and then another 15 to arrive back on top at the lodge swimming pool.

We had a wonderful lunch at the lodge and enjoyed cooling off in the air conditioning. If you have nothing to do on a nice day, drive over to the park and have a wonderful lunch, it's just an hour from Little Rock and makes a great little get a way now and then. We all agreed it's the best way to have lunch on a hike.

On October 27th, Richard Owings and Steve Heye did a hike in the Ponca area of the Buffalo River. Though several folks asked about the trip, only Richard joined me on a perfect fall day in the Ozarks.

Our goal was to see Hemmed in Hollow, Granny Henderson's Cabin and the Goat Trail. We had spent Friday night in the Steel Creek Campground and met up in the morning to drop a car at Center Point-and start our hike from the Compton Trail Head. The total hike would be about 8 miles as we would do a through-hike.

The weekend weather couldn't have been better. It started out in the 40's but soon was pushing 70°, with bright sunshine. That must have been the reason everything was crowded: the campground, the trail heads, the sights.

We enjoyed the day and after 8 hours of trail, we made our way to the Center Point lot and back to Compton to get my car. We were going to have dinner at the Low Gap Cafe, but when we arrived we found out someone broke the waterline feeding that end of the county. No water, no service. So we went back to camp and fixed our backup suppers. We spent the night in camp and made our way home the next day. Here is a link to see the photos: <https://flic.kr/s/aHskLos2jj>

My next hike is on **November 10**, on the Sylamore Trail near Mt. View. We will hike from Gunner Pool to Blanchard, about 5 miles. Meet at Morgan McDonalds at 7:30 or Blanchard Cavern Parking at 10 am. Bring a lunch, water and good shoes.



Ozark Society Officers – Pulaski Chapter

*The Pulaski Chapter is accepting nominations for 2019-2021 officers.
Openings include: vice chair and treasurer. Know that we always want folks to help us do
the work of conservation, education and recreation!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 10 – SYLAMORE TRAIL – GUNNER POOL TO BLANCHARD SPRINGS MOD. 5.3 MILES

This is a wonderful hike following the Sylamore Creek. There are some bluff lines and we may explore a side valley if time permits. Meet at the Morgan McDonald's at 7:30 to carpool or be at Blanchard Cavern Parking lot by 10. Bring sturdy shoes, water, orange vest or clothing and lunch. Leaves should be at their peak.

DECEMBER 4 – Christmas Party! Our December meeting will be our annual party, hosted by **Stewart and Debbie Noland, 1510 Sherwood Rd. LR at 6:00pm.**

DECEMBER 8 – SECT. 2 THE NEW B.R.T. - ZACK RIDGE RD. TO RED BLUFF RD. MODERATE – 4.5 MILES.

Time to check out section two of the new Buffalo River Trail Extension. We will meet at the Morgan McDonald's at 7:30 and carpool up or you can meet us at the Harp's Grocery lot in Marshall at 9:30. Bring lunch, sturdy shoes and water. There is a wet crossing at Brush Creek.

JANUARY 12 – BIG CREEK CAVE FALLS – NEAR DEER - MODERATE. - 5 MILES

Here is a new hike for us for the new year. The creek comes from a cave makes a spectacular falls. We will explore some of the other falls in the area as well. If it's been cold enough we may even have ice formations. Be at the Morgan McDonald's at 7:30 to carpool or be at the Pelsor Store by 10. Bring boots, lunch and water. May be some wet crossings if water is up on Big Creek.

Steve's contact info for hikes: 501-455-2210 or Heye@aristotle.net

NOVEMBER 6 MEETING: A PRESENTATION BY LINDA WILLIAMS PALMER

LINDA WILLIAMS PALMER has researched and photographed champion specimens of many of our native Arkansas trees throughout Arkansas for the past ten years. Her artistic talents have produced beautiful colored-pencil drawings resulting in examples of these century old giants.

Her art is the merging of art, science and history and furthers the appreciation of our natural resources. Palmer's

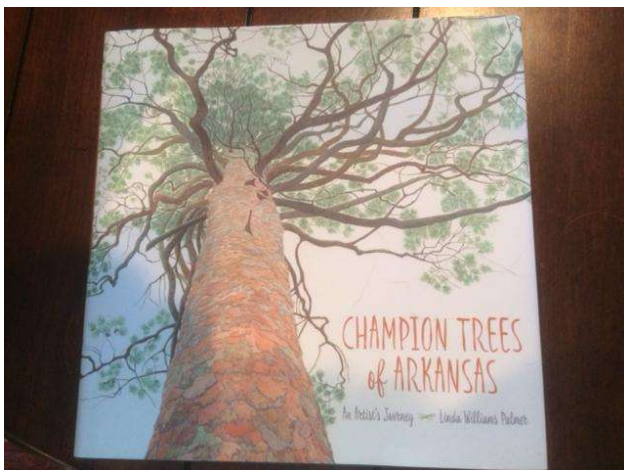


exhibit of The Champion Trees of Arkansas toured the State from 2012 to 2016. AETN has also produced a documentary on the Champion trees and her project. The Documentary has received two Emmys, the national Platinum Best of Show in the Aurora Awards and two awards from the International Videographer Awards. It is now showing nationally on PBS stations.

The power-point presentation scheduled will be about the adventures Palmer experienced finding these trees and the stories the owners and communities relayed to her about their trees, along with photographs and drawings of the trees.

Palmer will also have her new book "Champion Trees of Arkansas: An Artist's Journey" and prints and cards to purchase before and after her program. Palmer's art can be seen and purchased from her website: lindawilliamspalmer.com



The Ozark Society Membership Application/Renewal



Join us, or renew now! Dues are for one year and they include a subscription to the Society's newsletter, *Pack & Paddle*. To join or renew, go online to the Ozark Society website at www.ozarksociety.net. Or you can fill out this form and send it with a check written to "The Ozark Society." See below for our address.

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email 1: _____ Old Email (if changed) _____

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I would like *Pack and Paddle* sent to my home address instead of by email. (Default is email.)

Please check one:

- New Member (Start at **Section A** for your OS and Chapter Membership)
- Renewal (Start at **Section A** to renew your OS and Chapter Membership)
- LIFE Member (Start at **Section B** to renew just your Chapter Membership)

Section A: Please specify both the Level of Membership and the Chapter you are joining:

Level: *(choose one)*

- Friend: \$30 = \$20 OS +\$10 Chapter
- Associate: \$50 = \$40 OS +\$10 Chapter
- Supporter: \$100 = \$90 OS +\$10 Chapter
- Sponsor: \$250 = \$240 OS +\$10 Chapter
- Patron: \$500 = \$490 OS +\$10 Chapter
- Benefactor: \$1000+ = \$990+ OS +\$10 Chapter

Chapter: *(choose one)*

- 01 Pulaski (Little Rock, AR)
- 04 Bayou (Shreveport, LA)
- 06 Highlands (Fayetteville, AR)
- 10 Mississippi Valley (Cape Girardeau, MO)
- 13 Sugar Creek (Bentonville, AR)
- 16 Buffalo River (Gilbert, AR)
- No chapter, all to central Ozark Society

Section B: For Members who wish to join more than one Chapter or Life Members renewing their Chapter Membership only

Choose as many as you wish and add \$10 for each selection:

- \$10 01 Pulaski (Little Rock, AR)
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My Total is: \$ _____

Please remit to: The Ozark Society, PO Box 2914, Little Rock, AR 72203

Once your membership has processed, you will receive a welcome letter if you are new to the Ozark Society. If you have questions about your membership status, contact Mary Gordon at mb2rene@aol.com.