

Bella Vista Vision

Newsletter of the Bella Vista Historical Society

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The Bella Vista Historical Society was founded in 1976 in order to “discover, collect, preserve or restore materials and artifacts concerned with our community’s heritage.”



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COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Our Letter to the Editor published in the Weekly Vista on May 25, 2022, expresses how we feel about the support the Bella Vista community is giving our museum in all of its many activities. Thank you to everyone!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you Bella Vista!

We would like to thank the Bella Vista community for its continued support of our Bella Vista Historical Museum. The month of April was an especially good month for us with a large audience coming to hear our Dug Hill history presentation at the Bella Vista Library, church groups inviting us to speak about various Bella Vista

history topics, customers purchasing many of our gift shop products at the POA Spring Fair at Rioridan, vendors and customers lining up to participate in our fundraiser parking lot garage sale as part of the Citywide garage sale event, and others joining us for our fundraiser historic driving tours. For the garage sale event, we thank volunteer Dustie Meads for coordinating it for us, John Jensen for

letting us use his share of the parking lot next door, and POA staff members for donating items to help increase our revenue. We also thank Paul Beran and Gary Mertz for helping to make our driving tour destinations look more attractive. Contributing to our success is Jill Werner with her homemade jams that she frequently makes available in return for donations to the museum. And last but not least, we

thank our volunteer treasurer, Virginia Reynolds, for the extra hours she has had to put in over the past month to keep on top of all the bookkeeping the various events generated. If you haven't visited the museum or haven't been there recently, please stop by. We are located at 1885 Bella Vista Way (Highway 71, near the corner of Kingsland). Admission is

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free, and we are open Wednesdays through Sundays, 1-5 p.m. If you visit, please thank the docents on duty that day ... they are all volunteers who are

donating their time for the benefit of the community.

Xyta Lucas and Dale Phillips
Co-Presidents, Bella Vista Historical Society

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go to our new landscape volunteer, Jim Richardson, upon the death of his wife, Bobbi, who died on June 23. She requested no services. A donation has been made in her name to her favorite charity, Green Forests Work (www.greenforestswork.org).

We also want to extend our sympathy to Judi Corn, whose husband Ron's memorial service was held on May 21 following his death earlier this year. For years, Ron and Judi have remembered the museum on their trips to Sam's Club and contributed greatly to our supply of paper goods.

Our condolences also go to the family of Norma Clark, who died on April 8 at age 98. Norma and her daughter, Sherry Burnett, were museum docents for us several years ago until Norma's hearing decreased to the point where she decided it was best to resign. Her son Jesse Costulis and his wife Thelma are no strangers to the museum either. Norma was born into the Dillow family in Oklahoma in 1923 and moved to Northwest Arkansas when she was four years old. Among her many stories was the one about remembering her brother re-roofing the barn that is now the Wishing Spring Gallery in the 1930's when she was about 10 years old, which is the barn C.A. Linebarger Sr. converted into a dairy barn in 1941. In the picture at right, taken in 2013, Xyta Lucas sits with Norma in her yard on the bench that her father, Joseph Dillow, made. He was an expert stone mason and did a lot of stone work over the years for the Linebargers' summer resort.



DOCENTS

We are sad to have several long term docents leave us. Husband and wife team Bill and Mary Jane Cole recently decided to move to Omaha to be near their daughter, and long-time docent and former Board member Susan Porter has retired. Paul Beran, who was on our Board in addition to being a docent, has decided to go back to work and has accepted a position in Connecticut. Laurie Seeman has also resigned due to family and other obligations.

Thankfully, several new docents have signed up this quarter. They are Maggi Bourne, Wendy Hughes, Pam Niconsin, Jami Spurling, and Patsy Todd. You can meet all of them at www.bvmuseumvolunteers.com/meet-our-docents. We are so happy to have every one of them!

We are continuing to recruit...

Our goal is still to have enough docents available so that no one has to serve more than one afternoon per month (unless they want to, of course!). The docent role consists of welcoming visitors to the museum, giving a little information about Bella Vista history, explaining how the museum exhibits are laid out, and handling gift shop sales. We look for men and women who like interacting with others, enjoy learning about Bella Vista history, and are fully Covid vaccinated. We ask that they read Gil Fite's 1993 book on the history of Bella Vista, and our new pictorial history book, Images of America Bella Vista, published in 2021. Anyone interested in becoming a docent is welcome to contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Jill Werner, at jrwerner@cox.net or 479-721-3122.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In addition to losing Paul Beran from our Board, as mentioned above, we also received the resignation of Steve Morrow who continues to support the museum in every way he can but has found that the increasing demands on his time in his role as manager of the Allen's Food Market is preventing him from being available to attend Board meetings. We are sorry to see both of these gentlemen leave us.

But on the good news side, we have now recruited two new Board members. They are Anna Isbell, who is in management with Sam's Club Home Office and is one of the partners in the new restaurant going in next door to the museum, and Suzanne Adams, who is the director of the Bella Vista Public Library. They will be joining us for their first Board meeting in August. We give them both a big welcome!

LAKE BELLA VISTA DAM

In the lawsuit over the Lake Bella Vista dam, Cooper Communities asked the Arkansas Court of Appeals to reverse the Benton County Circuit Court ruling and require the City of Bentonville to reconstruct the dam. The Court of Appeals ruled against Bentonville in March. The City then asked for the case to go to trial before the Arkansas Supreme Court. On June 23, the Arkansas Supreme Court denied that request. What is next?

Meanwhile, the flooding continues, as seen in this picture taken on May 5, 2022:



WILSON BROWN AND RAGO

We have a permanent exhibit at the museum about Rago, the big house and surrounding property that formerly stood in the Metfield area, which Wilson Brown built in the late 1800's and used as a residence with rooms for school teachers to rent, a general store and a post office branch. His granddaughter, June Easley of Pea Ridge, has given us valuable information over the years about her grandfather and his immense holdings (at one point he owned or leased over 1,000 acres in that area including vineyards). This past April, June and her son Ray Easley visited the museum again bringing us more documents and photos to scan, including this one of Wilson Brown and his son by their first house before he built the large Rago house, and also a vineyard photo. One document handwritten by a daughter of Wilson Brown stated that Wilson got married in 1890 in Greeley, Kansas, and moved to Arkansas in 1893.



NEW T-SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED!

While our Bella Vista puzzles and books, plus our local honey and other items remain popular in our gift shop, the hottest items now are our latest T-shirts! We have them for kayak/canoeists, hiking/biking enthusiasts, and those who just love the retro look...a red and white T-shirt copied from the E.L. Keith design of the 1950's Bella Vista resort. Priced at \$18-\$20 depending on size. And if you are a hiker, be sure to check out our walking stick medallions!



SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

Museum docent/Board member Maci Echols decided she'd like to head up some activities for families this summer, starting with a campfire/S'mores evening behind our Settler's Cabin on May 28. People dropped in throughout the evening, with about 40 visitors participating. Several museum volunteers helped with the event, including Maci's teenage assistant, Jessica Stockley. We thank Allen's Food Market for their food contribution.

Left to right: Jill Werner, Jessica Stockley, Maci Echols, Clara Ruth Echols.



Visitors gathered around the campfire while enjoying their S'mores, then toured inside the Settler's Cabin and the museum.



The next event is a movie night at the museum on Friday, July 8, at 7 p.m. when the movie "Night at the Museum" will be shown. Free admission. Popcorn and drinks will be served. Reservations are required to assure enough space for everyone and may be made by calling 479-855-2335 or emailing bellavistamuseum@gmail.com.

The final summer event Maci has planned is an ice cream social on Saturday, August 6, at 3 p.m. Also watch for more events to come in the fall.

FUNDRAISER DRIVING TOURS

Maci Echols conducted a fundraiser historic sites driving tour on April 9 with the help of Dale Phillips and Nancy Noyes. The next tour is scheduled for November after the leaves have fallen to make the sites more visible.



At left, Maci tells the story of the murder victim buried at Summit Cemetery. At right, Maci gives the history of the old log house built in the late 1850s, with Nancy's assistance with the poster. We are happy to say that Dale, resting in the center, has successfully completed hip replacement surgery and will soon be back in action at the museum.



Xyta Lucas conducted two fundraiser historic cemetery tours this spring, starting with one on April 16 that yielded a small turnout due to unpredictable weather. She then scheduled a second one for May 7, which drew over 20 people, which is about the maximum that can be accommodated on one tour. After meeting at the museum, the group traveled by car caravan to visit the Funk Cemetery, Beavers, Donovan/Nott, Miller, New Home, Summit and Dug Hill, with information given also about Buxton, Wilson, and Mills cemeteries. Future cemetery tours have not yet been scheduled.

The Historical Society has taken on the maintenance of several of these historic cemeteries. Volunteers are always needed to help with mowing and weed eating. If you wish to sign up, please call the museum, 479-855-2335.

The tour group visited the New Home Cemetery on Peach Orchard Road on May 7.



The group gathered for a closer look at the gravestones in the Donovan/Nott Cemetery in the Highlands area.



BELLA VISTA CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

The Roundtable continues to meet at the museum the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. unless they have a speaker whom they expect to draw a larger than normal crowd, as they do this coming August 4. That's when Dr. Curt Fields, a national recognized presenter on General U.S. Grant, will be the speaker and the meeting will be held at Cooper Chapel.

The April meeting featured Maylon Rice on "The Post War Political and Economic Aftermath of the Civil War in Arkansas State Government". President Dale Phillips and Vice President Chuck Pribbernow warmed up the crowd with a few light-hearted comments first.



The May speaker was Pea Ridge National Military Park Ranger Kerry Jones, who told the personal story of eight soldiers who fought in the Battle of Pea Ridge. The June program was presented by Jim Spillars about the little known but important Battle of Cane Hill, Arkansas.

May speaker Kerry Jones responds to a question from the audience.

President Dale Phillips gives a certificate of appreciation to June speaker Jim Spillars.



The speaker for July 7 was scheduled to be William de Marigny Hyland of New Orleans but due to airline cancellations, he will be unable to come then and will be rescheduled for a future date. Dale Phillips will substitute with a talk on "The Life of Controversial Union General Ben Butler".

HISTORIC FOODS TASTING

Museum volunteers hosted another historic foods tasting event on Saturday June 4 from noon to 5 p.m. Visitors were given the chance to taste native fruits and food, as well as historic and vintage recipes from old Bella Vista. Jill Werner and her team of volunteers did a great job of planning and executing this event. Helping Jill in various roles were Suzanne Evans, Marie Beyer, Nancy Veach, Fran Boulware, Barb Jenner, Debbie Garrison, Wendy Hughes, Patsy Todd, Jessica Traylor, Gina Kietzmann, Jami Spurling, Betsy Mertz, Maci Echols, Xyta Lucas, Brian Mobley, Debbie Sorensen, Angie Rader and Chuck Pribbernow.

Rather than continue the large events like Jill scheduled on Feb. 19 and June 4, which were very popular and drew well over 100 visitors each time but were also a great deal of work, she has decided to have smaller events spread throughout the year. The next Historic Foods Tasting will be for Edible Flowers, on Saturday, July 23 from 12:00 to 5:00. As always, admission is free. Jill expects to have about ten flower jellies to taste that day.

At the June 4 event, volunteers distributed rating sheets which gave parents and kids an opportunity to discuss and rate the tastes on an equal level. Among the jellies, the highest rated flower jelly was the White Clover. Jill found the perfect patch to pick white clover, on the empty lot at the corner of Highlands Blvd and Glasgow Rd where our Settler's Cabin was originally built...a great link between our food tasting events and Bella Vista history.

Chuck Pribbernow and Brian Mobley welcome visitors.



Jessica Traylor at the Information table.



Jill Werner, center, being interviewed by Weekly Vista reporter Rachel Dickerson.



Docent/Board member John Flynn is greeted by new docents Wendy Hughes and Patsy Todd.



Tables were set up out back of the museum for food tasting.



Everyone was given a rating sheet to give feedback on what they tasted. This father talks it over with his kids.



JAM DONATION DAYS

Jill Werner continues to have other days at the museum when she gives away her homemade jams and jellies in return for a donation to the museum. Pictured here on her April 2 jam day is left to right Jessica Traylor, Jill, and Maci Echols. Jill can be found on Facebook as TheJammerBellaVista. Her website is www.thejammerbellavista.com.



BELLA VISTA GARDEN CLUB 50TH ANNIVERSARY

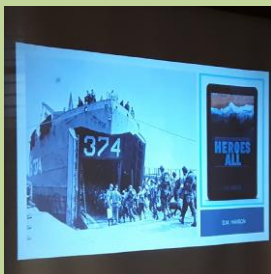
The Bella Vista Garden Club was formed in 1972, and is celebrating its 50th anniversary with several events this year. On April 13, one of their events was the dedication of their scrapbook collection that the museum stores for them in its scrapbook repository. The collection became so large that some of the Club's scrapbooks had to be moved to the museum's offsite climate controlled storage facility which was rented starting last year. Club members said that they are now doing everything online so they do not expect to continue to add to the scrapbook collection. The Club gave a generous donation to the museum as a thank you.

President Pat Meyer revealed a plaque, now on display at the museum, to the group in recognition of the event.



"HEROES ALL" BY DONNA HANSON

Author Donna Hanson spoke at the Bella Vista Historical Museum on Sunday May 29, about her research on the Landing Ship, Tank (LST) 374, which her father served on during World War II. In the audience was 94 year old Jack Snively who served on an LST himself. Donna's father never talked about his wartime experiences; it was only after his death in 2005 that she found his papers about his time on the LST and decided to write a novel about it. She is donating all proceeds and royalties from her book sales to the LST 325 Museum in Evansville, Indiana, and the Veterans LST Association. She also donated several copies of her book to our gift shop. Donna can be contacted through www.combinedmindscreative.com or by phone at 479-220-2377.



APT/WAPT GOLF TOURNAMENT

We are grateful to have had our application accepted by the Bella Vista Foundation as one of the five charities to benefit from the All Pro Tour/Women's All Pro Tour (APT/WAPT) golf tournament held in late May at the Country Club and Highlands golf courses. We expect to find out the results of the golf tournament proceeds later in July.

The APT, a subsidiary of K&G Sports LLC., was started in 1994, and has partnered with local non-profits to conduct men's professional golf tournaments in the mid-south region of the U.S. each year. In addition to raising thousands of dollars for charity, these events have provided an avenue for professional golfers to hone their skills while preparing for a life on the PGA Tour. In 2019, K&G Sports launched the inaugural season of the WAPT to provide a pathway for women professional golfers to the LPGA Tour with the same tournament model used on the APT.

This is the sixth year the APT tournament was held in Bella Vista, and Ruth Hatcher did an excellent job of coordinating volunteers once again. Unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate that week so the professional golfers got in only about two days of play.

Each charity accepted by the BV Foundation had to have at least three teams of 3 players each to play in the Pro-Am, the day before the tournament was to start. The museum's three teams were the 'Flynn for Mayor' team with John Flynn, Jack Doyle, and Mark Carlson; the 'Louise Thaden Fliers' with Carol Phillips, Mary Rice, and Vicki Marts; and the 'Wylde Group', consisting of Dean McGee, John McCoy, and Kurt Howard. We didn't get a picture of the Wylde team, but pictured here are the other two teams. Several of us joined the Louise Thaden Fliers at the buffet dinner held at Lakepoint the evening before the Pro-Am day.

Flynn for Mayor: John Flynn, captain (center)



Louise Thaden Fliers: Carol Phillips, captain (second from left)



Left to right: Vicki Marts, Mary Rice, and Carol Phillips at Lakepoint buffet dinner



In addition to being eligible for tournament revenue, the five charities were also asked to enter items in the silent auction held at the buffet dinner, with proceeds from those items going back to the donating charity. We thank our museum docent Debbie Sorensen who coordinated the auction for all charities involved but also handled the museum items for us. Donors of auction items, all very much appreciated, were Debbie, Linda Lloyd, Carol Phillips, Mary Jane Cole, Just Petaling, and Allen's Food Market.



The auction items were previewed and available for sale at the Bella Vista Country Club over the weekend before the Monday evening auction at Lakepoint.



CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

Once again, we participated in the City wide garage sale on Friday and Saturday of the last weekend in April by renting out parking spaces to individual vendors as a fundraiser for the museum. Dustie Meads, shown with her popular driftwood that she collects from area lakes and sells as yard decor, originated the idea a few years ago and again served as volunteer coordinator for the event. Inside the museum building, Jill Werner had many flavors of her homemade jam available to give away in exchange for a donation to the museum. Over 100 people visited the museum each of the two days. A small percentage of them came in just to use the restroom but the majority spent time touring the museum and enjoying the cookies and drinks we offered. Our thanks to the volunteers who served as extra docents those two days and those who helped provide the refreshments.



THE COWAN TWINS

Earlier this year, we were contacted by Don Cowan to say he and his twin brother David would be visiting Bella Vista in April for the memorial service of their mother who died last year. Xyta Lucas then invited them to the museum for a taped interview, which was conducted on April 22. Jack and Shirley Kellogg manned the cameras for the interview. As teenagers, the twins began working for the POA lawn crew and then as waiters at the Country Club. After college graduation, David went to work at the UA Law Library and Don became editor of the Weekly Vista for three years in the late 1970's. During that time, he and David became very well acquainted with C.A. Linebarger Sr. and his caretaker, Velma Crabtree, and in fact they were pallbearers at C.A.'s funeral in 1978. Outside of hospital staff, David was the last one to see C.A. when he was alive. Jack Kellogg edited the interview, put it on DVDs, and made several copies for distribution to the Cowans, as well as members of the Linebarger and Crabtree families. Jack also inserted photos that we rounded up for inclusion in the video. We thank the Cowans for their time and for sending us photos to include. We also thank Charity Linebarger George for sending us pictures of her grandfather taken during that era, Randy McCrory for sharing some from his collection, and Velma Crabtree's son Dennis Crabtree, for loaning us pictures of his mother to include in the video, as well as donating two very nice framed photographs to the museum that C.A. had given him in the 1970's.

In return, Don Cowan sent us this thank you note: *"Thank you so much for the opportunity to tell part of our Bella Vista story and hopefully add value to your work at the Bella Vista Historical Society! David and I have been blessed in so many ways in our lives and Bella Vista was such a jumpstart for us...David and I are just regular folks who grew up humbly and sought to make a good life for ourselves and those we love. Bella Vista had a great influence on us in our still formative years. Our experiences there are embedded in our souls. The people we met and came to love in the "gem of the Ozarks" will forever be with us and I'm so grateful for those memories."*



RECENT DONATIONS

We would like to thank Michael Keys for donating this lantern that hung on the porch of Hele-Villa cabin in Old Bella Vista. He is in the process of renovating the cabin and has promised to donate additional items as he continues this project. The cabin was owned by the Bergeron/McCurdy family who left it to Michael after the death of James Hunger Bergeron, who died in Texas in 2010. The cabin had been named after the McCurdy sisters, Helen and Arvilla. Arvilla died in Oklahoma in 1985 and Helen died in Texas in 1993.

This is a picture of the cabin taken in 1996.



This picture was taken in late April of this year.



The lantern is pictured when it still hung on the front porch of the cabin.



The lantern was recently cleaned and put on display at the museum.



ALSO DONATED

The Property Owners Association recently cleaned out some closets and made several donations to our museum gift shop, including these cute coffee mugs, some Lakepoint wine glasses, and POA marketing photo albums. The coffee mugs sold out immediately but several of the wine glasses and photo albums are still available. We thank all of our donors of items for the gift shop as well as those who have made generous cash donations for museum operating expenses. We couldn't do it without you!



LANDSCAPE VOLUNTEERS

Patrice Murphy has been the landscape volunteer at the museum since the summer of 2017. While the POA Grounds and Maintenance crews handle the mowing and weed eating, Patrice has maintained all the flower beds, plants and bushes on the museum grounds. Now she and her husband have moved out of state to be nearer her mother-in-law, so on April 26, she met with Bella Vista Garden Club member Jim Richardson, who volunteered to be her successor. Xyta Lucas presented Patrice with a certificate of appreciation that day. We thank her again for all the hours she put in and extend a big welcome to Jim!



Patrice had planted these pretty spotted bellflowers, which are still blooming.



Jim immediately got busy and has already made several contributions to our landscape. He planted two new trees on the highway side of the parking lot and he added a Monarch butterfly waystation in front of the museum. These waystations provide milkweeds, nectar plants and shelter for Monarchs throughout their annual cycle of reproduction and migration. If you are interested in doing what Jim did, contact www.MonarchWatch.org.



Jim also hung a bluebird box at the Settler's cabin, which was immediately put into use, and he built a bench to put under the window of the cabin which museum visitors have already enjoyed. Once again, our sympathies go to Jim in the loss of his wife.



We also thank Jeannette Hume who has volunteered to help keep the weeds under control, and Fran Boulware who donated a new long hose to make it easier to water everything.

WORK DAY JUNE 13

We again thank the Benton County Jail for their program which allows Work Detail Teams help nonprofits throughout the county on various projects. On June 13, a crew came to the museum to do several tasks, including the hanging of one of the signs the POA had donated to us. It originally included the words "Village Hall", which Cooper Communities named the former Sunset Hotel and used as their corporate headquarters from 1966 to 1992. After the building was vacated in 1992, the words were blanked off the sign. Volunteer Jim Lucas painted them back in prior to the Team hanging the sign at the museum.



After working at the museum, the team headed out to the Beavers cemetery and then to the Donovan/Nott cemetery to mow and weed-eat. When they returned to the museum for lunch, they also did some weed-eating of an area behind the museum building, and trimmed some of the bushes alongside the building.

OUR THANKS THIS QUARTER ALSO GO TO...

- Bill Degge and Dorothy Miller for cleaning our WPA sign on display in front of the museum.
- Carol Phillips for her temporary exhibit of historic fly fishing equipment. It was well received.
- Jack Kellogg for his continued help with our computer and security systems as well as videotaping interviews (along with his wife Shirley), editing them and making multiple copies for us.
- Jill Werner for taking on lots of extra docent shifts this quarter, and her husband Steve Werner for helping resolve issues with our security system.
- Debbie Sorensen for promoting our pictorial history book about Bella Vista at her quarterly POA Meet & Greet for new residents.
- The volunteers who helped with cemetery maintenance: Dale Phillips, Gary Mertz, Paul Beran, Chuck Pribbernow, Gary Reynolds and our Summit Cemetery neighbor on Portsbury Circle, Charles Willcockson.
- As always, the POA for their printing services and lawn care, and the City of Bella Vista for its continued financial support.
- All of our volunteers including our docents and Board members who are responsible for all the compliments we get from visitors about our museum. That makes us all feel really good!

WONDERLAND CAVE IN THE NEWS...Update

As mentioned in our March newsletter, Krista Bradley, a native of Fayetteville who now lives in Bella Vista, is an actress and has her own production company. She is working on a documentary and film project which features a fictional story set in 1930, the year that the Linebargers opened an underground night club in Wonderland Cave. On the morning of June 11, she came to the museum to film Constance Waddell and Xyta Lucas for the documentary. In the afternoon she and her crew filmed two of the C.A. Linebarger Sr. granddaughters, Ann Boyd and Carole Harter, at Ann's home in Springdale. In the pictures below, Constance is with the makeup artist and then is being interviewed by Krista.



OTHER RECENT EVENTS

As this lengthy newsletter reflects, this was probably the busiest spring quarter in our museum's history. Here are additional happenings not already mentioned:

April 4: Xyta Lucas and Dale Phillips spoke at the Bella Vista Public Library about the history of Dug Hill, in partnership with the Village on the Lakes Poets and Writers group who are trying to raise funds for renovating the Dug Hill church which they have now leased

April 7: Xyta Lucas spoke to the Bella Vista Lutheran Church's women's group about early church history throughout Bella Vista.

April 8: Dale Phillips spoke to the Retired Federal Employees Group about the Civil War in our area.

April 23: Xyta Lucas and Dale Phillips represented the museum at the POA Spring Bazaar at Riordan Hall.

April 25: Xyta Lucas and Dale Phillips repeated the Dug Hill presentation for the Butterfield Trails Questers chapter.

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May 3: Dale Phillips spoke to the United Lutheran Church group about the Bella Vista Civil War Roundtable.

May 14: Xyta Lucas and Dale Phillips represented the museum at the Bella Vista Business Association 'Celebrate Business' fair at Riordan Hall.

June 3: Trash pickup began at the museum for the first time since the building was opened in 1985. Last year we had a hot water tank installed and now we have trash service. All of our volunteers appreciate these improvements!

June 7: Volunteers decorated the front porch of the museum with their colorful 'Yarn Bombing' works of art which will remain in place through July 11. Yarn bombing is a form of street art in which artists cover or decorate public objects with knitted or crocheted yarn. The museum was one of 3 places chosen for this display, along with the Library and City Hall. The Bella Vista Arts Council is sponsoring the temporary art installation which is called "Bella Vista in Bloom."

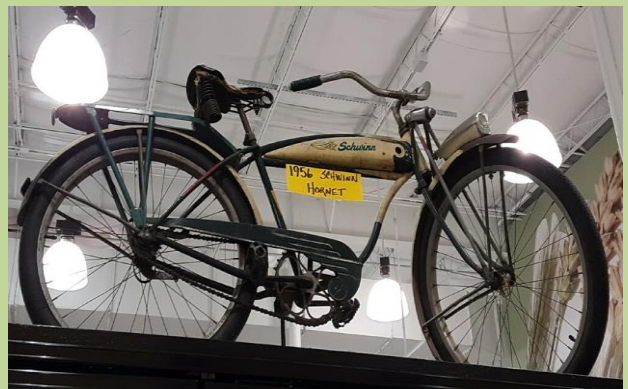
June 9/10: Bryan Jones installed a new regular HVAC unit in our Harter Room to replace the second mini-split we'd had installed since the room was built in 2015. We hope this will be the answer to our problems in that room.

June 12: Xyta Lucas repeated the Dug Hill presentation to the Benton County Historical Association in Bentonville.

BICYCLES AT ALLEN'S

Since bicycles and bike trails are such a hot topic in Bella Vista now, we thought you'd like to see these photos of bicycles from the late 1950's that Steve Morrow has displayed at Allen's Food Market. It's well known that Steve is a big history buff but still, a display of historic bicycles is rather unusual!

Pictured below as labeled...top row, left to right: 1959 Paper Boy Special, 1959 Schwinn Tornado; bottom row, left to right: 1955 Schwinn Phantom; 1956 Schwinn Hornet.



MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Bella Vista Historical Society is based on the calendar year, but we accept new memberships throughout the year, with renewals due the following January. You may mail your check to us, or stop by in person when we are open to pay by check, credit card or debit card.

By becoming a member, you support the preservation of Bella Vista's rich and unique history, and help us educate the public. Benefits include receipt of our quarterly newsletter and an invitation to our annual membership meeting usually held each March. Our newsletter is available by email or snail mail, but of course we would prefer to have your email address so that we can avoid mailing costs. If you don't have email, however, we will mail our newsletter to your home address. We have no paid staff, so all revenue, including membership dues and donations, is applied to our general operating expenses unless you specify a particular project. We very much appreciate the financial support we receive from the City of Bella Vista, which helps us pay for major operational expenses, but we still need your individual membership dues and donations to help us to continue to improve the museum in every way we possibly can. Thank you!

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Thank you for your support!