



# INTERLINK

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800-666-2877  
www.artrs.gov



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## Area Conferences to be Held Virtually

In place of the area conferences held around the state each spring, each ARTA membership area will be holding a virtual meeting for their respective members.

Area I  
April 27 10 AM  
Meeting ID: 818 6501 7295  
Passcode: 280564

Area II  
April 27 2 PM  
Meeting ID: 842 8699 8557  
Passcode: 978639

Area III  
April 29 2 PM  
Meeting ID: 883 3826 6230  
Passcode: 520797

Area IV  
May 11 10 AM  
Meeting ID: 891 1182 6927  
Passcode: 936601

Area V  
May 4 2 PM  
Meeting ID: 834 1498 8856  
Passcode: 183643

Area VI  
May 4 10 AM  
Meeting ID: 834 2309 9950  
Passcode: 867559

Area VII  
April 29 10 AM  
Meeting ID: 811 4538 1489  
Passcode: 204167

Area VIII  
May 11 2 PM  
Meeting ID: 853 5019 6580  
Passcode: 278285

Area meetings are open to anyone with the meeting information. Participants can join their meeting from the web at [www.artanow.com/meetings](http://www.artanow.com/meetings).

Those without internet or a web-enabled device can join the meeting by telephone. Call 312-626-6799 or 346-248-7799 and enter the meeting ID and passcode when prompted.

## Annual ARTA Convention Goes Virtual

The Annual ARTA State Convention will be held virtually on May 25, 2021 at 10 AM.

Business items include the election of officers and the approval of changes to the constitution. Guests from ATRS and our insurance vendors will be invited to give reports.

All ARTA members are invited to participate.

Join the meeting from the web at [www.artanow.com/convention](http://www.artanow.com/convention) or by phone at 312-626-6799 or 346-248-7799.

Meeting ID: 894 5353 3293  
Passcode: 310909

### Zoom 101 Training

April 8, 2 PM or April 15, 10 AM

Visit [www.artanow.com/meetings](http://www.artanow.com/meetings) for more information

# Message from the President

## A Sense of Optimism

Life as we knew it was forever changed last March when Governor Hutchinson announced the discovery of COVID 19 in Arkansas. After a full year now of navigating through “Pandemic Life” I am finally feeling a sense of optimism. Our infected numbers are decreasing, and our vaccinated numbers are increasing! After receiving my vaccine, I immediately began to feel a bit safer, as if it were a shield of protection allowing me to embark into this next phase of our “new norm.”



As restrictions are lifted throughout the country, and even here in Arkansas, I’m personally hesitant to remove my mask so quickly. Call it the teacher in me, but I still question all the unknowns and with the prevalence of new virus strands, I’m going to take my time in lifting my own safety requirements. I look forward to the day when I can tell my grandchildren how I survived the Pandemic of 2020.

Enough of that - let’s get on with our ARTA news!

I sincerely appreciate those of you that have joined me, through Zoom, for our regular ARTA meetings. I would also like to thank those that have participated in their respective local meetings. The Zoom program we purchased with a small grant from NRTA quickly became an asset to many of us through these trying times. This virtual technology allows us to stay engaged and involved with each other by allowing us to remain safe in our homes.

Please note that our area meetings this year, as well as our state convention, will also be held virtually through Zoom. I am optimistic of your attendance and participation at these meetings.

Tammy, our Communications Coordinator, will hold two more workshops to assist any members that are not quite comfortable navigating through Zoom. Please sign up for additional help if you feel you may need it. The Zoom trainings will be on April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, you may also call the office at 501-375-2958 if you need personal assistance. New technology can always be a bit terrifying but there is no need to fear, the ARTA staff is wonderful.

I hope you have enjoyed the additions we have included this year in an attempt to keep members informed and active. The “WHISPERS” email is sent every Friday to keep you informed of what has been happening in the legislature this year. I have had two Zoom sessions on Birds of Arkansas, coordinated with The Audubon Society and President-elect David Cauldwell hosted a series of “coffee hours”. I hope you have enjoyed those sessions.

I am planning other topics to discuss in groups soon. Follow the “whispers” and “Like” and follow our Facebook page for up-to-date information on these sessions. If you have suggestions of subjects you would like to discuss, please feel free to reach out to me at 501-920-1717.

I feel incredibly pleased at our ATRS performance in the Arkansas legislature this year. So far, we have had nothing pass that affects our retirement in a negative manner. Thanks to all the legislators having worked on our behalf. If you know your legislator personally, please thank them for our group. Maintaining strong working relationships with our legislators is very important and we want them to know we appreciate and support them.

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your president of our retirement group this year. I feel honored you have entrusted me with this grave task during these most unusual and trying times. We have maintained membership and for that we should all be grateful.

**Emilie Monk**

ARTA President

## Important Contact Information

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# Message from the Executive Director

## All Aboard

Happy Spring of 2021! ARTA is so looking forward to the time that our local units, areas, ARTA board and the general membership can have face to face meetings. Even with the vaccines, it will still be quite a while before large groups can safely gather. My church is starting to reopen by limiting the congregation to 60 people with advanced reservations. This has been such a difficult year for all of us and it is still premature to gather in large groups for the next several months. We may have gotten off the roller coaster of the pandemic, only to board the train. My hope is that the light at the end of the tunnel will be sunshine and not an oncoming train.

Thanks to technology, ARTA leaders have been able to watch the Arkansas Legislature and legislative committee meetings virtually. Many contacts with elected officials have been made. Bills that effect the ATRS system were all technical corrections from the System. We have had a group of ARTA activists on Zoom meetings each Monday afternoon to discuss other legislation of interest to members.

President Monk has hosted some special interest Zooms around nature in Arkansas. President-elect Cauldwell led a group on men's issues of interest. We have attempted to engage with members by technology and would love to offer other opportunities. If you would like to suggest or lead a group, let us know. A monthly book club is one example of a possible Zoom.

Many local units have used Zoom through the ARTA account to hold meetings. We encourage locals who can safely gather in a space with a large screen to view a Zoom together. Union County and Franklin County have done this successfully.

The Annual ARTA State Convention will be held by Zoom on May 25 at 10 AM. The ARTA Board of Directors made the decision in February to have the virtual meeting for the safety of all members. The eight ARTA areas will have Zoom meetings in April and May to nominate and elect their members to leadership positions.



We all hope that face to face meetings can resume in the fall with the option for individuals to connect virtually at the same time. This is a positive consequence for the future that allows more members to have opportunities to connect with their local units. Yes, we will have face to face meetings but others can join in via technology. As most of you know, Zoom meetings are accessible by a computer device or by telephone without internet connection.

Please contact the ARTA office with your ideas for how we can better serve the ARTA membership. We love hearing from all of our members, such as Velma Stirling, a retired school secretary over 100 years old who recently called the ARTA office. Each of you are important and needed to share the mission of ARTA with other retired and active public-school employees.

Please be safe, wash your hands, watch your personal space and wear a face covering in public. Stay on the train till we can reach a safe depot.

*Donna*

When a train goes through a tunnel  
and it gets dark, you don't throw  
away the ticket and jump off.  
You sit still and trust the engineer.

~ Corrie Ten Boom

## Welcome New Life Members

### Benton County

Rachel B. Baker  
Angela Kay White

### Carroll County

Diana R. Sturtz

### Cleburne County

Glenda Ann Keller  
Pam Vaughn

### Columbia County

Mary Beth Goodwin

### Craighead County

Dotty Burrow  
Robin Nichols

### Crittenden County

Annette R. Johnson

### Faulkner County

Lois Katherine Fulton

### Howard County

Deb Tackett

### Independence County

Barbara Ann Finley  
Elaine Long Vinson

### Jefferson County

Christine Bonds

### Lonoke County

Deborah Skidmore

### Mississippi County

Thelma L. Veach

### Pulaski County

Alvena M. Grisson  
Elizabeth A. Herring  
Mildred A. Hood  
Tracy L. Mason  
Bernestine Rhodes  
Karen G. Worsham

### Saline County

Porter Sims

### Van Buren County

Tina Kimbrell

### Washington County

William R. Epperson  
Sheri L. Neil  
James D. Paul  
Tracy Lynn Reed  
Jeanne R. Robson

### White County

Trey Reely

### Out-of-State

Ngan K. Duong  
Gay M. Hensley  
Elizabeth A. Pace

# Parsons-Burnett Scholarship Grants

The application period for the Parsons-Burnett Scholarship Grants is now open. Active educators in Arkansas’s public schools are encouraged to apply.

ARTA members are asked to help promote the availability of the scholarships by sharing this information with others:

- Active educators you know personally
- Local school districts
- Universities in your area or where you are an alumnus or have a relationship
- Your other professional and fraternal organizations
- Local media, including community pages
- Social media

To request a copy of the application guidelines or a sample press release, contact Tammy Gray at [tammy\\_arta@att.net](mailto:tammy_arta@att.net).

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
- **Life Continuing Membership**—authorize a monthly deduction from your retirement check in addition to your life membership (#4 on the membership form)
- **Group Donation**—from organization funds or from a special contribution (request, raffle, etc.)
- **Memorial** in honor of a public education retiree or supporter
- **Honorarium** for professional services that were rendered without charge, such as for speakers or presenters at unit meetings.

The link to the application guidelines and form are located on the ARTA web page at [www.artanow.org/resources](http://www.artanow.org/resources). Applications must be submitted online. The deadline for submissions is June 15, 2021.

## Memorials and Donations

NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY

Thanks to the thoughtfulness and generosity of individuals and local units, \$1,055 in memorials, honorariums and donations were contributed to ARTA in the last three month period. An additional \$741 contributed by Life Continuing Members makes the total \$1,796.

Your gifts to ARTA, for whatever reason, are greatly appreciated and are a meaningful and substantive part of funding the Parsons—Burnett Scholarship Grants. These scholarships are awarded for educators currently practicing in Arkansas to further their graduate studies.

**Clark County RTA**

**In Memory of:**

Gwen Diemer  
Wendell Evanson  
Dr. Meta Wallace

**Faulkner County RTA**

**In Memory of:**

Vernelle Crews  
Annette Greenland  
JC Merritt

**Fulton County RTA**

**In Memory of:**

Lois Jean May

**Greene County RTA**

**In Memory of:**

Erie Ellen Sanders  
Judy Maureen Rowland

**Hempstead County RTA**

**In Memory of:**

Patsy Reece

**Independence Co. RTA**

**In Memory of:**

William “Dub” Carlile

**Izard County RTA**

**In Memory of:**

Paul Cooper

**Little Rock RTA**

**In Memory of:**

Brenda Hipp  
Katherine Gibson

**Logan County RTA**

**In Memory of:**

Charlotte Davis

**Miller County RTA**

**In Memory of:**

Katherine (Katy) Daniel  
Frank Rowe

**Nevada County RSEA**

**In Memory of:**

Reba House

**South Pulaski RTA**

**In Memory of:**

Gloria Nethercutt

**Van Buren Co. RT & SE Assn.**

**In Memory of:**

Betty Clark  
Peggy McCool

**West Central Counties RTA**

**In Memory of:**

Betty Oliver

**Yell County RTA**

**In Memory of:**

Al Drittler  
Kathryn McCormick  
Bobby Rollans

**Lloyd Black**

**In Memory of:**

Dr. Paul Fair

**Marlene Bush**

**In Memory of:**

Gloria Nethercutt

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## From the ARTA Office

As your ARTA office manager, what I normally contribute to the INTERLINK is information. For this issue, I also wanted to share some of what I do and how you can help.

In addition to taking care of the banking for ARTA, I am responsible for keeping the membership database up to date. This includes creating the mailing list, with membership status, for the INTERLINK. (If you received this copy of the newsletter in the mail, you are currently an active member of ARTA.)

Please take a couple of seconds to look at your name on this newsletter. Mine reads: POWELL, LINDA S LC.

What this means is that I am a Life Continuing Member of ARTA. Your name may be followed with CM (you are a Continuing Member), LM (you are a Life Member), LC (you are a Life Continuing member like me) or a number (21, 22 or possibly 23) which means you are an Annual Member whose membership will expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year indicated.

Every INTERLINK includes a membership form. Annual Members will be reminded to renew or upgrade their membership in June of each year. Right now, **unless you want to make a change in your membership status or update your address**, that form is there for you to share with someone who might be interested in joining ARTA.

As a membership organization, we rely on you even more now during this pandemic to get the word out about ARTA and the work we do for all public-school retirees. As your office manager, I appreciate your assistance in keeping our membership database up to date without duplication. I also thank you for supporting ARTA both by being a member and by helping to share our work with fellow retirees.

**Linda Powell**

ARTA Office Manager

## New Life Continuing Members

### Benton County

Brenda J. Smith  
David L. Smith

### Crittenden County

Ann M. Knight

### Van Buren County

Earlene D. Brecheen

### Out-of-State

Phyllane C. Johnson

## Memorials, *continued*

### David Cauldwell

#### In Memory of:

Sheila Freidenberger  
Betty Sutton  
Lloyd Phillips  
Rose Marie Willet

### Dr. Diana Glaze

#### In Memory of:

Dr. Paul Fair

### Mary Huie

#### In Memory of:

Vernelle Crews  
Gloria Nethercutt

### Etoyle Mouser

#### In Memory of:

Dr. Paul Fair  
Cheryl Fox  
John Hollimon

### Etoyle Mouser

#### In Memory of:

Judie Jones  
Jean Lovelace

### Nina Rowe

#### In Memory of:

Gloria Nethercutt

### Steve & Becky Singleton

#### In Memory of:

Vernelle Crews

### Dr. Ella Walker-Rolfe

#### In Memory of:

Raymond Chambers  
Dr. Paul Fair  
Gloria Merrick

## Bell to Continue with ATRS

Anita Bell will serve another term on the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System Board of Trustees. The 15-member board is responsible for the oversight of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System.

Ms. Bell joins other ARTA members Danny Knight, Bobby Lester and Lloyd Black on the board. Her term expires June 30, 2027.



# Area News

## Area II

The **Independence County RTA** continues to hold monthly meetings via Zoom. The meetings include unit business, a short program, and plenty of socializing.

## Area III

The **Phillips County RTA** also continues to hold monthly meetings via Zoom. The meetings include fellowship, unit business, and a guest speaker.

## Area IV

The **Miller County RTA** has begun holding monthly meetings via Zoom. They are looking forward to resuming in-person meetings in the future.

## Area V

The **Chicot County RTA** presented the residents of the Lake Village Rehabilitation and Care Center with caps and socks as part of their annual community service project. President Charles Freeman (right) and Vice President Vertie Staples (left) are pictured below with center employees.



## Area VII

The **Rogers RTA** of Benton County held a virtual holiday fundraiser. The \$1140 raised online was delivered to the NWA Food Bank.

## Area VIII

The **Retired Educators of Little Rock** have continued to hold monthly meetings via Zoom. Programs have consisted of guests speakers and entertainment provided by members.

The **Little Rock Retired Teachers** also continue to hold monthly meetings via Zoom. They are most proud of the community service they have continued to provide during the pandemic. Members Darryl Newcomb and Janice Botner (below) delivered the 64 boxes, 18 books and 405 masks that were assembled for the project.



Submit your photos, news and story ideas  
by April 30 for inclusion in  
the next issue of this newsletter.

## In Memoriam, *continued*

### Out of State

Judith A. Harrell  
Elizabeth A. Hippias  
Jane G. Jackson  
Mary E. Johnson  
Benjamin G. Jones

Donald D. Jordan  
Howell W. Keeter  
Mary A. Kimbrough  
Linda L. Kinard  
Joyce A. Lefevre  
Carrie I. Mabrey

Robert L. Matteo  
Marjorie M. McAllister  
Jane E. McHugh  
Gladys E. Meekins  
Loretta F. Meeks  
Bobby Moore  
Clara M. Nelson

Bruce A. Pepper  
Lola J. Porter  
Glenda R. Roberts  
Donna J. Rodery  
Frank A. Rowe  
Vicki L. Sanders  
Truella S. Shaw

Mathew R. Stewart  
Wanda L. Stewart  
Billye G. Townsend  
Delois Warren  
Claudie Watson  
Shirley A. Wilson  
Alma J. Wolf

# An Artist's Retrospective of 2020

ARTA member Mary Ann Stafford spent 2020 creating works of art, much as she has done since her retirement from education in 1993. Dr. Stafford enjoys working with watercolor, pastel and acrylic, as shown in the following examples.



## **"The Brothers"**

Acrylic on 24"x30"x1" wrapped canvas. Unframed, the edges are painted to continue the tones.

It won a 3rd place in the landscape category at a recent ALA exhibit.



## **"Spice"**

Pastel on 12"x16" self-prepared black gessoed support. Unframed.



## **"Mishmash"**

Watercolor, 19"x23. Framed.

Submitted for use as a mask design.



## **Greeting Card**

Example of a hand-painted greeting card sent to hospice patients. Personal message of comfort included by the artist.

**To view Mary Ann's complete 2021 retrospective visit [www.pastelanne.wordpress.com](http://www.pastelanne.wordpress.com).**

Dr. Stafford teaches drawing and pastel at the Maumelle Senior Wellness Center and recently retired as faculty member at the Arkansas Arts Center.

To learn more about the artist and her work, visit [www.staffordart.com](http://www.staffordart.com).

Due to COVID 19, we do not anticipate traveling much through 2021.

Many countries are denying entry to travelers from the United States or requiring a quarantine period once the travelers enter their countries. This adds so much time and expense to the trip and does not make for the great experience that ARTA travelers have come to expect.

The Arkansas Democrat Gazette had an article titled “Even with vaccines, travel planning this year remains complicated” dated March 16, 2021. In the article, Bill Jirsa, Georgetown, Texas is quoted as saying, “We’re just not comfortable with the current situation. Nobody can tell us that we can’t carry the virus and give it to someone else: no one knows for sure what the shots do with these new variants. Nobody likes the unknown. So how can you plan when there’s so much you can’t plan for?”

As of now, the following trips are still on: Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Parks, Autumn in Vermont, Classic Danube River Cruise, Heritage of America and Nashville & The Smoky Mountains. Collette decides 30 days prior to departure if trips will not be allowed to continue. We will contact you if a trip is cancelled or changed, and you will be offered a full refund or the option to transfer your reservation.

Mary Huie retired in 2020. Donna Morey is the current travel contact. She will contact those who have booked a trip if there are changes or cancellations. You can also contact her at the ARTA office at 501-375-2958 or by email at [donna\\_arta@att.net](mailto:donna_arta@att.net).

Suggestions for future trips are welcome at any time.

Watch for the next INTERLINK, when we hope to have many travel opportunities once again planned for 2022.

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

## 2021 Travel Opportunities

### 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. **Booking Closed—Call for availability**

### 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. **Booking Closed—Call for availability**

### 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. **Booking Closed—Call for availability**



## Heritage of America

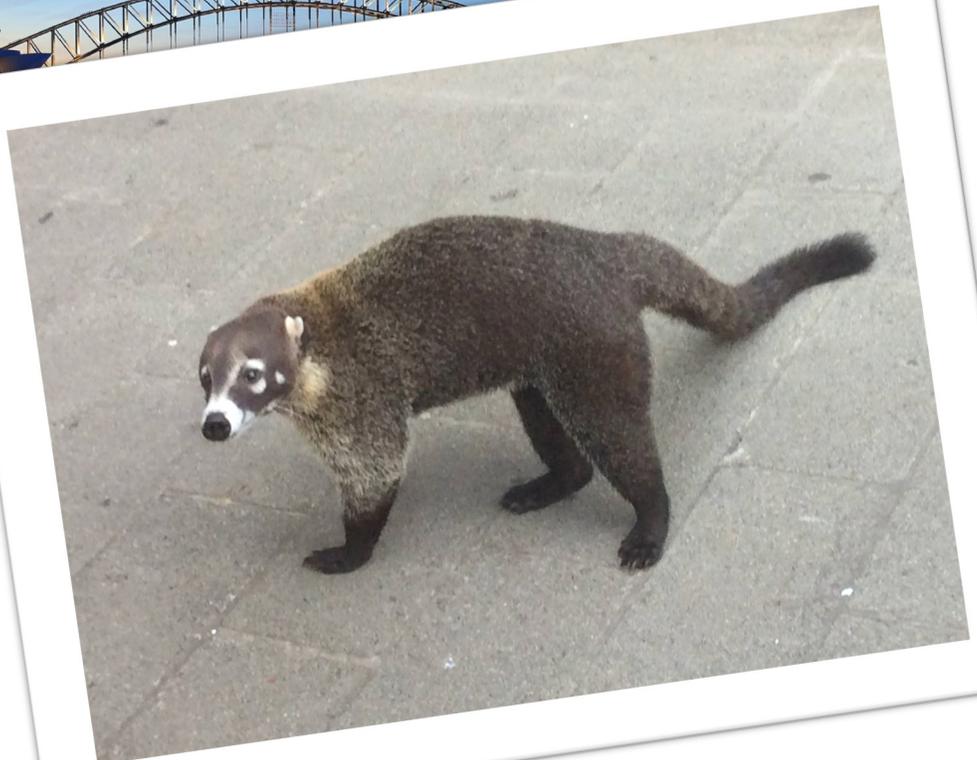
**October 24—November 1, 2021**

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. **Save \$200 pp—Book by April 24, 2021**

## 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**



Wish  
You  
Were  
Here

# In Memoriam

## **Arkansas County**

Mary C. Boley  
Bobby G. Flanagan  
Johnny M. Purdy

## **Ashley County**

Carolyn S. Harris  
Linda K. Harville  
Norma B. Lawrence  
Rava L. Reed

## **Baxter County**

Gordon D. Addington  
Bobby D. Hulse

## **Benton County**

Melvin R. Cambron  
Verna L. Dodd  
Sheila Freidenberger  
Juanita M. Fryer  
Billie A. Furlow  
Mae E. Hickman  
Gina M. Kell  
Hazel I. Layton  
Brenda S. Mask  
Loretta I. Millsap  
Maurice L. Moore, Jr.  
Jean M. Pendergraft  
Jacqueline Rozell  
Susan J. Stewart  
Norma C. Sumalinog  
Allie R. Vastine  
Johnny T. Webb  
Vickey D. Wilber  
Rose M. Willett

## **Boone County**

Deborah L. Kelley  
Jerry Wheaton  
Diana N. Young

## **Bradley County**

Sharon J. Braswell  
Lucille Cherry  
Russell Isbell

## **Carroll County**

Catherine A. Dorsey  
Frankie L. Robinson  
Archie C. Swofford

## **Chicot County**

Joyce J. McCree  
Gail M. Robinson  
Betty L. Simpson

## **Clark County**

Jasper R. Benton  
Wendell O. Evanson  
Sandra K. Matthews  
Barbara S. McAfee

## **Clark County**

Billie J. Miller  
Norma J. Todd  
Helen L. Vowan

## **Clay County**

Lendall L. Vannada

## **Cleburne County**

Gary F. Nipper

## **Columbia County**

Edward E. Bailey, Jr.  
Ida M. Burton  
Julius C. Phillips  
Betty L. Ramsey  
James W. Rowe, Jr.  
Meta S. Wallace

## **Conway County**

Joye B. Beeson  
Raymond Chambers  
Doris J. Flowers  
Donna L. Hardin  
Murriel Hester  
Charles F. Sharp

## **Craighead County**

Jerry W. Austin  
Tacey L. Cravens  
Glenda B. Culpepper  
Janis G. Davis  
Glenvell D. Fletcher  
Ladohnna L. Freeman  
Ola Kirk  
Mary M. McRaven  
Robert L. Pratt  
Martha A. Prince  
John J. Rankin  
Dorotha E. Roden  
Nadine Runsick  
Betty L. Watkins  
Jimmy H. Wilson

## **Crawford County**

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