



# HOT SPRING COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## THE COFFIN ROOM

Some of you may know that the back room of the Heritage House was once a coffin warehouse. Our building was the site of the original Cooper Funeral Home in Malvern, owned by F. D. and Helen Cooper. The back portion of the building was used as a casket/coffin warehouse hence the name the “Coffin Room”.

We have been working to make this room suitable for accession, storage and a work area. These improvements will help with costs of utilities and improve the quality of storage. We are proud to say,

**“IT IS FINISHED!”**



## JANUARY MEETING

Our January 07<sup>th</sup> meeting was a Show N Tell. Many items were shared for presentation and viewing. We are grateful to those who came to our meeting and for members who had historical items to Show N Tell about.

## February Meeting

The February 04<sup>th</sup> meeting was held in the Great Room at the College of the Ouachitas. Kim Sanders from the Butler Center in Little Rock gave a thorough presentation on the Japanese Internment Camps in Arkansas.

## March Meeting

For March the 4<sup>th</sup> our program was a Heritage House orientation and training. Tours of Various areas in the building were given with their purpose explained. Information was given our members who volunteer to staff our building. It is an ongoing learning process.

We mourn the loss of Bonnie Jean Stanley, one of our charter members. Through the years she served in many offices and wrote multiple articles for the Heritage. We will miss her smile, her wisdom and her incredible work ethic. Her legacy will live on.

## April Meeting

The April 01<sup>st</sup> meeting was enlightening, as many of us thought we already knew the history of the Malvern Daily Record, we learned that we did not! Our presenter, Mr. Kelly Freudensprung, is the current Publisher of our fine paper. Kinney Black was recognized as one of our 2018 Patron Members. John Allan Funk was recognized also but was unable to attend this meeting. The Histriology Group, made up of the HSC Library, Museum and Historical Society work together to preserve the past for the future. They hosted our first ever historical resources block party on Saturday, April 27 to raise funds for each organization. Thanks to all who supported the event. It was a great success.

## May Meeting

At the May meeting the speaker had to reschedule so we had a Business Meeting and an informal discussion where members told about their individual works in progress.



All eyes & ears were on the speaker.



Whose marbles were these?



Block Party, a great SUCCESS!

Reminder, if you haven't done so, please pay your 2019 membership dues.

**HSCHS June meeting will be June 3 at 7:00 at the HSC Library Genealogy Annex.**