

# Newsletter

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## Edit Those Entries. Fact-check Those Footnotes. AHA Award Season Begins

Each year, the Arkansas Historical Association (AHA) presents a variety of awards to honor the best contributions in the field of Arkansas history. Winners receive their awards at a banquet held during the association's annual meeting. The AHA currently is accepting entries for the next round of awards. For complete guidelines and information regarding these awards, visit the AHA website at [www.arkansashistoricalassociation.org](http://www.arkansashistoricalassociation.org). Click on the "AHA Awards" tab. In addition to the following annual awards, the AHA also occasionally presents three discretionary awards: the Lifetime Achievement Award, the Diamond Award, and Certificates of Merit.

**James H. Atkinson Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Arkansas History:** given to an elementary or secondary school teacher who teaches a course in Arkansas history. Deadline for entries is March 1, 2011. The winner receives \$1,000 and a framed certificate.

**Susannah DeBlack Award:** given for the best book or series of books for young readers (grades K-8) on an Arkansas history-related topic published within the preceding two years. Deadline for entries is February 1, 2011. The winner receives \$200 and a framed certificate.

**Charles O. Durnett Award:** given for the best manuscript article on some aspect of Arkansas's Civil War history—whether military, social, economic, or cultural. Deadline for entries is February 1, 2011. The winner receives \$250 and a framed certificate.



John G. and Dora J. Ragsdale received the AHA Lifetime Achievement Award at the association's annual conference held in Jonesboro last spring. This photo shows AHA president Laura Miller presenting Mr. Ragsdale with the award, which was given for lifelong dedication to the study, teaching, and preservation of Arkansas history. See pages 4 and 5 for photos of additional award winners.

**J. G. Ragsdale Book Award:** given for the best book-length historical study (nonfiction) of any aspect of Arkansas history. Deadline for entries is January 1, 2011. The winner receives \$1,000 and a certificate.

**Lucille Westbrook Local History Award:** given for the best manuscript article on a local Arkansas topic. The article must deal with some phase of neighborhood, city, county, or regional history or some person associated with local Arkansas history. Deadline for entries is February 1, 2011. The winner receives \$1,000 and a framed certificate.

**Violet B. Gingles Award:** given for the best manuscript article on any Arkansas history topic. The article can deal with any phase of the history of the state or with any individual connected with its past. Deadline for entries is February 1, 2011. The winner receives \$500 and a framed certificate.

**Walter L. Brown Awards:** The Arkansas Historical Association sponsors an awards program for Arkansas county and local historical journals. Deadline for entries is February 1, 2011. Awards are given for:

- Best County or Local Journal—\$100 and certificate
- Honorable Mention (runner-up) for Best County or Local Journal—certificate
- Best Article in a County or Local Journal—\$100 and certificate
- Best Biography, Autobiography, or Memoir—certificate
- Best Business History—certificate
- Best Church History—certificate
- Best Community History—certificate
- Best Edited Document—certificate
- Best Family History—certificate
- Best School History—certificate
- Best Use of Graphics in a Journal—certificate

The Arkansas Women's History Institute also sponsors an Arkansas history award that is presented at the AHA annual conference. The Susie Pryor Award, which is named in honor of Susie Hampton Newton Pryor, is given for the best unpublished essay on topics in Arkansas women's history. Deadline for submission is February 15, 2011. The winner receives \$1,000. For guidelines, submission forms, and more information about the Susie Pryor Award, visit the Arkansas Women's History Institute website at [www.arkansaswomen.org](http://www.arkansaswomen.org) or contact Ashley Edwards ([aedwards@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aedwards@sbcglobal.net) or 479-381-1900).

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# New AHA Website Includes Items of Interest Section



The new site is a work in progress, and the association invites your comments on ways to improve the site and the organization's web presence. You can send your feedback to President Laura Miller at [laura\\_a\\_miller@nps.gov](mailto:laura_a_miller@nps.gov).

One of the new features is an Items of Interest section that includes brief listings of upcoming events in the history community. See page 6 of this newsletter for sample listings.

If you have events you would like listed in the Items of Interest section, send them to:

AHA, working with Aristotle, Inc., has constructed a new website for the organization with an association-specific URL. The home page features a slide show of Arkansas photographs plus links to additional information about AHA. You can access the new site at: [www.arkansashistoricalassociation.org](http://www.arkansashistoricalassociation.org).

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## Join the Arkansas Historical Association

Membership includes four issues of the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* per year, as well as the Association's newsletter.

### Membership Levels

- Individual .....\$20
- Individual, two year.....\$35
- Family.....\$35
- Foreign .....\$30
- Student.....\$15
- Contributing .....\$50
- Sustaining.....\$100
- Supporting .....\$200
- Life Membership.....\$500  
(payable over three years)
- Permanent Membership.....\$1,000  
(payable over five years)

### One-Year Corporate/Business Memberships

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Send this form along with payment to:  
Arkansas Historical Association  
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# 2010 AHA Awards Banquet

## April 16, 2010 — Jonesboro, Arkansas

Photos by Donna Ludlow



**J. G. Ragsdale Book Award**  
William L. Shea  
*Fields of Blood:  
The Prairie Grove Campaign*



**AHA Award of Merit**

Butler Center for Arkansas Studies  
"FORGOTTEN: The Arkansas  
Korean War Project"  
(Brian Robertson accepting)



**Walter L. Brown Award for  
Best County or Local Journal**  
*The Journal*  
(Billy D. Higgins accepting)



**Violet G. Gingles Award**  
Sherry Laymon  
"Development of the McClellan-Kerr  
Arkansas River Navigation Project."



**Lucille Westbrook Award**  
Judy Byrd Brittenum  
"Verna Cook Garvan: Time in a Garden"



**Walter L. Brown Award for  
Honorable Mention (runner up) for  
Best County or Local Journal**  
*Pulaski County Historical Review*  
and  
**Walter L. Brown Award for Best Use  
of Graphics in a Journal**  
*Pulaski County Historical Review*  
(Bob Razer accepting)



**Walter L. Brown Award for Best Edited Document**  
 Sharon Shugart  
 "The Letters of Frank Coyce Stearns, 1877–1881"  
*The Record*



**Walter L. Brown Award for Best Business History**  
 H. Glenn Mosenthin  
 "The Delta Eagle: A Little Known but Luxurious Train"  
*Historical Bulletin*



**Susie Pryor Award in Arkansas Women's History**  
 Nancy Hendricks  
 "A Friend in Deed: The Private Correspondence of Senator Hattie Caraway in the V.C. Keys Archives"



**Walter L. Brown Award for Best Community History**  
 Marilyn Chlebak  
 "The White River Bridge Club, 1976–1983"  
*The Independence County Chronicle*

**Not Pictured**  
**James H. Atkinson Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Arkansas History**  
 Tracy McAllister  
 Wooster Elementary in Greenbrier

**Walter L. Brown Award for Best Article in a County or Local Journal**  
 Jamie Metraier  
 "Skilled Workers in Little Rock's Building Trades, Manufactories and Railroads from 1871 to 1890"  
*Pulaski County Historical Review*

**Walter L. Brown Award for Best Biography, Autobiography, or Memoir**  
 Abby Burnett  
 "A Life Defined by Death: Clementine Watson Boles, 1839–1921"  
*Flashback*



**Walter L. Brown Award for Best Family History**  
 Dale Hanks  
 "The Roe Family: Play Ball!"  
*The Arkansas Family Historian*



In 1919, Governor Charles Brough gained permission from the Department of War to send more than 500 battle-tested troops from Camp Pike to Elaine in Phillips County in an effort to quell rising racial tensions during what came to be known as the Elaine Massacre. The Arkansas Chapter of the American Red Cross set up tent canteens to service the troops stationed in the area.

*Photo courtesy of the Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture.*

## Items of Interest

Visit the AHA website at [www.arkansashistoricalassociation.org](http://www.arkansashistoricalassociation.org) to view the full list of events around the state.

November 3, 2010

Legacies & Lunch / Rabbi Ira E. Sanders Distinguished Lecture  
Bobby Roberts "Centennial Anniversary of the Central  
Arkansas Library System"

Little Rock: Central Arkansas Library System, Darragh Center  
[www.butlercenter.org](http://www.butlercenter.org)

November 5-6, 2010

Arkansas Genealogical Society's Fall Seminar and Book Fair  
"Tears, Settlers, Railroads & Steeples: Tracing Ancestral  
Tracks"

Little Rock: Holiday Inn-Airport  
[www.agsgenealogy.org](http://www.agsgenealogy.org)

November 13, 2010

Walks Through History  
Shaheen-Goodfellow Weekend Cottage ("Stoneflower")  
Eden Isle

[www.arkansaspreservation.com](http://www.arkansaspreservation.com)

November 13, 2010

Cemetery Resource Fair  
Little Rock: Mosaic Templars Cultural Center  
Holly Hope ([holly@arkansasheritage.org](mailto:holly@arkansasheritage.org)) or Brian Driscoll  
([brian@arkansasheritage.org](mailto:brian@arkansasheritage.org))

December 3, 2010

Sandwiching in History  
Herschell-Spillman Carousel  
Little Rock: Little Rock Zoo

[www.arkansaspreservation.com](http://www.arkansaspreservation.com)

January 19, 2011

"Arkansas's Apple Roots"  
Springdale: Shiloh Museum of Ozark History  
[www.springdalear.gov/shiloh/index.html](http://www.springdalear.gov/shiloh/index.html)

January 28-29, 2011

3rd Annual Fort Smith History Conference.  
"The Civil War in Arkansas: Voices from the Dust"  
Fort Smith  
[www.claytonhouse.org](http://www.claytonhouse.org)

February 1, 2011

"Leave Town and Never Return: Racial Cleansing in Arkansas"  
Springdale: Shiloh Museum of Ozark History  
[www.springdalear.gov/shiloh/index.html](http://www.springdalear.gov/shiloh/index.html)

April 14-16, 2011

Arkansas Historical Association Annual Conference  
"A Gathering Storm: Arkansas Goes to War"  
Little Rock

[www.arkansashistoricalassociation.org](http://www.arkansashistoricalassociation.org)