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THE QQA **QQA Chronicle**

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QQA Annual Membership Meeting & Greater Little Rock Preservation Awards

Date & Time

Wednesday, November 2, 2022
5:30 PM

Place

Trinity Cathedral, Morrison Hall,
310 W 17th St, Little Rock, AR 72206

RSVP

RSVP by Tuesday, October 24.

QQA Members, Award Winners & Guests Only

Not sure about the status of your membership? Email gqa@quapaw.com or call 501-371-0075 ext. 3



RSVP for Members Meeting & Awards

Member & Supporters Survey

The QQA wants to learn more about you! You can help by completing the Member &

Supporter Survey. It will take less than 10 minutes to finish.

The Members & Supporters Survey will allow us to understand more about how our members and supporters interact with us, what they are looking for in terms of communication, and why they give to or support the organization through volunteering or donations. This will allow us to create new educational or fundraising events, and it will allow us to directly target advertising and community communication more efficiently.



[Click Here to Complete the Survey](#)

Wooden Window Restoration and Weatherization Boot Camp

The QQA, partnering with Dunbar Historic Neighborhood Association, and historic preservation workforce advocate Marshall Ray, has finalized plans for a Window Restoration and Weatherization boot camp to be held in Little Rock, October 25 thru 29, 2022.

Nationally recognized instructor, Bob Yapp, will provide hands-on instruction to a group of 18 craftspeople. The boot camp will take place at the National Register-listed Ernest Green House in the historic Dunbar neighborhood. Ernest Green was one of the Little Rock Nine and the first African American graduate of Little Rock Central High School. By the end of the weeklong workshop, the participants will have restored at least 9 of the original windows of the landmark property.



Ernest Green House

Curran Hall has New Operating Hours



Starting on September 6, 2022, Curran Hall is now open to the public Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm and closed on Sundays. It will also be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

The QQA has been responsible for managing Curran Hall since 2007. A 2010 management agreement between the QQA, the City of Little Rock, and the Little Rock Convention and Visitors' Bureau (LRCVB) outlined the responsibilities of each party and the Visitor Information Center operating hours.

The Little Rock Visitor Information Center was closed from March 2020 to June 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When the facility was closed, the city and the LRCVB suspended their respective management fees. Following the reopening of the facility in 2021, the city reinstated its portion of the management fee of \$40,000 per year, but the LRCVB did not reinstate its share of \$60,000 per year.

The QQA cut back staff hours and minimized expenses but is still losing on average \$1000 per month to keep the Visitor Information Center open every day per the 2010 agreement.

In March of this year, QQA Board President David Robinson and QQA Executive Director Patricia Blick reached out to the City to request a modification to the 2010 Management

Agreement. The QQA Board of Directors suggested the new reduced hours and closing on Sundays. In mid-August, the City agreed to this revision and is working on a modification to the 2010 Management Agreement.

Volunteer Spotlight: Ann West



Frequent QQA volunteer Ann West loves her neighborhood and has for over 40 years. She's had a house on the QQA Tour of Homes three times, worked as a hostess at the Villa Marre during the QQA's tenure there, and wrote articles and took photographs for the Chronicle. She keeps volunteering, "I love what the QQA does, and I've seen some changes over the years. I love the conversations we have about preservation, and the advocacy work the QQA does."

She first moved to the Governor's Mansion Historic District in Little Rock during the early 1980s. Her husband at the time, Ray West, was sent to Little Rock as a union organizer from their previous home in Denver where he worked as a union official. Due to some political issues within the organization, Ray West was transferred to Arkansas. "Little Rock," Ann says, "was like union Siberia."

They had always wanted to own an older home and admired many of the beautiful Victorian-style homes in downtown Denver. They were separated for a year after her husband's transfer so that they could sell their Colorado house and get their children situated. Ray West bought a house downtown so they could finally get one of those older homes they admired. At the time, many people told them not to live downtown because it was considered dangerous.

"The only thing that upset me the whole time we were living there was I had a Porsche and someone stole my radio and tapes out of it," Ann says.

A year later she was working for the QQA as a hostess for their venue rentals at Villa Marre, pregnant with twins, and starting classes at the William H. Bowen school of law.

After Ann divorced her first husband, she moved into another historic home in the neighborhood – this time on Gaines street. She remarried briefly, but that husband died unexpectedly. In the late 1990s, she met Rod Cottrell whom she was with until his death.

Ann is one of the QQA's most beloved volunteers because she is so engaged and enthusiastic. "I feel the same way I always did about the QQA, excited. As a single

person, I can volunteer and socialize and I like that.”

Do you have a QQA Volunteer you'd like to highlight? Email qqa@quapaw.com to nominate someone!

Preservation Conversations

All Preservation Conversations events are in-person.

October

The History and Resources of the Sequoyah National Research Center

Join the QQA for a discussion about the history and sources at the Sequoyah National Research center on the UA-Little Rock Campus, led by director Dr. Littlefield.

When: October 13, 2022

Time: Reception 5:30 pm, Lecture 6:00 pm

Place: 1306 E. 6th Street, in the Meeting Room.

Open to the public, but RSVP by emailing qqa@quapaw.com.



Sequoyah National Research Center

Register for October Preservation Conversations

November

Epitaphs and Significant Veterans Buried at Mount Holly Cemetery

Join the QQA for a discussion about significant veterans buried at Mount Holly cemetery by Ron Fuller.

When: November 10, 2022

Reception: 5:30 pm **Lecture:** 6:00 pm

Place: 1306 E. 6th Street, in the Meeting Room.

Open to the public, but please RSVP by emailing qqa@quapaw.com.



Register for November Preservation Conversations

December

Slavery in Arkansas by Kelly Jones, PhD

Join the QQA for a discussion about slavery in Arkansas with Dr. Kelly Jones from Arkansas Tech University.

When: December 8, 2022

Reception: 5:30 pm **Lecture:** 6:00 pm

Place: 1306 E. 6th Street, in the Meeting Room.

Open to the public, but please RSVP by emailing qqa@quapaw.com.



Register for December Preservation Conversations

QQA at Central Arkansas Pride

Join the QQA at Central Arkansas Pride on October 15, 2022, at Argenta Plaza in North Little Rock, from Noon to 6:00 pm.

The QQA is working on a context related to the LGBTQIA Community and historic preservation in greater Little Rock. Stop by our booth to learn more!

Want to help volunteer at Pride? Email
Patricia.Blick@quapaw.com.



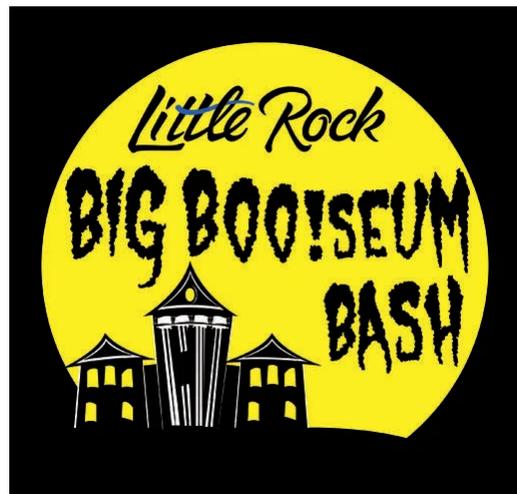
Preserving the Past
Shaping the Future

Big Boo!seum Bash This Month

In partnership with the Macarthur Museum of Arkansas Military History, Curran Hall will host a Big Boo!seum Bash on October 27, 2022, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. This annual event provides opportunities for families to visit museums across the city where they can collect goodie bags and participate in crafts.

Pick up a game card at any participating location and collect stamps for visiting each museum or cultural attraction. Receive a stamp at each location, then turn in your game card to be entered into a grand prize drawing.

At Curran Hall, we'll be offering candy and goodies.



Historic Holiday Trail of Lights

The Quapaw Quarter Association is excited to offer a map to showcase the best decorations this holiday season. Please answer a few simple questions by clicking the button below to include your home in the Historic Holiday Trail of Lights. Those decorating historic homes are especially encouraged to participate!

Get your submission in by November 15!

The map will be available around December 1, 2022. Watch your email for more information!



Sign Up for the Historic Holiday Trail of Lights Here

Founded in 1968, QQA's mission is the preservation of greater Little Rock's historic places.
Get more information at quapaw.com

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