

News & Opportunities

2005 Frontier Achievement Awards

Each year, the Secondary Social Studies Educators of Fort Smith recognize individuals, businesses, or industries who have made an outstanding contribution to the historical development of our city and/or helped to preserve the heritage of Fort Smith.

An awards ceremony and social were held April 22 to announce the winners of the 2005 Frontier Awards:

–Maxine Eggensperger, a retired educator of the Fort Smith Public School System.

– N.W. 15th Arkansas Volunteer Infantry Civil War Reenactment Group.

–The Darby Community Center for the preservation of the 1886 First Christian Church at North 7th and C Streets in Fort Smith.

After the social an official meeting of the Fort Smith Historical Society convened in order to thank outgoing board president, Jack Arnold, for his service. Incoming president, Billy Higgins, was installed.

Society Business Meetings Announced

On Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. in the Board Room of the Fort Smith Library a meeting will be held to discuss a revision of the bylaws and constitution of the Fort Smith Historical Society.

A called meeting of the Fort Smith Historical Society will be held Nov. 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Fort Smith Public Library. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the new Constitution and By-Laws. All members are encouraged to attend.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Fort Smith Historical Society is set for Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. at the Fort Smith Public Library Board room.

Informal History Discussion, Sept. 24

Ben Boulden will host a general discussion of local history at 1 p.m. at the Fort Smith Public Library. These informal meetings are open for anyone to share stories, research and knowledge.

No duty is required for membership other than the payment of dues. Interested members are sought to produce the Journal and archive materials held by the Historical Society. Meetings and programs of the Fort Smith Historical Society are open to the public.



2005 Frontier Award honorees. Left to right, seated: Steve Christian, David Johnston and Jim Starbird, members of the N.W. Arkansas 15th; Maxine Eggensperger, educator; Mike Thompson and Clint Morris, also members of the re-enactor group. Left to right, standing: David Alexander, N.W. Arkansas 15th; Brenda Andrews of the City of Fort Smith Planning Department; Mike Alsup, director of Fort Smith Parks & Recreation Department (Darby Center).