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President's Message

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

The Friends of Devil's Den State Park Inc. will be 20 years old on October 23, 2013. The Park staff appreciates the many projects we have completed during this time. Great job Friend's members.

I would like to thank the FDDSP and the Park staff for allowing the Friend's to use part of Jo Anne's memorial money to buy 300 feet of promotional fence with Jo Anne's

name and the Friend's logo printed on the fence. The fencing will be used at several Park events to give direction and added safety to these events.

We need ALL our members who are available to come help us with the 25th annual N.W. Arkansas Mountain Bike Championship race on Sept. 13 & 14. Several of our regulars are not available. We need volunteers from 6 to 9 pm Friday Sept. 13 and 7 am till Noon on Saturday

Sept. 14 to help with Registration which will be in the A. V. room. We also need help from 9 am till 4 pm on Saturday to help with Race control at Camp Ground "A". If you can help, please call me at 479-466-4517.

Also please come to FDDSP semi-annual Business meeting at 4 pm, Saturday, Sept. 14, in Cabin 12. We will be electing officers for 2014. I hope to see a lot of you all at the Race and the Meeting.

Jack Miller

About the Friends of Devil's Den

Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc. helps Devil's Den State Park provide diverse recreational and educational opportunities for all visitors while protecting the natural and cultural resources of this unique Ozark valley.

The Friends raise money to cover costs beyond the state budget for equipment, improvements, and programs to make your visit at the Park more convenient and enjoyable. Friends also provide volunteer labor at programs and for

maintenance and improvement of the Park.

For more information see our website at www.devilsden.org or find us on Facebook at Friends of Devil's Den State Park in NW Arkansas or email us at friends@devilsden.org.

To Join:

Fill out the form on page 6 and mail to the address on the form

or join online at www.devilsden.org/join.htm.

To Donate

If you wish to make a donation to help the Park without joining the Friends, mail it to

Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc.
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or make it online at www.devilsden.org/donate.htm

or through PayPal to treasurer@devilsden.org.

Thank you in advance for your support.!!!!



We lost another "Friend" of Devil's Den State Park.

Jean's only complaint was of "Iron Mike," our statue dedicated to the CCC boys. She said they NEVER took their shirts off when she came down to the camp.

We bet they didn't either.

Jean Katherine Spies Crone

Jean Katherine Spies Crone passed away Wednesday, March 15, 2013 after a graceful life at the age of 89. She was born Jan. 25, 1924, in Fort Worth, Texas to Edna and Chester Boeck Spies of Creston, Iowa and Winslow, Arkansas.

Jean attended the University of Arkansas where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She met her future husband, Richard D. Crone, MD, when she transferred to the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Widowed at the age of 38, Jean enrolled in the University of Georgia where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a fine arts degree. During that time, one of her student art pieces was exhibited at

the Smithsonian.

She returned to her childhood home in Winslow in 1978 after her son had restored the original homestead, thereafter building a beautiful passive solar residence of her own design. Her active life was one of volunteerism and true giving, whether it was her family, her church, Our Lady of the Ozarks, or organizations including the Winslow Public Library, the Ozarks Crafts Guild, the Ozark Society, the Native Plant Society, Friends of Devil's Den, and Friends of Lake Wedington.

An accomplished conservator, she devoted skilled restorations and maintenance to the last two organizations, where

her father had been employed by the CCC and WPA as a construction foreman during the Great Depression.

Jean never served as an officer in the Friends of Devil's Den State Park but she was always there on Work Days. In 1994 the Friends were erecting split-rail fences around the grounds and when Jean arrived she ordered everyone out of the way because they did NOT know what they were doing. She conducted a class then and there on how to build a split-rail fence. On other work days she planted flowers, pruned bushes, raked leaves, cleaned the pool, painted, etc. Jean always brought good food to events like our Awards Banquet. We need more "Friends" like Jean.

A Favorite Quote from Monte:

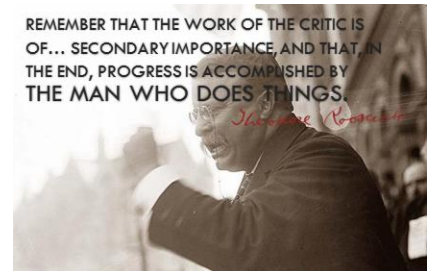
"It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives

valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the

triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."

— Theodore Roosevelt.

REMEMBER THAT THE WORK OF THE CRITIC IS OF... SECONDARY IMPORTANCE, AND THAT, IN THE END, PROGRESS IS ACCOMPLISHED BY THE MAN WHO DOES THINGS.



FDDSP Business Meeting Agenda –Sept. 14, 2013



- * Approve minutes of March 2013 meeting and E-mail Board meetings.
- * Approve Financial and Donations Report.
- * Rock & Run Trail Race 2013.
- * Paxson plaque.
- * Promotional fencing.
- * Bat-O-Rama 2014
- * FDDSP Membership Application Form.
- * FDDSP records storage
- * End of Season Party for Staff

and Volunteers.

- * Equipment and Materials requests from Park Staff.
- * Budget 2014
- * Election of Officers for 2014
- * Setting authorization procedures for electronic transactions: The Bylaws require 2 "signatures" for disbursements; adopt procedures to allow electronic payments consistent with that requirement.
- * Change of address: State

Parks in Little Rock have said we may no longer use park address. We have a PO Box for mailing, we need to set other addresses (e.g. corporate filings) requiring physical addresses and authorize expenses for change on checks and other forms.

- * Set dates for 2014 meetings, * *
- * Adjourn

Our meeting will be held in Cabin 12 at 4pm (+ or - when the race is over) Please join us for this important meeting. Thanks.

Minutes of the General Semi-Annual Meeting – March 9, 2013

The semi-annual meeting of the Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc. was held at Devil's Den State Park on March 9, 2013. Present were Jack Miller, John and Aimee Crochet, Pat and Carole Huff, Harry and Marilyn Harnish, Henry and Jane Crouch, Dennis and Kathy Shelton. Ed and Annetta, friends of the Huffs also attended. Rebekah Penny and Terry Elder represented the park.

Jack called the meeting to order, and the minutes of the September 15th meeting were distributed. Upon the motion by Carole and seconded by John, the minutes were approved by all. The financial statement was distributed and, upon motion by Aimee and seconded by Marilyn, was approved by all. A new membership roster was distributed, and John made note that the organization's membership now totals forty.

Jack showed the group the new Dilwyn Paxson award plaque. The old one was given to Pat, since his name was on it the most.

A debate was held on whether the Friends should purchase one or two rolls of promotional fencing for the Northwest Arkansas Mountain Bike Championships as well as other events. John moved that the board of directors will decide after checking with

Tim Scott. The motion was seconded by Carole and approved by all. In recognition of the 25th anniversary of this event, a motion was made by Carole that the board of directors would decide what amount should be donated to the event. The motion was seconded by John and approved by all.

Terry requested \$300 for food to be used at the Think Like a Mountain event to be held on May 17 - 19. Marilyn moved to accept, Carol seconded, and the motion was approved by all.

Jack stated the need of more cabinet space in the park for storage of Friends records. It was decided to hold off on any action till the September meeting. By then it would be known if a fireproof cabinet had been included in the park's 2013/2014 budget.

Rebekah stated the maintenance department's request for a 12-foot fiberglass extension ladder and a new wheel barrow. A motion was made to allow \$200 and \$80 respectively. It was seconded by Marilyn and approved by all. Rebekah also said that the interpreters would probably need to replace a projector stand that was damaged. She will see if the old one can be repaired and if not,

check on the price of a new one.

Jane requested \$200 for plants and miscellaneous garden supplies for the Master Gardener park project. John moved, Carole seconded, and the motion was approved by all.

John announced that he had picked up a fourth internet domain for the Friends.

Rebekah said there would be a tree planting on March 19, and then instructed members how to enter hours in the new volunteer log book.

The 2012 awards were presented as follows:
Quail Valley - Lindsey and associate; Barbara Huff

Butterfield Trail - Ann and Stuart Rosso; Dennis and Kathy Shelton; Addie Lee Lister; Harry and Marilyn Harnish; Jessa Dean Scott

Yellow Rock Trail - Henry and Jane Crouch

Vista Point Trail - Pat and Carole Huff; Shannon Williams; Kathy Stafford

Devil's Den Trail - John and Aimee Crochet; Jack and Jo Anne Miller
Dilwyn Paxson Award - Jack Miller

Harry Harnish, Secretary

Upcoming Calendar of Events

2013

Sept. 13- 6:30pm- 9:00pm & **Sept. 14** - 7:00am-4:00pm 25th Annual N.W. Arkansas Mountain Bike Championship ☺
Sept. 14 - General Meeting in Cabin 12 at 4pm + or - ☺
Oct. 5 - Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day
Nov. 15 - America Recycles Day
Nov. 29 - Green Friday
Nov. 30 - Devil's Den RockNRun Trail Race

2014

Jan. 1 - First Day Hikes
March 21-29 - School's out, Parks are in! (Spring Break)

March 1 Work day at 9am followed by a pot luck lunch and the General Meeting at 12:30pm ☺
April 4-6 - XXVI Ozark Mountain Bike Festival
April 18-20 - Signs of Spring
May 2-4 - Birder Weekend ☺
June 13-15 - Bat-O-Rama XXV ☺
July 4 - 39th Annual Devil's Den Games
Aug. 25-Sept 1 - Think Like a Mountain ☺
-- Legacy Week at Devil's Den

☺ Denotes a Friends of Devil's Den sponsored event or workday

NW Arkansas Mountain Bike Championships 25 Years and still rolling!



Doing the Limbo
*Mountain Bike Festival
1989*



Log Pull
*Mountain Bike Festival
1989*

Here it is; 25 years later and the mountain bike event is as popular as it was in 1989. Mountain biking in Northwest Arkansas has exploded. In this area alone, there is at least 40 miles of trail. Plus there are plans for a bike park in Rogers near the Lake Atlanta area. In fact, the sport has become so popular in the area that the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) has hired a regional director for Arkansas. IMBA (www.imba.com) is a national advocacy organization for mountain biking.

Not only is the state becoming known for its mountain biking but also for a company that specializes in mountain bike trail building. Progressive Trail Design

(www.progressivetraildesign.com) has not only constructed trails and bridges at Devil's Den, but also in Utah, Virginia and several other states. They also are one of the prime trail builders for Crystal Bridges.

The question is: What does this have to do with Devil's Den and the 25th Annual Mountain Bike Race and Trials on September 14th? Very simple, the park is where it all started. The park had the first mountain trails in Northwest Arkansas. The Northwest Arkansas Mountain Bike Championships and Ozark Mountain Bike Festival are the longest continuous mountain bike event in the state.

So, without the help of the

Friends of Devil's Den, this event would not be possible. The Friends have assisted with the race from the beginning. They have filled jobs that are not very glorious but very essential, especially helping with registration. Registration is a job that is tedious, but the backbone of the event. If racers are not put in the correct category and class, well it just would not be pleasant for the rider or the organizers.

The park is very grateful for the help of the Friends with this event and others. It is a sacrifice of personal time to assist the park. But, without the help, this event would not be as successful as it is!!

Tim V. Scott
Park Interpreter

Devil's Den State Park Friends & Volunteers Appreciation Party



A party was given on the evening of August 15th for the Friends of Devil's Den State Park and other volunteers and groups: the Master Gardeners, the Washington County Environmental Affairs staff, Master Naturalists, David and Dorothea Justice, and Mike and Joyce Guest. Park staff also attended the informal affair.



Everyone was invited to bring a dish to share. The Friends provided AND COOKED hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill by the restaurant's outdoor pavilion. It was a perfect end to a wonderful summer volunteering for our FAVORITE Arkansas State Park.

Be sure to become a member of the Friends of Devil's Den State Park and join us next year.



Falling in Love with the Den, Time and Time Again

After being an interpreter with Devil's Den State Park for over six years, one might think that I had experienced all that there was to experience or that the views might get old, but they never do. Each day I am challenged to learn something new by the questions of our visitors or by a "new" flower sprouting up to surprise me! Devil's Den State Park is so rich in cultural and natural history that I could never tire of its stories or diversity.

I once attended a program given by another state park interpreter in which he talked about "thin places." Places where we feel a little closer to the spiritual world. He said it doesn't matter what religion you are, but that there are places in this world where you feel a little bit closer to the amazement and wonderment of our world and connected to something grander than yourself. For me, like many of you, Devil's Den State Park is one of those thin places: a place where memories are so real they can still ignite each of my senses; a place where

all of my worries and stresses can be pushed away by the awe-inspiring beauty from Yellow Rock or by the sound of refreshing water flowing over the CCC dam or at Twin Falls; a place where I feel a part of a world that is so intricate in design that each piece from the decaying logs to the

have had the pleasure of a writing correspondence with Addie Lee Lister, who many of you will know as a long time Friend of Devil's Den and advocate for the CCC history of the park. As a young woman, Addie Lee Lister came to Devil's Den State Park in its infancy. She met

visitors! I hope that you will all take a moment to think about when you fell in love with this special place and what memories that you might have here from watching your child's first home run to getting lost with me on a history hike or holding hands with your partner at Yellow Rock. Know that these

memories are a part of the park's history and future. If you have stories or pictures you would like to share, please let us add them to our archive. Just as the park is important to us, you are important to the park.

Thank you for your years of stewardship and continued support. It is our love, our memories, our passion, and our

care for this special place that will make it just that – a very special place. Please share those memories with us and with others, so they may fall in love with Devil's Den State Park, too!

By Rebekah Penny,
Park Interpreter



Photo 1 Cicada emerging from its exoskeleton!

cicada emerging from its exoskeleton is needed and connected to every other piece.

Devil's Den State Park holds many memories for each of us, and those memories are as important to the park as they are to us. It is our love and care for this special place that help to make it so special. I

her husband, Roy "Red" Lister, here, and their lives were forever bonded together in memories and love. Similarly, I met my husband here when he was volunteering at the Lee Creek Clean-up, and we share a similar bond and love for the park. A love and passion for the park that I get to share with our many

Be a true "Friend" to our organization and **1)** help with the Bike Race Registration on Sept. 13th and 14th and **2)** fill out the Proxy on page 6 if you cannot come to the meeting Sept. 14 in Cabin 12 at 4pm (+ or - when the race is over). We must have a quorum for this meeting since we will be electing officers. We have several regular members who will not be here so we really need your help. Thanks!

Friends of Devil's Den State Park

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We're on the Web!

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and on FaceBook at

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofDevilsDenStatePark>

Members: We have an important meeting on Sept. 14, 2013 and it is vital that we have a quorum for it. Please fill out the Proxy below leaving the appoint. name blank if you wish. Please mail to the address above. Thanks!

I want to join Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc.

Name: _____

Additional Name: _____

(For Family or Business/Organization memberships to designate voter)

Address: _____

City, ST Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Check appropriate membership:

☐ \$15 Individual ☐ \$10 Full Time Student

☐ \$25 Family ☐ \$100 Business/Organization

Additional, tax deductible contribution level (if desired):

☐ \$50 Quail Valley ☐ \$100 Butterfield Trail

☐ \$250 Yellow Rock ☐ \$500 Vista Point

☐ \$1000 Devil's Den ☐ \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc.

I would like to volunteer in the following area(s):

☐ Clerical ☐ Carpentry ☐ Trail Maintenance

☐ Landscape ☐ Friends' administration ☐ Computers

☐ History Research ☐ Maintenance ☐ Plumbing

☐ Bird House Management ☐ Wildlife Management

☐ Other: _____

Date: _____/_____/20____

PROXY

I hereby appoint _____, or, in his/her absence or inability or unwillingness to serve or if left blank, a member present appointed by the presiding officer, as my proxy at the September 14, 2013 membership meeting of Friends of Devil's Den State Park, Inc., with the following instructions:

To abstain on all other matters.

Date: _____

This proxy is revocable upon written notice to the Secretary or upon my attendance at the meeting.

Print name: _____ Signature: _____

For family memberships, complete for second voting member:

Print name: _____ Signature: _____