

CBHMA President's Message Spring 2019

Ted Heath, President



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Everybody's Planning for the Weekend

Hope this finds everyone firming up plans for June. If you haven't decided, now is the time to do it before it's too late and you miss out on what is always a fun and informative weekend. Make new friends, renew old friendships and enjoy the festivities.

We continually solicit candidates to run for the board of directors. This year our hard work paid off. We have a great slate of candidates running for your board of directors. The top three vote getters will fill three-year terms; the fourth candidate will embark upon a two-year. The best news of all is that this election will bring us back to a full seven-member board.

One of the candidates NOT running for the board this year is Tom Heski. After serving many years on the board because of some health issues, he has decided not to run this time around but, I'm happy to say, he will still participate in the wreath laying ceremonies as well as co-hosting the field trip he and Don Fisk lined up for this weekend.

Tom is a hard worker and I appreciate all the time he's put in during his tenure on the board. He will be missed.

Fort Smith Here We Come

Don Fisk hit the ground running as a new board member and worked hard on lining up the Fort C.F. Smith portion of the annual field trip on Saturday, June 22. The landowner will be there to give us a guided tour of the area. We are donating money to help pay for some reconstruction of the site. We will also visit the Hayfield Battle site and the nearby dam.

As mentioned previously, Kevin Connolly is taking over auctioneer duties for a retired Mike Koury. Of course, we are delighted that he/s stepped in to put his stamp on this important fundraiser.

Dale Ramsey has a super symposium planned for Friday, June 21. I'm particularly excited that the author's forum will feature Richard Fox who will talk and deliver a video presentation about the archaeological dig that he oversaw in the 1980's.

As usual, don't miss Thursday's pizza party and Saturday's hamburger party. Don't get too full and drowsy on the eats because the auction will be following the meal and you don't want to miss any of the excitement!

The weekend will end with the annual membership meeting at the Old Stone House at the battlefield on Sunday, June 23.

But, as I said at the beginning of this column, you have to make your plans pretty quick to take part in all these activities. I can vouch for a good time with just the right amount of learning.

We look forward to seeing old friends and welcoming new ones. The board has worked hard all year to make this a fun-filled weekend. We can't control the weather -- much as we try -- but can hope things will be much drier than last year.

Garry Owen,

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