



The New

SHARECROPPERS VOICE

Fall 2013

Southern Tenant Farmers Museum

Tyronza, Arkansas

FORMER STFM EMPLOYEE PUBLISHES BOOK BOOK SIGNING NOVEMBER 14

Dr. Cindy Grisham recently published her book "When Hope Grows Weary: Tyronza, Arkansas and Its Place in History." Tyronza residents have been eagerly awaiting its release. Many of the citizens have been used as references in the book by telling family histories, providing photos or just pointing Dr. Grisham in the right direction to research facts about our city.

Dr. Grisham worked as an Arkansas State University graduate assistant at the Southern Tenant Farmers Museum for three years while attaining her doctoral degree. The history of Tyronza was the subject of her dissertation. The book covers the history from the very beginning during the pre-historic Mississippian civilization to modern day Tyronza.

Dr. Grisham's first book, "A Savory History of Arkansas Delta Food" is available for purchase in the museum gift shop. Several locals were mentioned in this book as well. Clara's Midway Café located on Main Street at Tyronza and Whitton Farms at Whitton are featured and photographed several times in the book.

A book reading and signing of "When Hope Grows Weary: Tyronza, Arkansas and Its Place in History" will be held on November 14 at 1:00 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. at the Tyronza Senior Center. Dr. Grisham will be available to autograph copies of her book and discuss any topics covered in the books.

The books are available for sale at the STFM gift shop in Tyronza and at Amazon.com. Dr. Grisham will also have all of her books available for sale on the day of the book signing.

TAKE A PEEK IN OUR GIFT SHOP



When Hope Grows Weary: Tyronza, Arkansas and Its Place in History

\$14.95

Autographed copies will be available at the book signing on November 14 and in the gift shop.

This book would make a great Christmas Gift!!



WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

STFM welcomes two new staff members: Revis Edmonds and Jessica Ross. Revis is a graduate assistant from Arkansas State University in the Heritage Studies Doctoral Program. He lives in Jonesboro and will work at STFM 20 hours weekly.

Jessica Ross is a native of Tyronza and a recent graduate of Arkansas State University. She too will be working 20 hours a week.



Revis Edmonds

Jessica Ross

MEMBERSHIP

SOUTHERN TENANT FARMERS MUSEUM

Individual - \$25
Family - \$40
Seniors/Students \$10

Free Admission—15% off Gift Shop items—Newsletter
Call or email any STFM staff member

COME VISIT US!

Hours
Monday-Friday: 9 am – 3 pm
Saturday: Noon – 3 pm

Admission
Adults: \$5
Seniors/Students/Groups: \$3





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Holiday Closings

Thanksgiving
Closed on November 28, 29 & 30

Christmas
Closed starting on December 23 and will reopen on January 6



STFM/FARM BUREAU PHOTO CONTEST

The Southern Tenant Farmers Museum and the Poinsett County Farm Bureau have teamed up to create the Poinsett County Farm Life Photo Contest. Students in all Poinsett County Schools in grades 9-12 are eligible to enter the contest.

Photos must be 5x7 in print and can be of anything farm related—crops, animals, flowers, gardens, produce, farmers, equipment, etc. The top ten from each school will be selected and displayed on the 3rd floor of the Arkansas State University Library during December where they will be judged by a member of the Thea Foundation from Little Rock. The exhibit will return to STFM in January and on January 18th there will be a reception and cash awards for the winners. Cash prizes provided by Farm Bureau are \$100 for 1st place, \$75 for 2nd place and \$50 for 3rd place.



All photos must have been taken during 2013 and by the student submitting the photo. For more information, call Linda Hinton or Revis Edmonds at 870-487-2909.

Recent Visitors



This wonderful group of 57 students has been our largest group to ever visit STFM. These were students from Senath-Hornersville (Missouri) High School.



The Tour duh Sunken Lands Harvest Bike Ride was held on Saturday, November 2. The 52-mile bike ride starts and ends at STFM with stops at The Painted House, Dyess Colony and the Marked Tree Delta Area Museum.

If you've never ridden in the bike ride, dust off your bike and get in shape because it's an annual event. See you next year!



The STFM staff wishes you all a wonderful Christmas!



The Friendship Force tour of Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Louisiana came to visit STFM on November 6. Members from Canada, Australia, Illinois, and California were joined by their hosts from Memphis. It was a wonderful tour and we met some fantastic people. Thank you for coming to Tyronza to see us!