Can you say Septaquintaquinquecentennial?

Septaquintaquinquecentennial—175 years! That is the birthday that Poinsett County will be celebrating throughout this year. On February 28, 2013, Poinsett County officially began its year-long celebration of its 175th birthday!

The Southern Tenant Farmers Museum will be celebrating our county’s birthday with an exhibit of old photos from throughout the county in the bank gallery. The exhibit opened on June 8 in conjunction with the Stars and Stripes Jubilee and will be available for visitors to see through September 7.

Poinsett County was named after Joel R Poinsett who served as Secretary of War under President Martin Van Buren. Poinsett, a botanist, was also responsible for bringing the Poinsettia flower from Mexico to the United States. Though the county was named after him, Joel R. Poinsett never visited the county during his lifetime.

Former STFM Employee publishes book

Dr. Cindy Grisham has recently published a book “A Savory History of Arkansas Delta Food: Potlikker, Coon Suppers & Chocolate Gravy.” The book takes you throughout the Delta by way of the wonderful food people cook and eat and the stories of family recipes handed down through generations.

Several locals were featured in the book. Clara’s Midway Café located on Main Street at Tyronza and Whitton Farms at Whitton are mentioned and photographed several times in the book.

Autographed copies of the book is available at the STFM gift shop for $19.99

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Annual Art Show Adds Unique Fashions to Exhibit

The East Poinsett County High School Art Show was a great success this year with many new activities at the opening reception of their annual exhibit. Along with the fantastic art on display, the students also presented a fashion show of dresses made from Duct Tape and trash bags.

Winners of this year’s show were: Overall Winner: Justin Truelove—Tiger; Watercolors: First, Paige Collins—Colors Within; Second, Hillary Hale—Winter Wonderland; Third, Savannah Roberson—Romeo & Juliet. Charcoal/Pastel: First, Breana Laden—My Beautiful Niece, Second, Adrian Horton—Slanderman; Third, Brittany Clayton—Hell Hound; Acrylic: First, Gage Baine—Tom Hanks, Second, Katie Kirkland—Be Still; Third, Chelsey McFerrin—Panbearat; Clay/Pottery: First, Abby Ruiz—Whirl, Second, Seth Jones—Tea pot and cup, Third, Emily Cochran—Vase; Color Pencil/Marker: First, Makayla Smith—Cartoon, Second, Gage Baines—30-eyed monster; Third, Clay Malone—Razorback; Hose & Wire: First, Alex Foxter—Ice Cream Cone; Second, Savannah Roberson—Love, Peace, Joy & Dream; Third, Brittany Clayton, The Lorax. Miscellaneous Sculptures: First, Chelsey McFerrin—Tree Box; Second, Hunter Carey—The Ring Man; Third, Mary Maddox—Crazy Glass.

Mrs Melinda Burcham is the art teacher at East Poinsett County High School. This is the second year that Mrs. Burcham has exhibited her student’s artwork in the STFM Bank Gallery.

STFM Welcomes Phyllis Hood

The Southern Tenant Farmers Museum has a new staff member, Phyllis Hood. Phyllis is a native of Lepanto and grew up at Rivervale. She graduated from Lepanto High School and has been active in farming for several years.

The STFM staff gives a big welcome to Phyllis and hope she enjoys her new working home!