

Ozarks Prairie Sooners

May 2021 Rally at Mountain View AR



As we drive to our second rally of the season in the small town of Mountain View, Arkansas, the weather is perfect in the Ozark hills, blue sky with a spattering of fluffy white and gray clouds above, green hills of trees or fields of grass through the hills dotted with cattle and horses, tunnel tree-lined roads along with the occasional rock sides with small waterfalls for your viewing pleasure as you drive alongside. The beauty of Mother Nature surrounding you. As we cross the White and Buffalo rivers, friends and families are enjoying the flow of the river with canoes and kayaks.

With all the controversy in today's world, this weekend was a look at the simpler times in life where family and friends gather to enjoy art, music, campfires, and each other.

At the time when I booked this rally, I wasn't sure how our members would like this area, but I can rest easy as each one of us that was lucky enough to go really enjoyed the weekend.

We were welcomed with a friendly smile from the staff at Blue Sky RV Park and were told about all of the activities going on through the weekend.



Our hosts, Gary and Doris Christoff, did an amazing job planning. Thursday evening, we enjoyed dinner at Anglers White River Resort known for their catfish, along with the rustic atmosphere. We sure were glad we didn't eat on the patio since it started to rain (down pour) for a short time.



Friday, we spent the day at the Ozark Folk Center, where we seemed to walk back in time. The handmade art was captivating. Each craft had its own building with the crafters there to tell you their stories and demonstrate their art. We were fascinated and spent quite a bit of time at each, watching and learning.



Quilling is a type of paper art. You just wanted to smell the flowers they looked so real.



Paper Necklace seems delicate but very strong



Copper Art - it's amazing what you can create with a piece of copper and a small blow torch. The color is defined by how long you hold the torch on the copper.

We watched the making of pottery, leather items, candles, blacksmithing, wood carvings, and yarn work where we were entertained watching Frank learning to use the Loom. For those that missed this, you missed something special.

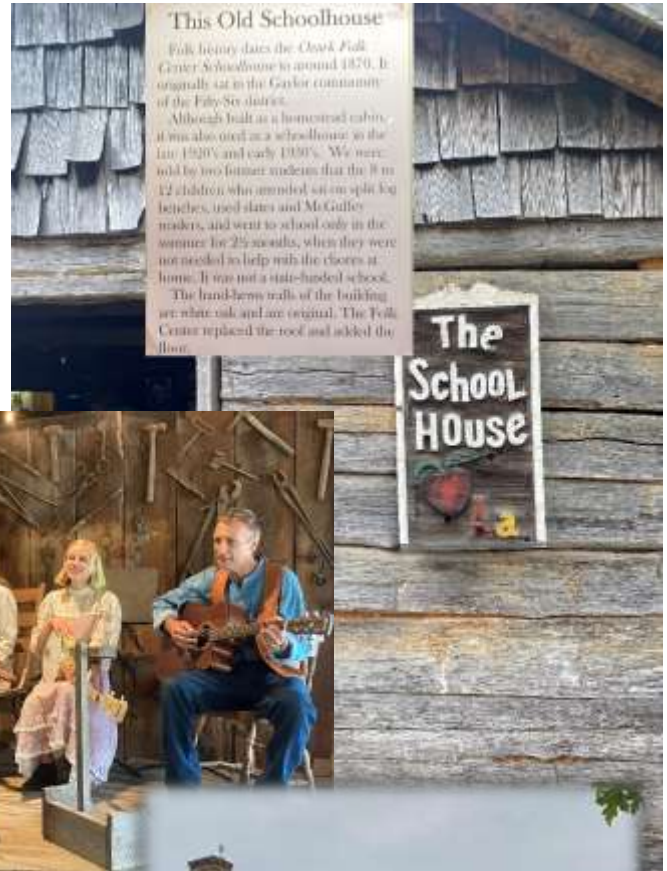


HISTORY COMING TO LIFE



Walking through time seeing the way of living back in the day, including log cabins, kerosene lamps and straw brooms just to mention a few.

Family Entertainment



Jo Jo's on the White River for another tasty meal.



FRIDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT ON THE SQUARE

You could choose from a variety of music. There was a great band at the courthouse. Want something a little different? No

problem - just walk around the town square and you'll find music at the ice cream parlor, just outside the BBQ joint, or in the park, all at no charge. The folks here just love to gather together and play.



Saturday we had a free afternoon. Some shopped around town or had lunch out. There was a good Mexican Food Restaurant on the square as well as some unique stores.

Potluck dinner was scheduled for Saturday night. Our hosts decided it was appropriate to serve Fried Chicken since we were in the Ozarks, and they worked most of the day frying some finger licking good chicken. With all the rest of the fixings that others brought, we all rolled away with our bellies full.

With the perfect set up, we sat around a beautiful campfire the rest of the evening.



Carroll and Evelyn added a magic fire dust which created some beautiful colors in the fire.

After a Sunday morning good-bye breakfast, most of us packed up for the drive home and some stayed a few days longer.

The drive home was just as gorgeous as the drive up.

It feels good to be able to gather with all the friends we have made in this great group of people, and we look forward to next month's outing in Carthage MO. (Which of course has already happened since I'm so late getting this out.)

My friends - we hope this is a nice reminder of our May rally.

Looking forward to seeing you again soon,

Bob and Candy Kooy

