

## PRAIRIE GROVE BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK EVENTS 2009

**August 16<sup>th</sup>, - 1 pm - 4 pm - Spinning & Lace Making Demonstrations** - Understanding the complexity of handmade cloth can enhance your appreciation for the clothing worn by civilians and soldiers here during the Civil War. Today, you can watch members of the local Wool and Wheel Handspinners Guild and Dogwood Lace group demonstrate the traditional art of spinning thread, and discuss the basics of making cloth in the Arkansas Ozarks. **Admission:** Free. - **Meet at Hindman Hall Visitor Center.** - The Wool and Wheel Handspinners have their monthly meeting at the park on the first Wednesday of each month.

**Spin-A-Round Meeting - 10<sup>am</sup> - 1<sup>pm</sup>** - This monthly informal meeting is held at the park on the first Wednesday of each month. Local members of Wool and Wheel Handspinners demonstrate the traditional art of spinning thread, and discuss the basics of making cloth. Knowing more about hand-woven cloth can enhance your appreciation of the elaborate uniforms worn on this battlefield. Everyone is welcome. Coffee will be furnished, bring snacks if you please.

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>, & September 13<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>pm</sup> - 5<sup>pm</sup> -**

**Burgess Civil War Collection** - Local Civil War enthusiast Steve Burgess will display and talk about Civil War items from his personal collection, including bullets, cannonballs, and other items found in northwest Arkansas. Meet in Hindman Hall Visitor Center. **Admission:** Free

**September 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> - 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Clothesline Fair** - Fair features more than 200 craft booths with artisans demonstrating and selling their wares. Living history, musical entertainment, and square dancing are all important parts of this celebration. Refreshments available through the Prairie Grove Lions Club and other local non-profit organizations. Contact the park for further information. **Admission:** Free. Parking is \$5 per vehicle

**September 19<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>am</sup> - 2<sup>pm</sup> - Fall Clean-up & Park Beautification** - Looking for a way to give of your time and talents? Volunteers are needed to help clean and beautify the battlefield and park grounds. Cleanup activities range from trash pickup, raking leaves, painting signs, repairing and replacing split rail fence, cleaning park roads and trails, gardening, and maintenance and cleaning the historic houses on the grounds. Meet at Hindman Hall Visitor Center. Some tools will be provided. Please bring gloves and tools if possible. Coffee, water, and some snacks will be provided.

**September 26<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>am</sup> - 2<sup>pm</sup> - Fall Clean-up & Park Beautification Rain Day**

**September 20<sup>th</sup>, October 18<sup>th</sup>, & November 8<sup>th</sup>,**

**Webb Civil War & Antique Collection - 1 pm - 5 pm** - Join us as local residents and dedicated park volunteers Ann and C. W. Webb will display and talk about an array of items from their personal collection of Civil War and antique kitchen ware. **Admission:** Free. Meet at Hindman Hall Visitor Center

**October 24<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>pm</sup> - 10:30<sup>pm</sup> - Haunted Battlefield Tour** - Tour groups will be guided from the Amphitheatre to the front of the historic Borden House along part of the park's walking trail and into the valley where the heaviest fighting occurred during the Battle of Prairie Grove. Chances are good that there will be a few scary surprises along the way. Tours depart every 20 to 30 minutes. The last tour will leave at 10 p.m. Parking is available at the east Borden House entrance. **Admission:** \$2 Adults, \$1 Child (3-12). Passes will be required for specific tour departure times. Passes are available the day of event. **Meet at the park Amphitheatre.**

**December 5<sup>th</sup> - December 6<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Open House** - Christmas will be in the air as in the days of the Civil War at Prairie Grove Battlefield. While food is cooking in the Latta House kitchen, members of the local Wool and Wheel Handspinners Guild and the Dogwood Lace groups will be demonstrating spinning, weaving, and lace making. There will be guided tours through the historic Latta and Morrow houses. Weekend will include various military drills, camp life, and other living history activities throughout the weekend at various times and locations. Presented by volunteer reenactors from the NW 15th Ark Infantry; contact the park for further details. **Admission:** Free