

**February On-Site Visitors:** 339  
**The Nook Functions:** 7

### **The Marketplace**

We will reopen The Marketplace in its new location at 114 Main Street, next door to the Printing Press Café on March 7. We have completed our rehabilitation of the façade of this historic building, originally constructed in 1914. Over the years, it has been Wiseman Hotel, Hall Funeral Home, and Clinkingbeard Dry Goods.

### **The Nook**

We have completed the transition in becoming the host for community functions having relocated the community room from City Hall to The Nook. We have already hosted seven functions and have nearly every weekend booked over the next few months. Reviews have been highly positive for the space. It has been so popular, we are planning the development of a science clubhouse that will serve the dual purpose of a science classroom and an event space for birthday parties.

### **Archives**

We continue to process our archival material into our cataloging software. The items are then being preserved in conservation materials and stored. A fundraiser last month netted proceeds to buy four Gladiator shelves for storage. The preservation of these archives is critical to our community's future.

### **AMA Conference**

Our staff will be attending the Arkansas Museums Association Conference in Little Rock later this month. This is an important networking and professional development opportunity.

### **Main Street Calico Rock**

We continue to promote our area businesses through the Main Street Calico Rock program, which is part of the Arkansas Main Street Network. Through this program, we promote local businesses to visitors, provide relocation services, and offer grant programs for small businesses. In the near future, we hope to provide affordable rental space for start-up enterprises. It is our goal to recruit professionals to the community, if even on a part-time basis.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve you. We are honored to work with you to serve our community and county. Happy New Year!

Respectfully submitted,

