



# 2023 Annual Report

Calico Rock   
**Community**  
Foundation





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# our mission.

*we bring our community together*  
to bridge gaps of greatest need



Dear Supporters:

We began the year opening **The Marketplace** in its new location at 114 Main Street. This building was originally the Wiseman Hotel and was Clinkingbeard's Dry Goods for over 65 years. Over the summer, we began working on the second story of the building which will become the **Lofts on Main**. These will become artist studios and rentals. The project has been sponsored by a generous grant from the **Windgate Foundation**.

In 2020, we became an Arkansas Downtown Network affiliate Main Street program. In May, we applied to become a designated program, a huge step forward for our community. After months of planning, the state advisory board approved our application over the summer. We are now a designated program as **Main Street Calico Rock!**

We added several new and updated exhibits at the **Calico Rock Museum** this year, including Calico Rock Pirate Basketball, the Izard County Sheriff's Office, the Ozark Queen steamboat parlor, and the railroad caboose.

We expanded our partnership with the city of Calico Rock to provide the community event space for residents in **The Nook**. It became so popular that we converted the former Crime Lab Detective space into **Tommy's Clubhouse**. The clubhouse is a great space for kid's birthday parties and special events. It has opened to rave reviews and packed scheduling.

And, finally, we continue to diversify our revenue stream with **commercial rental properties** in revitalized historic buildings. We're opening doors of opportunity for small businesses.

As we enter 2024, we have plans to expand our art galleries and the Artisan Gift Shop. We are positioned to grow our community, share our story, and bring our community together.

*Steven D. Mitchell*

Steven D. Mitchell  
Chairman  
Board of Trustees

*Stephen Hicks*

Stephen Hicks  
Vice Chairman  
Board of Trustees

*Gloria Sanders*

Gloria Sanders  
Executive Director  
Chief Operating Officer

# yesterday.



The famous cartographer and explorer Schoolcraft traveled up the White River to the place French fur traders had named Calico Roche, because of the calico-coloring on the bluffs rising out from the river. When the railroad began construction along the river in 1903, they met those rocks and nearly met their match.

The railroad blasted away huge chunks of those bluffs to make way for the railroad bed and sent those huge boulders into the river. Many thought our namesake calico-coloring was gone forever. Over 200 years later, those huge boulders still jut up from the riverbank and the calico-coloring has returned. And, Calico Rock is still **the only place in the world** with that name.

The **Calico Rock Community Foundation** was formed in 2008. At the time, our sole purpose was to create and operate the **Calico Rock Museum & Visitor Center**. Since then, we have restored seven historic buildings; sparked an economic revitalization driven by the creative economy; built a museum of national acclaim focusing on science, history, and art; showcased our artistic community; and served our local businesses through **Main Street Calico Rock**.

The foundation has invested **\$2.5 million** and provided a \$10 million economic impact on Calico Rock, Izard County, and Arkansas.

We are preserving our past, celebrating today, and envisioning a better tomorrow.

# today.

The **Calico Rock Community Foundation** promotes local artisans, preserves historic buildings, educates the public about our past, showcases American art, supports local businesses, drives economic growth, and influences our community, county and state.

Our staff works tirelessly to promote our community, grow our economy, and prepare the next generation to be the leaders of tomorrow.

We welcome tourists, visitors, and new residents to Calico Rock. We partner with the city of Calico Rock and IZARD County for visitor services, economic development, and cultural awareness programs.

**We bring people in our community together.**

The Foundation has welcomed over 250,000 visitors to Calico Rock since 2008.



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# Foundation Staff



**Gloria Sanders**  
Executive Director  
870-916-2230

Gloria Sanders is the executive director and COO. She is an AMA Distinguished Museum Professional and graduate of the Jekyll Island Management Institute. She has served as the advocate for Arkansas at the American Museum Day in Washington, D.C. and is the Arkansas Museums Association President and Ozark Gateway Tourism Council director.



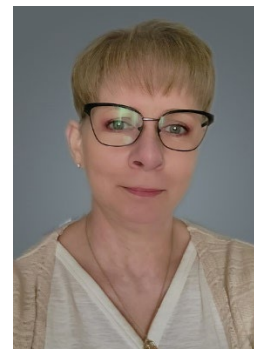
**My Kim Parnell**  
Associate Director  
870-916-2239

My Kim Parnell is a native of Calico Rock and has many years of experience in the service industry. She is a member of the Arkansas Museums Association board of directors, Calico Rock Lions Club, and the Calico Rock City Council. As associate director, she heads up our retail sales, works with Main Street Calico Rock, and assists in all aspects of our work.



**Patricia Kilpatrick**  
Guest Experiences  
870-297-6100

Patricia Kilpatrick offers a warm welcome to guests visiting town. She has a lifetime of experience in sales and customer service. She enjoys spending time with friends, teaches Yoga, and volunteers with local projects.



**Cholie Crawford**  
Special Projects

Cholie Crawford adores her dogs and the love she feels for them is rivaled only by her love for her children and the museum. Cholie brings windows, graphics, and exhibits to life with her talents and design skills. She assists us with special projects.

# Leave a Legacy.



## **F. Stowe Easton Endowment Fund**

A savant of railroad history and anything related to trains, **F. Stowe Easton** was a hard worker and caring brother. Our Endowment Fund began in 2014 with a generous gift from his estate. The fund will provide for future capital needs, expansion, and long-term security of the foundation. Leave a legacy for our community through a gift to our endowment fund.

The Calico Rock Community Foundation Endowment Fund has been invested by the board of trustees in an FDIC-insured certificate of deposit with First National Bank of Izard County. We welcome gifts to the Endowment Fund.

Mail tax-deductible contributions to the following address and mark the memo line as "Endowment Gift:"

Endowment Fund  
Calico Rock Community Foundation  
105 Main Street  
Calico Rock, Arkansas 72519

To make legacy gifts to the Foundation as part of your estate, call us at 870-373-0083.

# Main Street Calico Rock



Our application to become a designated Main Street program was approved by Main Street Arkansas in June along with Hamburg and Alma.



Executive Director Gloria Sanders joined our city partners at the Arkansas Municipal League.



Executive Director Gloria Sanders and Associate Director Kim Parnell attended training sessions in Little Rock and at the Main Street America conference in Louisiana this year. The skills they learned have been helpful to our local businesses and community.

# Arkansas Museums Association



Executive Director Gloria Sanders serves as President of the Arkansas Museums Association and Associate Director Kim Parnell serves as the Northeast Region Representative on the association board. They attended regional meetings and the annual state conference where Sanders presented Jama Best of the Arkansas Humanities Council with the Peg Newton Smith Award. Best has been a dear friend of our museum.



# Artisan Cooperative



Our partnership with our local artisans is pivotal to the work we do in our community. The arts are at our core and represent the preservation of our culture. What we regard as art today began as survival skills for settlers in our area in the 1830's: blacksmithing, woodworking, and weaving.

# Educating.



Educating our local students about science, our history, and art is central to our mission. Our staff loves welcoming school groups, homeschool students, families, and children of all ages for educational programs.

# Improving Our Community



We welcome KATV Channel 7's Good Morning Arkansas, hosted traveling exhibits, added trout to Main Street, and refurbished two historic buildings along Main Street. These were just some of the things we did this year to improve our community and promote the best place to live in the world!

# Supporting Local Businesses



We serve local businesses through grants, hosting a community business directory on [ExploreCalico.com](https://www.explorecalico.com), and providing services to our local businesses. We also hosted a business mixer to bring together local business owners and managers to spend time together in conversation and share what we can offer to support them.



# Calico Rock Museum



We are continuously improving, upgrading, and changing our exhibits at the Calico Rock Museum, because while our history doesn't change our exhibits do. This year, we made great strides in cataloging and organizing our Archives thanks to generous support from local donors and grants from the Arkansas Humanities Council. We also introduced two new exhibits: The Life and Legacy of Coach Harold Ray Jeffery and Honoring the Izard County Sheriff's Department.



Thank you to our summer intern Daniel Haley who provided invaluable support in our marketing/communications, window displays, and putting together the two exhibits shown above. Daniel is attending the University of Arkansas.

# Tommy's Clubhouse



Tommy's Clubhouse is our newest addition to the Calico Rock Museum & Visitor Center. Executive Director Gloria Sanders, Associate Director Kim Parnell, Special Projects Coordinator Cholie Crawford, and Board Chairman Steven Mitchell decorated the space.



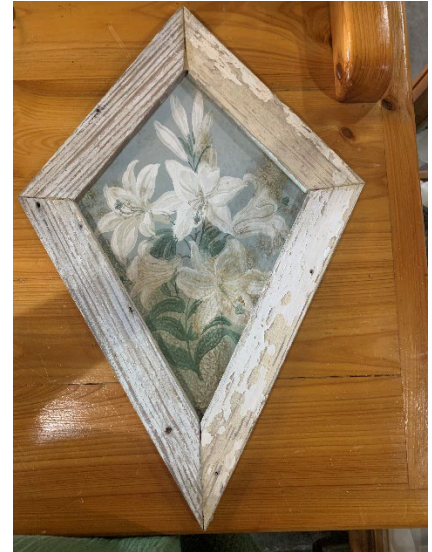
Tommy's Clubhouse is our new learning space suitable for use as science lab, art studio, or classroom. It will also be available for birthday parties and family functions. It has a separate entry off of Peppersauce Alley with access to the outdoor classroom and decks.



## The Lofts on Main



The upstairs of the historic Wiseman Hotel was originally used as hotel rooms. The space had become dilapidated. We restored the upstairs this year through a generous grant from the **Windgate Foundation**.



During construction, we preserved pieces of the original wallpaper that hung in individual hotel rooms. These were framed and will be displayed in the Lofts on Main.



At the close of the year, the drywall has been hung and is awaiting finishing. The Lofts have six studio spaces.



We are transforming a dilapidated space into a useful part of our community.

# Annual Financial Statement

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**2023**

Calico Rock Community Foundation, Inc.

REVENUES	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Contributions, Gifts and Grants</b>					
Contributions	\$164,950.51	\$159,448.00	\$132,868.42	\$130,693.77	\$154,097.78
Operating Grants	\$5,091.00	\$6,617.00	\$8,594.00	\$8,727.00	\$16,736.93
Storybook Project Gifts	\$331.00	\$0.00	\$8,594.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Programmatic Grants	\$3,418.81	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,057.81	\$5,786.93
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$176,431.29</b>	<b>\$166,065.00</b>	<b>\$154,056.42</b>	<b>\$143,478.58</b>	<b>\$176,621.64</b>
<b>ENDOWMENT INCOME/LOSS</b>	<b>\$11,195.08</b>	<b>\$14,191.81</b>	<b>\$8,167.41</b>	<b>(\$4,814.25)</b>	<b>\$1,537.26</b>
<b>Artisan Gift Shop Retail Sales</b>					
Gross Sales	\$30,977.77	\$19,471.75	\$62,725.50	\$45,808.65	\$49,737.56
Less Cost of Goods	\$23,436.49	\$9,683.25	\$43,062.90	\$29,744.06	\$34,345.18
<b>Artisan Gift Shop Retail Sales</b>	<b>\$7,541.28</b>	<b>\$9,788.50</b>	<b>\$19,662.60</b>	<b>\$16,064.59</b>	<b>\$15,392.38</b>
<b>The Marketplace Retail Sales</b>					
Gross Sales		\$54,211.30	\$110,893.71	\$65,019.13	\$55,768.76
Less Cost of Goods		\$38,372.77	\$80,330.58	\$47,531.49	\$39,327.77
<b>The Marketplace Retail Sales</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$15,838.53</b>	<b>\$30,563.13</b>	<b>\$17,487.64</b>	<b>\$16,440.99</b>
<b>Total Sales of Inventory</b>		<b>\$73,683.05</b>	<b>\$173,619.21</b>	<b>\$110,827.78</b>	<b>\$105,506.32</b>
<b>Total Cost of Goods</b>		<b>\$48,056.02</b>	<b>\$123,393.48</b>	<b>\$77,275.55</b>	<b>\$73,672.95</b>
<b>TOTAL SALE OF INVENTORY</b>	<b>\$60,525.15</b>	<b>\$25,627.03</b>	<b>\$50,225.73</b>	<b>\$33,552.23</b>	<b>\$31,833.37</b>
<b>PROGRAM SERVICE CONTRACT</b>					
City Visitor Center Contract	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$37,000.00	\$40,000.00
County Visitor Center Contract		\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00
<b>TOTAL CONTRACT REVENUE</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>	<b>\$34,000.00</b>	<b>\$39,000.00</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>	<b>\$44,000.00</b>
<b>SALE OF REAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$125,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>LINE OF CREDIT/LOAN</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$125,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$13,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER REVENUE</b>	<b>\$80,000.00</b>	<b>\$159,000.00</b>	<b>\$39,000.00</b>	<b>\$165,000.00</b>	<b>\$57,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL REVENUE SOURCES</b>	<b>\$328,151.52</b>	<b>\$364,883.84</b>	<b>\$251,449.56</b>	<b>\$337,216.56</b>	<b>\$266,992.27</b>

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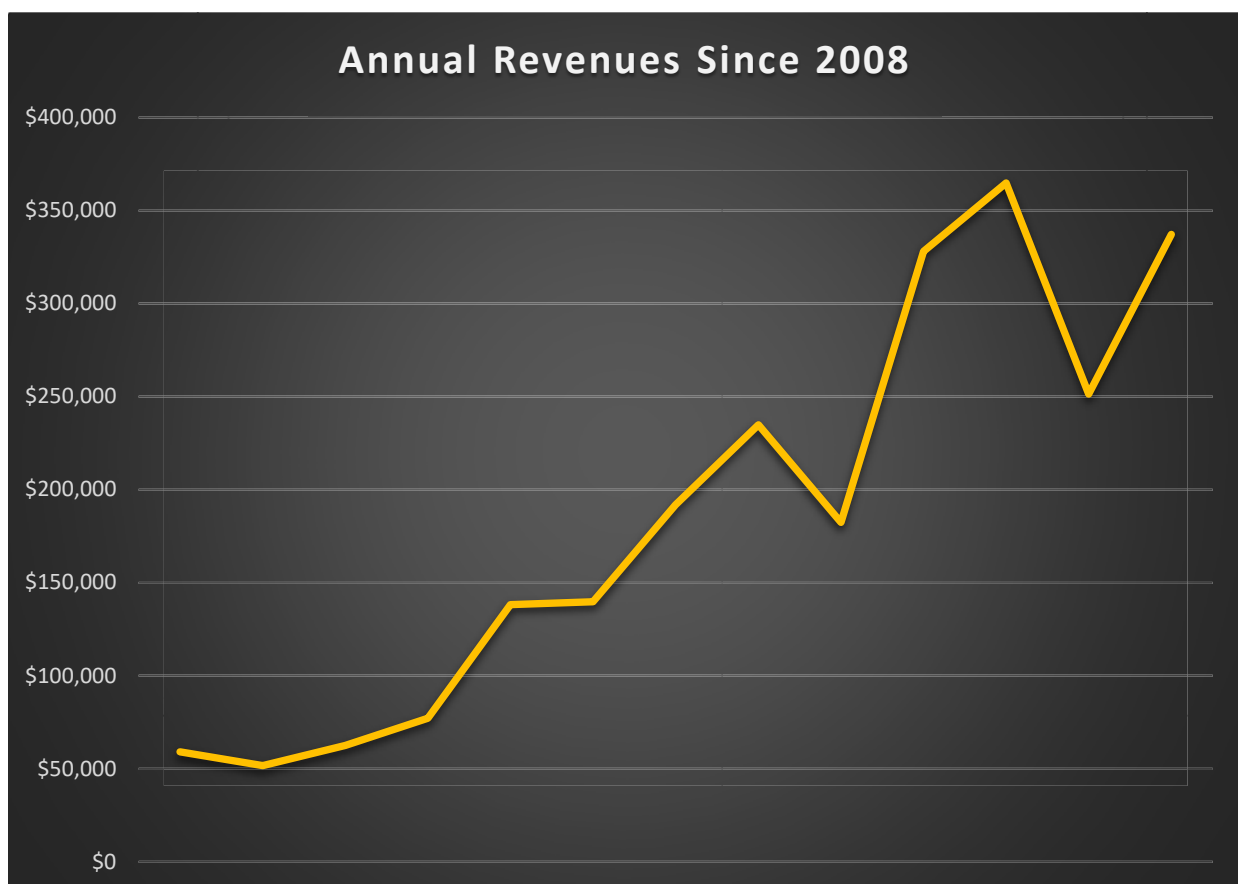
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EXPENSES	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>EMPLOYEE COSTS</b>	<b>\$112,185.07</b>	<b>\$59,544.70</b>	<b>\$71,523.82</b>	<b>\$86,019.55</b>	<b>\$99,715.93</b>
<b>Maintenance &amp; Operation</b>					
Maintenance & Operation Cost	\$3,882.51	\$6,627.85	\$11,451.72	\$830.52	\$13,858.91
Insurance	\$6,586.65	\$8,969.95	\$4,474.28	\$4,217.12	\$4,663.52
Utilities	\$21,744.73	\$16,516.48	\$21,766.00	\$26,348.16	\$23,998.70
Sales Tax	\$11,185.00	\$5,648.49	\$17,361.90	\$11,908.27	\$9,746.00
<b>TOTAL MAINTENANCE &amp; OPERATION</b>	<b>\$43,398.89</b>	<b>\$37,762.77</b>	<b>\$55,053.90</b>	<b>\$43,304.07</b>	<b>\$52,267.13</b>
<b>Programmatic Expenses</b>					
Building & Improvement Program	\$78,275.85	\$237,409.03	\$69,607.86	\$188,871.57	\$87,335.12
Educational Programs	\$15,676.33	\$7,188.34	\$21,106.51	\$15,078.75	\$27,406.85
Marketing & Promotion	\$13,353.54	\$4,826.06	\$7,520.88	\$5,542.53	\$3,126.97
Storybook Project	\$289.98	\$403.32	\$97.00	\$76.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMMATIC EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$117,195.70</b>	<b>\$249,826.75</b>	<b>\$98,332.25</b>	<b>\$209,568.85</b>	<b>\$117,868.94</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$272,779.66</b>	<b>\$347,134.22</b>	<b>\$224,909.97</b>	<b>\$338,892.47</b>	<b>\$269,852.00</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$328,151.52</b>	<b>\$364,883.84</b>	<b>\$251,449.56</b>	<b>\$337,216.56</b>	<b>\$266,992.27</b>
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<b>REVENUE LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$55,371.86</b>	<b>\$17,749.62</b>	<b>\$26,539.59</b>	<b>(\$1,675.91)</b>	<b>(\$2,859.73)</b>
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>					
FNBIC Operating Checking Account	\$1,221.25	\$4,586.64	\$9,004.77	\$4,553.38	\$509.02
FNBIC Storybook Checking Account	\$4,000.16	\$3,596.84	\$3,499.84	\$3,423.84	\$3,423.84
FNBIC Building Fund Checking Acct	\$21,500.00	\$3,761.01	\$18,927.00	\$25,882.35	\$15,130.65
FNBIC The Marketplace Checking Act	\$636.20	\$9,589.58	\$8,411.76	\$2,025.20	\$4,430.60
FNBIC Artisan Gift Checking Acct		\$5,203.74	\$8,681.76	\$3,216.25	\$5,192.51
FNBIC Ed Matthews Memorial Fund				\$5,020.75	
FNBIC Savings Account	\$386.58	\$50,005.27	\$17,204.07	\$24,745.77	\$20,002.02
FNBIC Endowment CD					\$61,521.85
Thrivent Endowment Fund	\$59,129.23	\$48,196.39	\$49,016.93	\$44,202.68	
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>	<b>\$86,873.42</b>	<b>\$124,939.47</b>	<b>\$114,746.13</b>	<b>\$113,070.22</b>	<b>\$110,210.49</b>
<b>Growth or Loss in Funds</b>		<b>\$38,066.05</b>	<b>(\$10,193.34)</b>	<b>(\$1,675.91)</b>	<b>(\$2,859.73)</b>

## By the Numbers

# \$2,754,140

Total Community Investment Since 2008



# Donor Recognition

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Janie Jenkins In Memory of Mark Green  
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Wayna Dockins

# in memory.

He walked through the doors with confidence and a little swagger in his step. He had a mission. He was courting a woman he had already decided would be his bride. She had other plans. She was recently widowed and she was far too busy. But, it would be rude to not meet with anyone who asked for a meeting. The meeting was followed by a dinner and another and then endless hours of conversation, but a wedding was not in the future! At least that's what she told everyone around her, and what she tried to convince herself. But, the Lord had other plans.

Benjamin Sanders entered the world of the Calico Rock Museum with a mission. He intended to marry our executive director, the mother hen, the woman who spent so much time caring for others that she neglected herself. Ben Sanders had one very powerful ally and while Gloria Sanders is a force of nature, she is no match for the Almighty. We aren't convinced Ben Sanders knew the Lord was on his side, but you couldn't tell it by his confidence.

At first, we were all a little protective and a little skeptical of the intentions of this man with all this swagger. Our skepticism quickly faded when we saw what Gloria saw...there was not just swagger, there was heart. There was a man whose life had not been perfect, but deserved days that began and ended in a smile. Gloria needed the same thing. They were perfect for each other.

Ben Sanders volunteered at the museum in countless ways. Without him, there would be no science center. He was an ever-present cheerleader, supporter, and friend. Along the way, he nurtured and mentored so many.

Ben has gone to be with the Lord. And, we are thankful for every minute of every day we had with him. Well done, Ben, well done, thy good and faithful servant.



## Ben Sanders



# in memory.

Today our special friend Sherman Anderson went for his final walk with the angels. He fought a long and hard battle with leukemia. He can now rest.

As he was fondly known, the Tree Top Guy graced our Calico Rock Museum with his beautiful and whimsical Spinning Tops. Sherman has been a part of the Calico Rock Artisan Coop since 2015. He made and demonstrated old fashion tops. It was a joy to watch him, and customers were amazed at his work. He gave of himself more than people know; he was part of the Royal Family Kids camp and volunteered endless time in Mtn View at the Library. He loved seeing the smile on kids' faces.

Sherman was an entertaining part of our Annual Living Windows every year, delighting children and adults alike by playing with his beautiful handcrafted wooden tops while in a window display.

He was quite the storyteller, too. Very knowledgeable on all topics and loved to tell a story to anyone that would listen. Whenever he visited the Museum, he'd leave us asking for more. Now, he moves on to his next great adventure.

Thank you, Sherman, for the memories and your service to the museum and our community.



Sherman  
Anderson



# in memory.

Gentle, yet firm in her convictions. Compassionate, yet rooted in her beliefs. Faithful, yet understanding of those whose faith sometimes ebbed and flowed. Sympathetic, yet never a push-over. The text-book definition of Southern Lady. She was one of God's angels living among us. Not perfect, but striving for perfection. Not finished, but always working for the Lord.

Gaye Wood has been called to her Heavenly home after decades of faithful service to her God, her church, her community, her family, and even strangers she met only once. And, our lives will be a little more empty without her in them.

Gaye was married to Wayne Wood for most of her life. They adored each other and were still smitten with each other until her final breath. They were a text-book relationship, an example of how to endure living together, and that's really a good way to put it. It's what folks like Wayne and Gaye figured out long ago...we all have weaknesses, failures, little things we do that can be really annoying to somebody else, but we endure them. We carry on. We love the other person anyway, maybe in spite of those things, because the Bible teaches us that love endures all things. Gaye lived that.

As a founder of the Calico Rock Museum and Visitors Center and vice chairman of the Calico Rock Community Foundation, Wayne had a lot of responsibilities. None of that free work would have been possible without Gaye. None of the lives he helped lead to Christ as a pastor would have happened without Gaye.

Gaye Wood made our community better through the roles she accepted and the support she gave. She was instrumental in providing family history, her Aunt Sybil's paintings, and artifacts that made our museum. She was a staunch supporter and a great friend.



## Gaye Wood

# in memory.

In the world of museums, one of the most rewarding aspects is the opportunity to connect with a diverse array of people. Sue McClusky was a dear friend of our museum. We lost her this year.

Sue's presence was most felt when we embarked on our mission to create the Native American Exhibition. She was one of the first to embrace the cause wholeheartedly and eagerly volunteered to roll up her sleeves and dive into the project, ensuring that the representation of Native American culture was not just accurate but brimming with the pride it deserved.



Sue McClusky

It is with the deepest sympathy that we mourn the loss of our dear friend, Bill Terry. Bill was the owner of the Calico Rock Trout Dock for many years, served on the Calico Rock City Council, and was a dear friend of the [Calico Rock Museum and Visitors Center](#). Bill was always helpful for our events, setting up exhibits, gathering items for displays, and serving on committees. Bill was a true Southern gentleman, had an infectious laugh, and lived life with class. Rest well, our friend, rest well.



Bill Terry

# in memory.

Mark Green taught English, journalism, study skills and served as high school librarian for 28 years at Calico Rock High School. He earned a KAIT8 Golden Ruler Award and was a national finalist for the Walt Disney Great American Teacher award.

Diabetes slowly, silently ravaged his body. When its effects forced him to retire, he did not stop making a difference. It was after his retirement that he began to positively change the rest of the community.

Mark was instrumental in the Calico Rock Community Foundation's efforts to revitalize our community. He chose the historical colors for the buildings on Main Street, designed and decorated the Printing Press Cafe, consulted on the development of the Calico Rock Museum, and provided help and support as we restored, preserved, and revitalized our hometown. He personally saved dozens of school yearbooks and memorabilia that was bound for the dumpster, kept it safe for years, and gave it to the museum to preserve.

His favorite book to teach was "To Kill a Mockingbird." He drew inspiration on how to live his life and influence others from its main character, Atticus Finch, who said, "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view...until you climb into his skin and walk around in it."

May we all respect one another, be kind to one another, and love one another as we remember Mark Green, for a lifetime of sacrifice to our community.



Mark Green

# in memory.

The Calico Rock Museum has lost another dear friend. Jan Bufford was an extraordinary soul who graced our lives with her presence. Last night, she embarked on her final journey among the angels, leaving a legacy of kindness, love, and boundless warmth.

Within our walls, Jan served as more than an assistant; she was an indispensable part of our family. Her contributions were not merely remarkable; they were awe-inspiring. Her ability to uncover hidden treasures in research and undertake projects was nothing short of amazing.

In our shared moments, laughter intertwined with tears as we navigated the depths of both joy and sorrow. Jan's presence illuminated every event with her infectious smile and her unwavering passion for connecting with people through storytelling.

Despite facing challenges, Jan never allowed her handicaps to define her. She approached life with unparalleled strength, never seeking excuses or sympathy. Today, our hearts are heavy with the loss of this remarkable soul.

Her dedication to the Museum mirrored the devotion we held for her. Even amidst battles with post-Covid illnesses, she remained resolute, refusing to be subdued by adversity. Jan Bufford will forever remain a beacon of resilience and unwavering spirit in our memories.

Your time of eternal rest is well deserved, we miss you and love you.



## Jan Bufford

## A Very Special Thank You



*Mayor Greg Hamby presents the Key to the City of Calico Rock to David and Kedra Sugg during a reception in their honor hosted by the Calico Rock Museum & Visitor Center in December.*

David and Kedra Sugg retired to Calico Rock after rewarded careers as educators in Texas. Shortly after arriving, they began gathering with others who were “from off” and lifetime locals. Originally, their gatherings were purely social, but, as things often do, they quickly turned to something far more serious. There was genuine concern that the town they had fallen in love with was beginning to fade away. Businesses were closing, historic buildings were beginning to crumble, and there was little reason for visitors to stop in for a visit. There were just two businesses left on Main Street. Something had to change, quickly.

The Suggs were instrumental in founding the 20/20 Group. Their hope was to have a 20/20 vision for Calico Rock and that by the time 2020 arrived the community could look backward and see progress. They joined with a couple dozen volunteers and started to work. They set about researching the history of each building, painting and cleaning up the storefronts, adding park benches, planting flowers, and sprucing up town. They made Main Street a welcoming front door.

## David and Kedra Sugg

Without the 20/20 Group, there would be no Calico Rock Community Foundation or the Calico Rock Museum & Visitor Center. It was their work that paved the way for the work we eventually was able to do.



Their work didn't stop on Main Street, either. They were always available for the Boy Scouts Canoe Race, working countless hours at the Calico Rock Food Room, and helping with their church.

At the museum, David and Kedra Sugg were instrumental in teaching classes, leading tours, playing dress up, being in Living Windows, creating beautiful windows, hanging pictures, painting, and doing anything in between.

David and Kedra Sugg have been invaluable to Calico Rock and the our Foundation. Thank you, David and Kedra, for your countless contributions.

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