

Shinnin' Times

EARLY ARKANSAW REENACTORS ASSOCIATION

Southwestern Regional Rendezvous!!!

The SWRR 2021 will be in Prescott, Arkansas this month. See Page 3 for the flyer and information. Come on out and have some fun.

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ALL DATES Tentative Due to Current Health Situation and Subject to Change.

EARA 2021 Event Schedule

- Jan 9** 12th Night Christmas Party 10 am until Scott Plantation Settlement Teresa Lafferty 501-247-6466
- Jan 23** Shoot and Shooting class plus Robert Burns Party at Scott Settlement Ed Williams 501-944-0736
- Jan 30** Defense of Cadron Colonial Event at Cadron State Park, Conway Ed Williams 501-944-0736
- Feb 19-21** Five Trail's Voo Historic Washington St. Park Lori Bennett 903-306-7781
- March 6-7?** White Oak Voo White Oak State Park Ed Williams 502-944-0736
- March 12-21** ** SWRR Prescott, AR at Prairie D'Ane Steve Holmes 501-368-3167
- Apr 16-18** Colbert's Raid at Arkansas Post Ed Williams 501-944-0736
- Apr 16-18** Woolly Hollow Voo, Woolly Hollow State Park Tom Reedy 501-679-1636 Tinker 501-351-0561
- April 30– May 2** Saline Crossing Voo Benton, AR Doyle Richey 501-860-2544/Marsh Kimmerly 501-8603686
- May 8 ** ? HAM Spring Frolic** Scott&6th HAM Museum Call Ed Williams 501-944-0736
- June 4-6** Bennett's Wildcat Voo Billy's at Jordan, AR Billy/Cathey Bennett 8702972269/2547187410
- July 4**?**Celebration at HAM Scott& 6th St Downtown LR Ed Williams 501-944-0736
- July 16-18**** MOJAM Marshall, MO City Park James 'Nonose' Thompson 501-860-2547
- Aug 7** Ice Cream Social Carol's Porch Call Carol Fritts at 501-3501706
- Aug 21** Annual EARA Picnic and meeting Location to be decided later.
- Sept 24-26?** Soggy Bottoms Hist. Wash. State Park —Lori Bennett 903-306-7781
- Oct 2**?** Sorghum Cook off/Fall Festival Scott Ed Williams 501-944-0736
- Oct 8-10** Leslie Voo Dirk/Sherry Hettrick sherryhetrick@gmail.com 501 253 4627
- Oct 13-17**** Fort Cooper Voo Call Dianne Estrata 903-665-1672 David Pilgrin 903-276-8169/903-227-8302)
- Oct 29-31** Prairie D'Ane Rendezvous Steve Holmes 501-368-3167
- November 5-6** ** Wolf House November 6th & 7th (Friday and Saturday)
- Venue: Educational Programming for Public NOTE: Setup on Thursday, November 4th and Break-Down on Sunday, November 7th. Norfolk, AR Call Tom Reedy 501-679-1636**
- Nov 24-28** Petite Jean Voo Petite Jean State Park Call April Goff 501-590-2583 CANCELLED!!!
- Dec 4**?** HAM Christmas Folic Scott&6th HAM Museum Call Ed Williams 501-944-0736

*** 3 required meetings per EARA bylaws per year for club**

**** Not EARA events**

37th annual 2021 Southwestern Regional Rendezvous Prescott, AR 71857 March 13-20, 2021



Member of Southeast Colorado Council of Buckskinners

The SWRR schedule of events include: Adult and kids events.

- Primitive archery shoot
- Fire making contest
- Cooking contest
- Knife and hawk throw
- Smooth bore & rifle shoots
- Highland games
- Round robin
- Colleges/Seminars
- Pistol shoot
- Daily Raffles
- Demonstrations
- Pie Contest
- and many more events

Kids games include daily quests and special event treasure hunt, so bring your sense of adventure kids.

Firewood and water available on site. Showers are offsite within 1/2 mile from the camp site. See gate book for details and discounts on local business' in the area. Ice sold daily.

Early set up will be March 10-12, 2021 Long term and short term areas setup 8am-6pm. March 12 thru 20 short term only 10am-4pm. After March 12-20 walk in/out long term only. Long term will be closed to vehicle traffic March 12 at 6pm. Open to the public March 13th and March 20th 10am to 4pm. School days will be announced.

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501-368-3167

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Segundo

James (No Nose) Thompson
501-860-2547

Email: nonoseou812@yahoo.com

Directions to the site: take I-30 to Prescott, exit 46 take hwy 19 north 1000' and turn left into property.

Follow signs to camp and parking

Registration comes with one gate book per camp

Name: _____ Phone # _____ email: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Make checks payable to SWRR

Preregistration (Postmarked by Feb. 24, 2021)

Adult: _____ X \$25= _____
 Children*: _____ X \$5 = _____
 Medallion: _____ X \$17= _____
 Sprinkle Mug: _____ X \$20= _____
 Trader**: _____ X \$65= _____

Registration at the gate

Adult: _____ X \$35= _____
 Children*: _____ X \$10= _____
 Medallion: _____ X \$17= _____
 Sprinkle Mug: _____ X \$20= _____
 Trader**: _____ X \$75= _____

*Children 12 years and under

**Trader includes one adult registration

Mail Registration to:
SWRR PO Box 543
Jefferson, TX 75657

Oilcloth

Oilcloth was an 18th century shelter traditionally made of hemp or linen cloth with a linseed oil coating and was semi-waterproof.



“They (Canadians) name prelat a large and heavy cloth, oil-painted in red,... to keep oneself from the rain” Louis Franquet, 1752

“A course linen painted red with oil, with which we cover the [canoe cargo] as further protection against the rain.” Louis Franquet, 1752

The fabric described during the mid 18th century was one aune wide (46 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches) and came in three different weights. The length of the issued cloth ranged from approximately 5 aunes or 6 aunes to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ aunes . This would mean that the cloth would be 233 inches to 350 inches in length or about 19 feet to 29 feet in total length. This information was derived from The Equipment of the New France Militia, Steve Delisle, pgs. 17 and 43.

It is often assumed that this amount of fabric would be sewn together to form a large tarpaulin in order to shelter the four. By cutting and sewing this amount of fabric you can make a rectangular piece of cloth that is approximately 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet if using 5 aunes of fabric, or 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet x 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet if using 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ aunes.

Materials to make oilcloth

Hemp or Linen fabric – For a lightweight tarp a 12 oz material will work, for a heavier tarp the 14 oz.

Cotton– Many reenactors use cotton painters tarps in lieu of traditional materials. Once painted I suppose it is difficult to tell.

Linseed oil– Store bought linseed oil is still very acidic, even the boiled linseed oil. It can be used but in combination with the turpentine it will rot away the fabric over time. To neutralize the acid you can slowly heat the oil (outside and very carefully) and add calcium carbonate (limestone) to the oil. I do not have detailed instruction at this time on this process, but as I understand it you add the powdered limestone to the hot oil and it will smoke for half an hour and then be less acidic .

Turpentine – This is added to the oil after boiling in order to thin down the oil and make it easier to paint onto the cloth. Turpentine will also destroy fabric over time.

Red ochre– On Ebay you can search for iron oxide/red ochre/ferric oxide and buy 1 lb for under \$10.00 and 5 lbs for under \$15.00. This is the common color in the Great Lakes fur trade and during the French Regime in North America.

Instructions

Mix one part boiled linseed oil with one part turpentine.

Add red ochre till you get desired color.

Paint cloth and let it dry in the open. This can take several days or longer. DO NOT fold up wet fabric coated with linseed oil! It can spontaneously combust! Once dry it is fine.

Paint additional layers as necessary.

Another Option

An alternative to making your own paint would be to simply buy linseed oil based paint from a hardware store. Often called Barn Red oil paint, the ingredients are linseed oil, red ochre and sometimes a drier. This is as about as close as you come to a commercial alternative to making your own paint. Check the ingredients on the can, some barn paints have latex in them as well.

<http://thebuckskeepers.com/wp/oilcloth/>

George Washington's Rosemary Chicken

"This recipe was a favorite of George Washington's and has since become a favorite of my wife's and sons'," says author Frederick J. Chiaventone. "It's surprisingly fast to prepare — about 15 – 20 minutes to get everything prepped and into the Dutch oven."

1 whole chicken, rinsed and cavity cleaned out

Olive oil

Salt to taste

1 lemon, quartered

Sprigs of fresh rosemary (including twigs), chopped

6 – 12 fingerling potatoes, scrubbed (or several small potatoes, scrubbed and quartered)

1 onion, diced

6 carrots, scrubbed and sliced

Rub chicken with olive oil and place in Dutch oven. Salt to taste. Squeeze 2 lemon quarters over chicken; stuff the remaining 2 lemon quarters inside the bird. Sprinkle rosemary liberally onto bird, into cavity, and in the bottom of the Dutch oven. Add potatoes, onion, and carrots around the chicken. Nestle oven in hot coals for 2½ hours. For gravy, thicken the resulting chicken drippings with a little flour mixed into some milk.

<https://www.cowboysindians.com/2015/06/mountain-man-grub/>

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