## Hot Springs Tourism Association Spring Newsletter 2021

#### 2021 SCHEDULE of EVENTS in Hot Springs, NC

We are looking forward to gathering at festivals and special events this year!

Some events have been scheduled with new protocols. Check their websites for details, and for any cancellations or rescheduling of events prior to arrival.



Every Tuesday at 6pm.....Bingo Night at Big Pillow Brewing

Every Wed at 6pm.....Live Music/Open Mic at Big Pillow

April 1-14 on Display......Art of Storytelling Exhibit at Artisun

April 24.....Birds for Books Library Fundraiser

April- Cancelled......Appalachian TrailFest

June 12 Virtual Event......Bluff Mountain Music Festival

July 3 To Be Decided......Independence Day Fireworks

Date To Be Decided......Vintage BMW Gathering

Sept 2,3,4 & 5......Wild Goose Festival

October 1,2 & 3.....French Broad River Festival

October TBA.....BBQ for Books Library Fundraiser

Keep Track of Events and Live Music on our<u>Website Events Calendar</u>

Read More About Activities on our Things To Do Page!

# **Paint Rock Preservation Efforts**

This ancient pictograph is located along the River Road near Paint Creek, about 20 feet up on the cliff face. Testing has indicated that it was created nearly 5,000 years ago.



The painting itself remains a mystery, though often thought to convey to the woodland Indians the location of the hot mineral spring waters.

We are all stewards of our heritage and history, and are fortunate to have this remarkable cultural site here near Hot

Springs, NC. It is pursuant on all of us to protect it because it is very vulnerable. There is nothing else like this in the rainy, temperate Southeast, as most prehistoric rock art has been eroded away.

Recent increases in graffiti and littering at the site have raised concerns about Paint Rock's future preservation. Learn More and Get Involved on the <u>Paint Rock Preservation Effort Facebook Page</u>

Read an essay about Paint Rock from the NC Highway Historical Marker Program on our website: <u>https://www.hotspringsnc.org/paint-rock</u>

For directions and information, stop by the Hot Springs Welcome Center.



#### StoryCorps Captures Stories of Hot Springs Residents

Pictured to the left is Della 'Hazel' Moore, one of eight residents whose life stories are recorded in oral interviews. Read more about these people in our latest article by Tiffany Narron:

www.hotspringsnc.org/storycorpscaptures-stories-of-hot-springs-residents

Know someone in the community who would like to be interviewed, or want to conduct an interview? Contact the <u>Friends of the Hot Springs</u> <u>Library</u> and volunteer your time for this valuable project.

#### French Broad River Festival Donates Funds for Litter Cleanup

Have you noticed the streets in downtown Hot Springs looking cleaner, especially during the past 2 years?

Thanks to the generous donations from the <u>French Broad River Festival</u>, HSTA Administrator Stacey Geyer has been making a weekly sweep of town's streets.

Despite the cancellation of the 2020 festival, organizers graciously donated again for litter cleanup in 2021.



You may also help to keep our town and surrounding forests clean. Please put litter in the trash cans.



### Drive Through Tour of Hot Springs, NC in Summertime of 2020

Remember the feel of summer? Take a slow ride through town by watching this video from last September.

www.hotspringsnc.org/drive-through-tour-of-hot-springs-nc-in-summer

The video tour was filmed and created as a part of the 2020 Barbecue for Books telethon broadcast to raise funds for the Hot Springs library building fund.

Updated info about the hours and services of shops and restaurants in Hot Springs, NC is compiled on our <u>Website's Covid-19 Page</u>.



Hot Springs Welcome Center is open daily from 10-5. We are located at 106 Bridge Street. Call us at 828-622-9932

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