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## **Upcoming Events**

November 2022

Mon Nov. 14 Grassy Knob Fire Assoc. Board

Meeting 4 pm at the Community Center

Wed. Nov. 30 Auxiliary Meeting 9:45 am

At the Community Center

<u>Fri Nov. 19 Community Potluck</u> 6 pm social time 6:30 dinner Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

The Auxiliary will provide the Turkeys. At the Community Center.

**Exercise** Mon, Wed & Friday 8:30-10:00 am at the Community Center.

Body Groove Thurs. 9-10 am at Community Center

Line Dancing is Free Tuesdays 6pm( summer hours) at the Community Center. Beginners at 5:30

Last Tues. of month dancing at Rowdy Beaver 6 pm.

The Auxiliary is looking for someone to handle concessions sales. That includes t-shirts, cookbooks, car license plates etc. Contact Mindy Godfrey 402-659-8481





CHRIST OF THE OZARKS

The Christ of the Ozarks Statue is one of the most visited attractions in the Ozarks. It rises seven stories high and over-looks Eureka Springs.

More than 500,00 people come to visit the statue every year. Emmet Sullivan, an apprentice to one of the sculptors of Mount Rushmore, sculpted this majestic statue. It was finished in 1966 and dedicated. Every inch was built by hand.

The foundation alone required 340 tons of concrete interlaced with steel that was welded into the rock of Magnetic Mountain. The statue is made of 24 layers of white mortar on a steel frame. It was necessary to build an elevator on the side of the framework, which was completely surrounded by scaffolding during construction. The face is approximately 15 feet in height. The hands from wrist to fingertip measure approximately 7 feet. The total weight of the statue is over 2 million pounds. The arm spread from fingertip to fingertip is 65 feet.

The statue is open to the public without a charge.

The Christ of the Ozarks is located at 935 Passion Play Road



Frost Flowers

Have you been lucky enough to view frost flowers? In late fall when the first nights of below-freezing temperatures hit, you might awaken at the break of dawn to see one of nature's most magnificent displays. What would that be? Frost flowers, of course

Frost flowers are not really flowers at all. They are natural ice sculptures that some people believe look like flowers. Some people describe them as looking like spunglass or cotton candy. Do fairies sculpt these flowers in the middle of the night? Not so! They are created by plants.

You can sometimes see them in a field looking like a bouquet of white flowers. If you're lucky enough to see them be sure to catch a picture of them.

They're incredibly beautiful but also very delicate. These fragile ice sculptures will disappear as the first rays of sunlight hit them. As the sun rises and temps rise, frost flowers melt away and are gone in an instant.

So how does Mother Nature make these stunning creations? It's science! Frost flowers only develop when temperatures first drop below freezing but the ground is still warm enough to keep the root systems of plants alive. Plants draw water from their roots up into their stems. When the water reaches the stem, it quickly freezes because of the cold air. Because the plant stems are thin, ice crystals that form will push their way out through the stem's walls.

The plants stem structure will make crystals that form thin strands like a ribbon or in thin curling sheets. When the ribbons and sheets join together, they can create a shape like a flower petal.

One plant species known to produce frost flowers is frostweed, also known as Indian tobacco or tickweed. You might also find frost flowers in areas with white or yellow wingstem plants. The best place to spot frost flowers will be among tall weeds in areas that aren't mowed often.





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