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Greetings, car club members. January 20th was our first meeting of the year. We had 22 present for our meeting. We had many items to prepare for the year. We have a new couple that joined our club at the January meeting: Glenn & Cheri King, 10719 Old Harbor Ct. Ft. Smith Ark., phone 623-249-0290. Welcome to the club!! We finished the month with a tour on Saturday January 22nd. The fabulous tour was to the local art museum. Our tour allowed us to view the John Bell Jr. "Coming Home" exhibit, the David Malcolm Rose "Lost Highway" miniature collection, the John Hass artworks, and the Edward Marshall Boehm "Clay and Porcelain" exhibit.

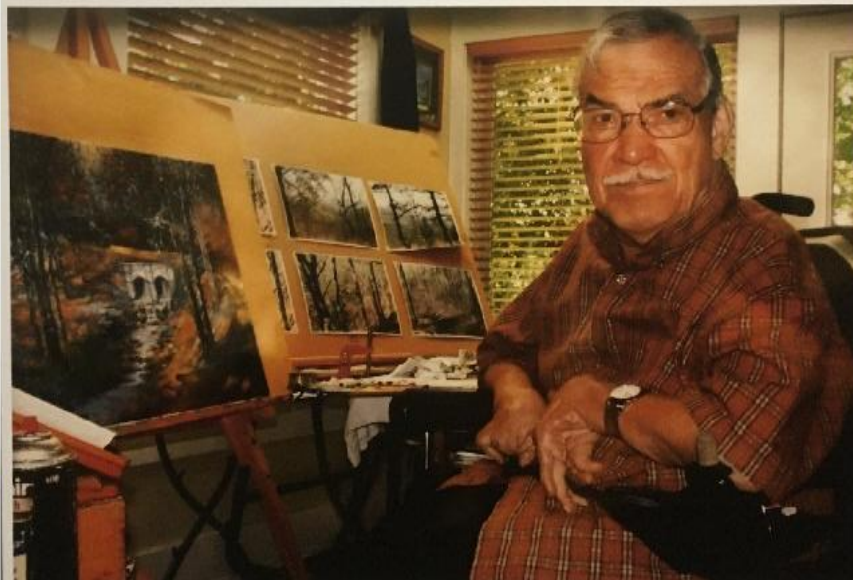


John Bell, Jr.

John Bell, Jr. displayed artistic creativity from a young age and drew inspiration from Renoir, Jacques-Louis David, and Edouard Leon Cortes. From these sources, Bell crafted his unique approach and style, documenting 19th- and 20th-century Fort Smith history with a romantic eye. Bell spent his time developing his skills as an artist and also overcoming the perceptual bias that faced people with physical challenges. Through his life-long advocacy, Bell helped raise awareness of accessibility issues.



Because of his focus on artistic achievement, his discipline, his creativity, and his stubborn refusal to let his physical challenges impede his progress, Bell became Fort Smith's most famous artist and a force for positive change.

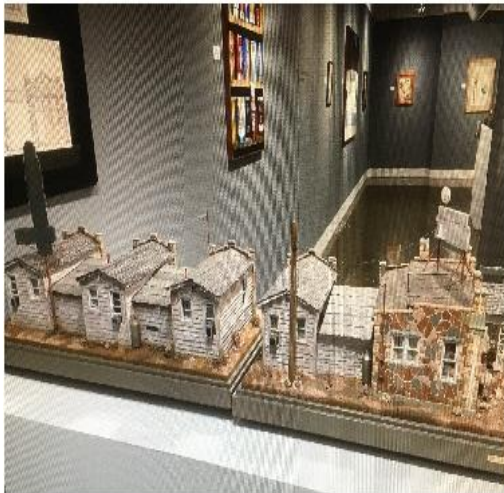




Back To The Fort
Fort Smith, Arkansas



The Crescent & Liberty, 1886
Eureka Springs, Arkansas

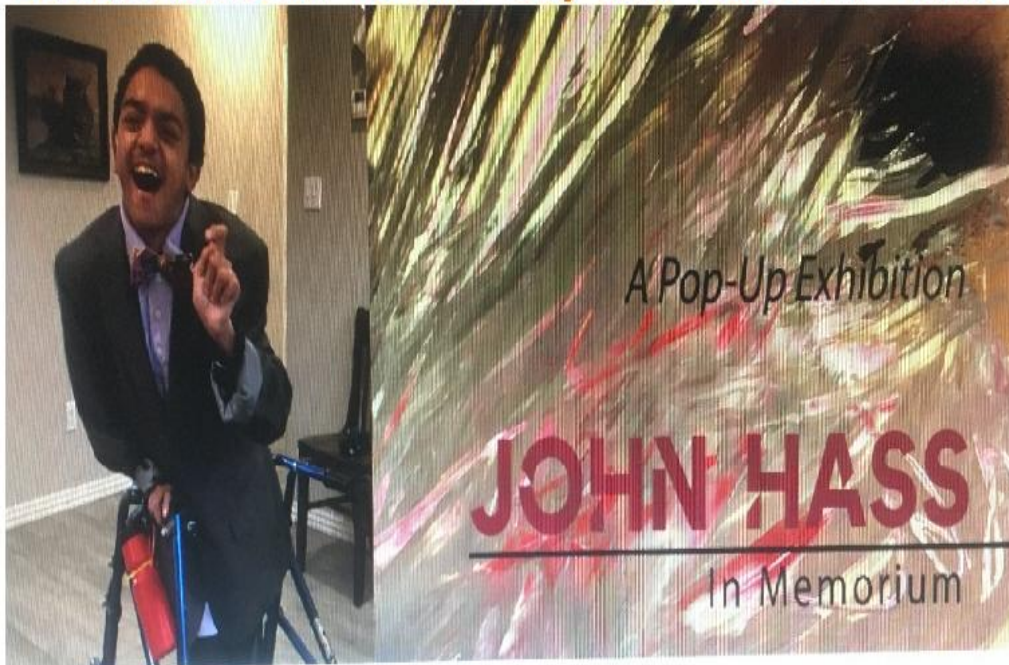


Davis Malcolm Rose "Lost Highway"

Exact replica minitures
of past businesses on
Route 66



Edward Marshall Boehm Clay and Porcelain Exhibit



Colorful and abstract, John Hass' artworks are an expression of freedom. "In his art, you will find colors and techniques played against each other in unique and joyful ways, and always there is light," states John's mother Ageena, "John's smile lit up every room he entered and like him, every piece of his art has a light that brings joy to those who see it."

Although born with prune belly syndrome, a disability that gave him physical limitations similar to cerebral palsy, John Hass adapted ways to hold his paintbrushes and spray equipment to pursue his passion.



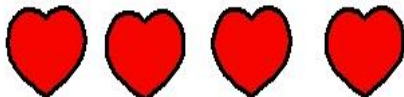
LUNCH at Ed Walker's Drive-In after tour

After lunch, several members gathered at the Fort Smith History Museum to view our club exhibit. It was an informative day. We would like to thank Ed and Sue Vann for arranging our tour. We would like to also thank Terry and Karla Gallamore for their generosity to the club members attending the activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On the calendar February 9th on a Wednesday, our club members will be hosting a school tour at the Fort Smith History Museum. We will be answering questions about our club and museum exhibit and interacting with the students.

February 10th at 5:30 we will be meeting at the Pasta Grill in Van Buren for our club Valentine Dinner event.



Our February 17th meeting will be starting at 6:30 with chili/soup night. Bring your favorite chili/soup or something to go with it. Our guest speaker for our meeting will be Caroline Speir, Executive Director of the Fort Smith Museum of History. She will be discussing the club's grand opening exhibit on Saturday, February 26th. We will also need a tour host for a March activity or drive.



Grand Opening



Exhibit



**February 26th
10 A. M. - 2 P. M.**

Fort Smith History Museum



Calling all club members to bring their antique and classic automobiles to our grand opening and celebration of "60 YEARS ON THE ROAD". We want to encourage everyone to participate in this activity to promote our club. If you are willing to bring your vehicle, please let me (Carl) know as soon as possible so we can prepare for adequate space for our automobiles.