Friends of Raymond celebrated their 20th anniversary in November with two events. On November 1, current and former members, donors, and guests attended a celebration party at the Dupree House. This historic home, owned by Brenda and Charles Davis, was a beautiful and appropriate setting for our group’s gathering to honor and recognize the contributions of all volunteers and donors.

Attendees were able to view displays recognizing former board members and donors, clippings of past news articles, and a slideshow of pictures from events over the last 20 years.

Parker Hills provided the guests with an overview of the many accomplishments of FOR over the subsequent 20 years.

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The founders of FOR, Dr. Ben Fatherree and Mickey Roth, both former Presidents of FOR, presented the founding members with original paintings by Laura Boswell, a local artist. The beautiful pictures of scenes from the Raymond Military Park were framed by Benjamin’s Custom Framing and Fine Art in Raymond. The founders recognized were Mayor Isla Tullos, David McCain, John Barber, Charles Davis, and the late Dick Kilby, whose award was accepted by his wife Ginger.

These individuals were the initial group that began meeting in 1998 to establish Friends of Raymond, Inc., with the purpose of acquisition, preservation and interpretation of the historic properties in the Raymond area, and in particular to preserve the property where the Battle of Raymond occurred in May, 1863. They set up Friends of Raymond, Inc., as a 501(c)(3) corporation, established by-laws, and began raising funds and gaining community support to acquire the first property. They were bold in their belief that they could be successful. Their vision and hard work gave FOR a great start and set a high bar for future boards of directors, resulting in the many accomplishment of FOR over the subsequent 20 years.

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Annual Friends of Raymond General Membership Meeting & Covered Dish Dinner

Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

At the home of

Isla Tullos
234 Town Square
Raymond, MS

Agenda:
Election of New Board Members
and update on FOR activities

Please bring a covered dish and your vote

Membership renewals may be paid at the meeting or by mail. Please see the back page of this newsletter for membership and mailing address information.

Contribution Options

FRIEND—Under $100 (Annual)

VOTING MEMBER—$100 and above (Annual)

GENERAL—$5000 (Lifetime)
Park Day—October 2018

On Saturday, October 13, 2018, Friends of Raymond conducted its annual fall Park Day. The interpretive markers were cleaned, cannons painted, the flower bed cleaned and weeded, and limbs picked up so that the area near Fourteen Mile Creek can be mowed. Volunteers enjoyed a hot dog and baked beans lunch.

There is always work to be done to maintain the Raymond Military Park, and FOR appreciates the members and volunteers who give of their time and energy to meet this need.

Spring Park Day will be Saturday, April 6, 2019, at the Raymond Military Park, 9 a.m. until noon. Plan now to help, either through on site work or a donation to cover work materials. More information will be posted on the Friends of Raymond MS Facebook page and the website at www.friendsofraymond.org.

Pictures from 2018 Projects

In an effort to use funds wisely, Friends of Raymond will limit mailing of paper newsletters to members, Generals and special requests. We will gladly email newsletters to anyone who wishes to receive it. Please be sure to provide us with your email address. You can send it to us at friendsofraymond@outlook.com.
Friends of Raymond

Mission and Membership

Friends of Raymond, Inc. was founded in 1998 as a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation, interpretation, management and promotion of Raymond’s history and historical sites. Friends of Raymond is a 501 (c)(3) corporation and all memberships and donations are tax deductible.

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