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The NCA office has officially moved

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Members in the Press

Marvel Cave was featured in the October 10th, 2010 "Rural Missouri" issue and acknowledged their award winning theme park celebrating 50 years.

Bridal Cave was featured on MNS homepage for a day celebrating "Wacky Weddings".

Crystal Cave, WI was mentioned in BCI's Bats 2010 fall magazine titled "Smashing Pennies for Bats" for their efforts to raise funds for WNS.

Baylor University's Institute for Family Business has honored Natural Stone Bridge Caverns as Medium Family Business of the Year at an awards banquet held on Nov. 4th 2010.

Fantastic Cavern's Kirk Hansen was inducted into the Missouri Hall of Fame by the Missouri Tourism Commission for his lifelong work in the tourism field

Natural Stone Bridge & Caves park has been named North Warren's Small Business of the Year in a debut award for the North Warren Chamber. This award recognizes a business that has flourished and made significant contributions to the community over the past year.



The Board of Directors Mid-Winter Meeting

The Board of Directors Mid-Winter Meeting is scheduled for February 28th – March 2nd 2011. If you have any concerns that you would like brought up at the Board of Directors Meeting please contact your Regional Director.



Retail Committee Update

Happy Early Winter to Everyone. The NCA Retail Committee wants to thank everyone that helped out with the 2010 Vendor Show! The Catalog Show went over very well and we were able to continue this tradition of the vendor show. Due to many companies tightening their belts during this recession the catalog show allowed a few vendors to participate that would not have been able to if we had a regular vendor show. We had 31 vendors participate not including Markel and the Insurance agencies. Below are a list of those vendors with contact information.

The Vendor Show helps keep costs down of the yearly NCA Convention and once again this year it did help. For the 2011 Convention hosted by Luray Caverns there will be a full fledged vendor show once again. The dates have not been completely set yet but we are looking at Sept. 18th, 2011. As always more details will be coming!!

Just as a reminder on how the vendor show works. The Retail Committee asks the NCA membership for their favorite vendors. These vendors go on a list and are invited to the NCA Vendor Show during the convention. The Vendor has to be on this list to be considered. If a vendor wants to be in the show and they are not on the list they are not allowed in. When this project was turned over to the Retail Committee we realized that only the vendors that caves felt comfortable with and received good service with were the ones we wanted at the vendor show. We didn't want any fly by night or "bad" vendors at the NCA show. We have kept to this rule and will continue to do so. The list we have been using is now four years old. If one of the listed vendors has not showed or expressed interested they are going to be taken off the 150+ list. If you have any concerns or suggestions about the vendor show we are open to your ideas. This is YOUR Vendor Show and we want to make it worth while for you to attend. The Vendor Show will always be based off what the hosting cave can provide and what they are comfortable with. The Retail Committee works hard with the hosting cave to make sure the show is the best that it can be!

2010 Vendors

A.T. Storrs, Ltd.	Lipco Group	Atlas Screen Printing
Lantern Press	Bartky Mineral	Charter House, Ed Baxter
Bishop Custom Products	Meyer's Wholesale Gifts	OPI
Finley Holiday Film	Pikes Peak Rock Shop	Focus on Souvenirs
Platte River Trading	Polar Graphics	Jackson Pacific
Prairie Mountain	Salem Mineral	Prehistoric Planet Reflective Images
Squire Boone Village	Stephen Joseph Company	Stonewords
Taste of the Rockies	Treehouse Silver	Web Printing
Western Woods	Wildthings Snap-Ons	Wayne Carver Woodworking
Earth Sun Moon Trading Company	International Gift Exposition in the Smokies (IGES)	

Once again a huge thank you to everyone that helped with the 2010 Vendor Show!!

Claudia Yundt

NCA Retail Committee Chair



May the Warmth of the Cave be with you this holiday Season.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

From the National Caves Association

