NWACC History Professor’s Book Receives Award

Chris Huggard’s ‘Santa Rita del Cobre’ Wins Howard Bryan Western History Honor

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (November 26, 2012) – A book written by Chris Huggard, a history professor at NorthWest Arkansas Community College, recently received the 2012 Howard Bryan Western History Award.

“Santa Rita Del Cobre: A Copper Mining Community in New Mexico” was written by Dr. Huggard and Terrence M. Humble, who was born in Santa Rita and has been recording histories and saving documents related to the community since 1967. The award recipient was chosen on the basis of the quality of writing, research, and contribution to western history.

In 2008 Dr. Huggard was awarded a sabbatical that allowed him to complete “Santa Rita Del Cobre.” The work tells the compelling story of a mining town that no longer exists because the open-pit mine nearby grew so large it swallowed up the town. The book has more than 120 illustrations and was published in 2012 by the University Press of Colorado.

The Howard Bryan honor, one of the New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards, was announced Nov. 16. Bryan, for whom the honor is named, was a journalist and historian who authored seven books, including a 1994 title that won the Spur Award from the Western Writers of America.

Cutline information: Dr. Chris Huggard holds a copy of his award-winning book, “Santa Rita Del Cobre: A Copper Mining Community in New Mexico.”

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