NWACC History Professor’s Book Honored Again

Chris Huggard’s ‘Santa Rita del Cobre’ Wins Southwest Book Award

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (February 6, 2013) – A book written by Dr. Chris Huggard, a history professor at NorthWest Arkansas Community College, has been selected to receive a Southwest Book Award, sponsored by the Border Regional Library Association.

“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 will be presented at a recognition banquet in El Paso, Texas, on Feb. 23. The Southwest Book Award is the second award “Santa Rita del Cobre” has received. The book was honored late last year with the 2012 Howard Bryan Western History Award.

In 2008 Dr. Huggard was awarded a sabbatical that allowed him to complete the book. 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.

Huggard’s wife, Dr. Kay Pritchett, professor of Spanish at the University of Arkansas, also recently won the South-Central Modern Language Association’s Best Book Award for her book “In Pursuit of Poem Shadows: Pureza Canelo's Second Poetics” (Bucknell University Press, 2011).

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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