A Word From The President

Spring is on the way and my allergies sure know about it. Several of our members and myself recently enjoyed attending a meeting sponsored by the Texas Association of Museums at the George Ranch Historical Park just outside of Richmond. It is located on a 20,000-acre working ranch and features historic homes, barns, a dance hall and livestock. It’s only an hour away and well worth the trip.

In case you haven’t noticed Phase I of the Downtown Redevelopment Project is now under way with the work on S Park Street. While construction is in progress the street will be one way going south. All of the overhead utilities are being relocated, the street will be widened and paved with sidewalks, lighting landscape and hardscape added. It will really dress up the area in front of Founders Square.

Welcome New Members!
Sherry Cooke, Sherry Olanyk and Business Partner, James Brockway Realty

Samuel Collins will present “Jack Johnson, The Galveston Giant”

Samuel Collins III has been providing financial services in Galveston County for more than 18 years. A graduate of Texas A & M University, he opened SLC Investment Services in April 2012 to better serve his clients. Sam currently serves as a board member for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, The Bryan Museum Delegado, Rosenberg Trustee, and the Ruby Bridges Foundation National Board. His previous board service includes the Galveston Historical Foundation, Old Central Cultural Center, NIA Cultural Center, Galveston Chamber of Commerce, Galveston Economic Development Partnership, Texas Historical Commission State Board of Review, and Texas A & M University Letterman’s Association. In 2015 Sam was awarded the Galveston County Citizen of the Year by the Galveston Daily News, which had recognized him in 2012 as an Unsung Hero. Sam is married to his wife Doris and they have four children. Sam is active in his local church where he serves as an associate minister. His favorite quote is “Give a man a fish, feed him for a day, teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime.
A Word From the President continued....

The old Burd family house League Park is undergoing renovation with new paint and repairs. This structure was formerly the Railroad Station Masters home and is now used as an office for the City of League City Parks and Recreation Department. League Park itself will be renovated starting after Holiday in the Park in December.

I’m sharing a rumor I recently heard - we will soon have a Bed & Breakfast opened in a home in the Historic District. Can’t wait to see it.

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Don’t miss our meeting on April 25 at Helen Hall Library. Samuel Collins III will be our guest speaker. Title of presentation: Jack Johnson “The Galveston Giant”
LCHS 2019 Yard Sale Nets a Record Breaking $1879!

Thanks to Darryl Krogman for chairing the event and to Richard and Catharin Lewis for allowing us to use their home and yard again this year.

And...thanks to all the people who helped set up and take down, and those who worked the day of the event!
The Historical Society and Helen Hall Library’s history club met at the library. Our speaker was HS member Stephanie McDougal who discussed the preservation of Texas dance halls. Steph is a founder of Texas Dance Hall Preservation. Dance halls in Texas were built between the years 1870-1930, when German and Czech immigrants came to Texas. Polka blended with traditional Texas dance, and the dance halls became “incubators of Texas country, western swing, Tejano, and conjunto.” It is estimated that 1,000 dance halls were built in Texas, with about 400 remaining, in various condition. An “historic” dance hall must be at least 50 years old and must have actually held dances in the venue.

Steph discussed several of Texas’ dance halls, including Galveston’s Garten Verein, built in 1880, which hosts various events, including weddings. Bellville’s Turnverein is a 12-sided dance hall still in use. Gruene Hall in New Braunfels, built in 1878, is Texas’ oldest and most famous dance hall and still draws big names for performances at its dances.

For more information about preserving Texas dance halls or to lend support, please visit texasdancehall.org or info@texasdancehall.org.

Meeting Adjourned

Upcoming Events.....

**Living History Dinner**
Thursday, July 18 - Butler’s Courtyard
Speaker: Melissa Wady-Thibodeaux
“The Black Female Spy in the Confederate White House - Mary Elizabeth Bowser.”
Message from the Marm....
Sarah Eubanks

Things are finishing strong for the 2018-2019 school year! April has 7 days reserved for tours so far, with 14 classes on the books. Usually every class has at least two dozen eager students. May has 5 days reserved for 6 classes, plus a special Girl Scout workshop for Juniors to earn their Flowers Badge on Saturday, May 18. One troop will even “rehab the [outhouse] flower bed right after” as part of a Take Action Project. This summer is also gearing up with two June days of programs on the books and two more in July for over 170 children coming in to beat the heat. Volunteers are always welcome; from half an hour to something more long term I will gladly put you to work that matters!

Attention All Scouts!
From our roles as citizens in communities to natural science discoveries to cultural treasures, the WBCS Children’s Museum provides Scouts local programs in a charming historical setting. Please get the word out to any Boy or Girl Scouts you know we have several badge workshops available to reserve by appointment. In the past we’ve had quite a few successful scouting events and we’re looking to repeat the badge work. We also provide a convenient venue for community projects; give us a jingle if you’re interested!
For Cub Scouts we have held a Wildlife Conservation Workshop. For Girl Scouts quite a few badge workshops are available, plus a Good Neighbor one for Daisies I’m putting the finishing touches on this week.
Brownies Bugs Badge
Juniors Playing the Past Badge
Juniors Flowers Badge
Daisy Good Neighbor Badge
GSSJC Doll Collector Patch for All Levels
GSCSNJ Doll Collector Try It Workshop
Programs are $15 per Scout and are offered by appointment on Saturday afternoons; if interested please call (281) 554 – 2994 and leave a message or email OneRoomSchoolhouseLC@gmail.com.

A Final Note...
The Marmas and I are proud to share with you a very special Certificate of Appreciation we earned this winter signed by the students and faculty of Goforth Elementary Alternative Academics class. It was our pleasure!
Sarah Eubanks and Catherine Gill were presented this very nice Thank You Certificate recently from Goforth Elementary! Congrats!

**GIRL SCOUT PROGRAMS AT WBCS**

- Brownies Bug Workshop
- Junior Playing the Past Workshop
- Junior Flowers Workshop
- GSSJCC Doll Collector Patch/GSCSNJ Doll Collector
- Try It Workshop
- Daisy Good Neighbor Workshop
Junior Flowers Badge
At
West Bay Common School
Children's Museum

Saturday, May 18, 2019, 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Everything is coming up roses with the return of the popular Junior Flowers Badge Workshop! All steps required for badge work done with a vintage flair, from crafts to a science experiment to a flower hunt. Featuring Botanical Lessons inside the charming One Room Schoolhouse & lovely new Garden Classroom, complete with Victorian Schoolmarm.

$15 per Scout

Leaders and Co-Leaders are free. Register online at OneRoomSchoolhouse.org under TOURS or leave a message at (281) 554 - 2994. Registration & payment deadline is Friday, May 10; no refunds after Friday, May 17.

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Members..........It is Time to Pay Dues!
If You Are Not A Member, We Are Hoping You Will Join!!

League City Historical Society

Thank you for being a member. It is time to renew membership for 2019. The various types of memberships with the associated dues are listed below. To renew your membership or become a new member, select the membership level that is best for you, complete the form and mail to: LCHS, PO Box 1642, League City Texas 77573

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☐ Check if your name, address or email has changed recently.

☐ Check if you would like to receive your newsletter, meeting minutes and/or meeting notices by email, to help save postage.

Please Note: Membership is for one year and covers you until January 2020.