January 31, 2008 Meeting

“A Look Inside the Museum Collection - Stereoscopes, Viewers and a Hands-on History of the Land and the Buildings"

Our Director/Curator Catharin Lewis will present this month’s program. Through a power point presentation, she will give us a sneak preview of the history of stereoscopes and the companies producing view cards as we look at the Museum collection and learn about the history of the Museum land and its buildings.

from the president… Joanna Sharp

This year will be a giant step into the future for our Historic District and League City’s history as well! The reason is that our efforts to preserve and promote things historical in our town will be joined by our new co-partner League City museum, the Butler Longhorn Museum. There will be lots of attention to our history when it opens sometime this year!

Recently, I attended a meeting in which a very serious suggestion was made that we (our One Room Schoolhouse and the Butler Longhorn Museum) work toward the formation of a real Museum District that could benefit from a part of sales tax revenue for the future.

This past year, we got a taste of what we are able to accomplish by using the methods laid out for us by a consultant. We were able to raise $25,000 in grant money rather than our budgeted amount of $5,000!

So with that thought in mind, the Board has signed a Letter of Understanding with ESCH of Houston for the purpose of assessing the design and setup of our Board, tweaking our Mission Statement, revising our bylaws, and other recommendations, for a period of the next six months. We will be working closely with Mr. Ron Swofford, a retired Shell executive from Nassau Bay, who has worked with not-for-profits such as Armand Bayou, Bay Area Turning Point, and set up the Kemah Historical Society.

Along the lines of growth, our tax attorney has told us that if we’re going to raise that kind of grant money in the future, we must change our bookkeeping from Quicken and Quickbooks. There will be a learning curve in this transition, so we are planning to engage Cheryl R. Moon, of Teach QuickBooks, for the conversion and

Calendar

January 31, 2008: LCHS Meeting
Program: A Look Inside the Museum Collection - Stereoscopes, Viewers and a Hands-on History of the Land and Buildings with Director/Curator Catharin Lewis
West Bay Common School Children’s Museum
210 Kansas, League City
Refreshments 6:45pm Meeting 7:00pm

February 28, 2008: League City Historian and Freelance Writer Mark Lardas
training. Cheryl set up and does the taxes for the Dickinson Historical Society, so she comes very well qualified.

Your 2008 Board spent 6 hours in retreat on Saturday, January 12th, planning lots of important, productive and fun activities for the year. The Board was just full of great ideas and we are all ready to go.

We are starting off right this year by asking our Curator/Director, Catharin Lewis, to provide the first program of the year. You will find a separate article about that elsewhere in this newsletter.

So, Happy New Year! We are going to grow this year, but we are going to retain our wonderful group and do some fun things together.

Joanna Sharp

November 15, 2007 Meeting Minutes
Sherry Frankovich

Joanna Sharp, the President, opened the meeting at 7:15 P.M. with 20 members present. She introduced the speaker, David Hoffman. He is on the Historic District Commission.

He went over the guidelines for remodeling and construction of homes and businesses in the Historic District of League City. He showed us the Design and Materials brochure, which were six pages of pictures that visualized the guidelines.

Joanna Sharp began the business part of the meeting. Secretarial minutes for the October meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Diana Dornak made the motion and George Weisskopf seconded it. Vote was unanimous.

Sherry Frankovich read the slate of officers and board of directors, that the Nominating Committee was recommending. Since there were no other nominations, Joanna Sharp called for the vote, which was unanimous.

Kathy Weisskopf showed us the Live Oak Tree book featuring 322 registered trees in League City. We will sell these books for $10. We have 500 books to sell. Holiday in the Park is December 1 and 2. We will have a booth there to sell our LCHS items. She encouraged us to sign up to work.

Catharin Lewis gave the Museum report that was printed in the newsletter. She told us about the Teddy Bear Parade that is scheduled on December 1.

McDonald’s is donating $150 of teddy bears, as well as giving a $500 donation. Shriner clown will participate. IBM donated a computer for the Museum, because Richard Lewis works at IBM and donates so many hours at the Museum.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

MusNews
Catharin Lewis, Director / Curator

Looking back, the year 2007 will be remembered as one working with wonderful scouts and volunteers on special projects making improvements to the Museum and expanding the research of our community’s history, as well as, reaching more than 5000 children and adults in our unique living history program.

I wish to thank the many individuals, companies, schools, organizations, and foundations that have helped make this year a growing success once again. I really want to thank the many foundations such as Houston Endowment, Hamman Foundation, Cameron Foundation, Brown Foundation, Trull Foundation, Herzstein Charitable Foundation, Mid-America Arts Alliance, Lunar Rendezvous Organization, Amegy Bank, and McDonalds for their financial support to our program and events. I also want to thank IBM for their donation of a computer and monitor. These grants and donations contributed to our achievement this year.

Our Museum collection continues to grow also. We want to thank Bertha Adams, Katie Benoit, Frank Dick, Mark Dewalt, Peggy Fenimore, Carol Haney, Art Hewitt, Law Offices of Kenneth C. Kaye, Attorney, Richard & Catharin Lewis, Sandra Maemgren, Patsy Meade, Carole Ragland, Tommye Randolph, Paula Tanner, Doris Teets, and Malcom and Judy Waugh for their donation of books, tools, cart, clothing, baskets, lace, calendar, photos and other memorabilia that we can share with our visitors. With the growth of our collection, makes it apparent that more storage space is needed and plans are being developed to help this situation.

Our exhibit work took a back burner this past year, but we did present, “A Walk though a Texas Home – The Dick House.” The exhibit highlighted the home and the people who once lived in the only house in League City with a state marker.

Our summer was busy with Eagle Scout projects and with the help of Jonathan Mayor, David Lee, and Chris Adams and their team of very special volunteers we made many improvements to our Museum property.
We scheduled two special events in 2007, a Teacher’s Appreciation Open House for teachers and their families to tour the Museum and enjoy homemade refreshments and the annual Teddy Bear Parade for children to decorate bikes and wagons and march in their own small parade. Both events were well attended and seemed to be enjoyed by everyone.

Museum volunteers continue to make progress in organizing the Cemetery records, but much of my time was spent working on the Yard Sale, October Living History Dinner, the Ghosts of the Past Tour and the Society yearbook and ad sales. All events and programs proved successful, making 2007 one of the best.

A Special Welcome to Our New Members
Trevia Wooster Beverly
Glenda Willis
Barbara Dawson
Cathy Hovland
Pam and John Kinser
Thomas Betros

GHOSTS OF THE PAST 2008
THE GREATEST GENERATION
Deborah Gammon, Chairman

It isn’t too early to think about the cemetery tour for the year 2008. A decision has been made to honor the veterans of World War II. Fairview Cemetery has eighteen known veterans of that conflict interred on the grounds. They are:

Flora Atkinson WAC    Roy Truman Hatfield
Maxine Bolin WAC    Jessie Lee Headrick
Robert Crafton    James Clemson Hewitt
John C. Conaway    Suichi Imai
Claude McCoy Dick    William J. Morris
George R. Elderkin    Arthur Roy Peterson
Caroline d’Etchegoyen WAC    Robert Glen Rogers
Matthew Galfione    Robert Glen Rogers
Roy Lafayette Hardy    Allison Mitchell Stewart

Needed this year will be a committee; a person with skills in Microsoft Word or Power Point to design and print the flyers and programs; a person with sewing skills to help dress the ghosts and a person with advertising skills to do the press. I could, also, use some help with the research.

If you have any information on the veterans interred in Fairview, please let me know. If you know any of their families, please let me know.

Anyone interested in being an interpreter, please start thinking and planning your costume to be representative of the 1940’s. We welcome all. Anyone with artifacts from that era who would be willing to loan or display for the event, please call me at 281-334-4950.

On December 4th, Catharin Lewis was honored for her wonderful work this past year with a $2000 gratuity from the Society. This is our way of telling her how much we appreciate her and Richard. Joanna Sharp, President represents the whole Society in saying ‘thank you.’

Helen Hall Library

Looking for your family history? Did you know that you are able to access Heritage Quest database from home through the Helen Hall Library homepage? Helen Hall Library is conducting their free hands-on workshops on Heritage Quest. The Workshop will be held on February 20th, March 12th, and April 16th at 10:30 a.m. The Library is at 100 W. Walker. Call 281-554-1101 to register.

City Loves Our Calendar and Book

A copy of the calendar and the beautiful tree registry book were give to each Councilman, the Mayor, the Mayor’s Office and the Public Information Office of the City. The Mayor’s Office bought an extra copy of the calendar so they could decorate the secretarial/reception area with framed pictures from it. They also requested the pictures on disk so they could enlarge them for their area. The tree pictures will be featured in the next issue of City Matters, and are running on Channel 16 at this time until City Matters comes out in April.
Family Trees  
Trevia Wooster Beverly

Our member, Trevia Wooster Beverly, is a professional genealogist and member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Genealogical Speaker’s Guild. She began genealogy with a 9th grade English assignment at Baytown Jr. High. She is also the assistant coordinator for the annual summer Angelina College Genealogy Conference.

Trevia is offering local genealogy classes, suitable for the rank beginner as well as the person who has been researching for a while but needs some fine points in research sources and techniques. Optional assignments for personalized help are also given.

DATES: (Wednesdays) January 30 & February 6, 13, 10 a.m. to Noon. Pre-registration is a must due to materials preparation and there is a limit of ten people
WHERE: NW Houston just inside the 610 Loop at 2507 Tannehill Dr (Timberview Manor) Houston 77008.
Telephone... 713.864-6862

CONTENT: "Everything you ever wanted to know + some". Genealogy Overview. The Internet will be discussed but the concentration focuses on resources and techniques found in libraries, courthouses, museums, etc. Many people do not realize that under the Houston Public Library system we have one of the "Top Ten" genealogical libraries in the nation. Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research is a stand-alone, multi-building complex devoted to genealogy. We’ll also discuss what’s available all over the Galveston-Houston area. Trevia maintains an extensive private library and each week books will be pulled pertinent to the subjects to be discussed.

COST: $75 ($12.50 per session) and you will be provided with a full notebook of materials plus e-mailed items. Pre-registration is a must due to materials preparation. Contact Trevia at treviawbeverly@comcast.net for a registration form.

Our sign has received a beautiful 2008 update, courtesy of Daryl Krogham of the Sign Shop, here in League City. Darryl donated $500 of free sign work to us as a community service. Please patronize the Sign Shop whenever you can, and be sure to tell them thank you.

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2008 Calendars

Our 2008 calendars are almost sold out! Out of the 500 printed, only 25 remain! They have been for sale at Nana’s Attic, Book Haven, Forget Me Not Decor, and our Museum. If you would like another one please call Joanna Sharp at 281-332-6636.

From The Finance and Grant Chairman...
Diane Gillette

At the last LCHS Board Meeting, the endowment Committee’s name was changed to Finance and Grant Committee. The Finance and Grant Committee will hold it’s quarterly meeting on January 24th.