March 2015 Newsletter

**Dawn to Dusk Fashion Show**

With J’Nean Henderson

**March 26th 2015 Meeting**

Ms. J’Nean Henderson of “Victorian Lady” will be presenting the “Dawn to Dusk” Fashion Show: A Historical Interpretation of 1800’s Victorian Clothing – The timeline for Victorian fashions worn by a lady from when she first rises in the morning, through the various dresses and outfits suitable for her daily activities, to the clothing worn during the evening hours and then to bed.

**Spring Calendar**

J’Nean Henderson - “Dawn to Dusk Fashion Show”
3/26/15 - 6:45pm - Social - 7:00pm Meeting

Steph McDougal “There is Something About That House”
4/30/15 - 6:45pm - Social - 7:00pm Meeting

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From the President **Doug McKee!**

It has been an amazing month and now spring is here! The LCHS Board meeting will be held on April 30th at 7:00 pm. I enjoyed seeing and feeling the excitement from all the board members in the recent meetings! Let’s keep up the momentum! Please Members, remember to be current with your dues and invite your friends and family to become members!

I am very excited about the progress at the One Room Schoolhouse museum, things are looking fabulous and new programs are advertised for spring and summer for children and adults! We could use some assistance with the grounds so any persons with green thumbs please come forward or we will have to weed you out! Enjoy the Spring!

On behalf of the Society and the One Room Schoolhouse, we would like to give special Thanks to…

**“All About Plumbing”** 804 East Main St. League City
Phone: 713-516-7326
Thank you Noah, so much for repairing our underground pipe and adding a new faucet for us at the museum. We appreciate you!!

**“The Sign Shop”** 306 Highway 3, League City
Phone: 713-516-7326
Thank you Darryl, for creating us beautiful signs which assisted the museum with our program advertising. We appreciate you!!

**Remembering President Lincoln** - Assassinated 4/15/1865-DC
Presidential term: March 4, 1861 – April 15, 1865
Nicknames: Uncle Abraham, the Great Emancipator, Old Abe.

Author Profession: President
Nationality: American
Born: February 12, 1809
Died: April 15, 1865

Let’s take a moment to give a special thanks to our President Doug McKee for his very effective job of de-bugging and protecting this museum and land site!
Meeting Minutes

Ms. Verveer reported that Holland tried to stay neutral but when the Germans attacked. In Holland, the Germans made the rules but the Dutch police enforced them. The deportation of Jews began with the Germans announcing that Dutch citizens would be “shipped to the East,” but it was never clear just where the East was. Ms. Verveer’s family split up. Her mother and brothers were hiding in one spot, her father in another, and Ms. Verveer, as a three-year-old child, was hiding with another family. When that family was betrayed, she was sent by train, with 50 other orphans, to orphanages/camps, ending up in occupied Czechoslovakia. The Russians liberated the camp in 1945 when Ms. Verveer was 4 years old, but the Dutch government never sent anyone to claim the children. Although her father had been killed, she was eventually reunited with her mother and brothers.

League City Historic District

Commission Report

LCHS Rep. to the LCHDC

...Fay Dudney

Member Steph McDougal reported that the Texas Historical Commission rejected the City of League City’s application to become eligible to receive Certified Local Government Status to qualify the applicant will need to submit a survey of additional local historic districts and individual historic landmarks, additional RTHL and Subject Markers, National Register Properties, and a map of the location of each historic property in the district. Mrs. McDougal suggested some of these projects could be included in the 2015 work plan.

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A little April history - On 4/25/1898, the U.S. Congress declared war on Spain. Two days before, Pres. William McKinley issued a call for 125,000 volunteers. The Spanish-American War saw the nationalization of the Texas Volunteer Guard, which was organized into four regiments of infantry and one of cavalry, and designated the Texas Volunteers. A truce was signed in August a treaty formally ending the war in December 1898. The Texas Volunteers were de-nationalized in late 1898, and reorganized on April 1, 1903 as the Texas National Guard.

PLEASE RENEW YOUR LEAGUE CITY HISTORIC SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP!
League City Historical Society will hold a YARD SALE fundraising event Saturday, May 16. We need donations of good and sellable items in good condition for the event. So..... we hope you will clean out your closets and garage and donate good things to us to use in the yard sale, please! As you know..... LCHS is a 501C3 tax free organization and you will be given a donation receipt for tax purposes. We will be storing items in Richard and Catharin Lewis’s storage building on East Walker Street. Contact Diana Dornak for pick up/drop diana.dornak1@verizon.net 281-316-2122

IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES for 2015
It is time to send in dues for 2015 – except for those who have a Life Membership. There are a few people who already paid so if you have a question and can’t remember if you did or not – just email or call me. Please print out the form in the newsletter and send it with a check to LCHS, PO Box 1642, League City, Tx 77574.

Diana Dornak, Treasurer 281-316-2122 diana.dornak1@verizon.net

Hello! It has been a busy month at the Schoolhouse Museum. According to our League City Manager our city is growing at a very fast pace and predictions of future expansion is eminent. The population increase means more children to the area and more visitors. Our member family is familiar with our location and general purpose; however the newcomers (and there are many) are not aware of what we have to offer. We need your help to spread the word! Our calendar and various events have been published in Galveston, Clear Lake/Houston area newspapers, magazines, several schools, and businesses this month. Our focus is to fill the classroom programs as well as seek grants and private funding sources. This requires the participation of all members, please bring ideas and assist in getting the word out there through various groups, day care centers and events you may attend. The minimum count we need to reserve a class is 15 people. If you have not been to a program at the museum please come and enjoy a class with your friends and family to better understand the programs. Programming is our major source of revenue so we need to keep them coming!

Curator’s Corner … Catharin Lewis

We have several people to thank for their wonderful donations to the museum collection this past month. Margaret Cowart donated the hanging world globe, Fay Dudney donated a box of files, newspapers and books, Jennifer Wycoff donated a collection of certificates for Butler Zebu cattle and Richard Lewis built the box for the farm wagon making it into a “kid hack” for the visitors.

The world globe donated by Margaret Cowart was made by W. & A. K. Johnston Company and now hangs in our one room schoolhouse for all to enjoy. School artifacts and memorabilia donations are always welcome, since we are the headquarters for the national organization, Country School Association of America.

Fay Dudney donated files about the oak trees, the poor farm, Magnolia Cemetery, Muldoon Land Sales, Historic Sites, notebook notes and other miscellaneous information, a map of the town site addition to League City, newspapers and several books. The books include Medical Practices in the Civil War; The Hill Reader Book Four; Good Companions – Our Pets; Registration Methods for Small Museums; Researching, Writing, and Publishing Local History; League City A History from 1925 to 1962 and a 1997 Historical Society Phone Book. I am still scanning this large League City history collection and two readers for the schoolhouse collection.

The unique collection of certificates given by Jennifer was purchased from an estate sale in Katy and is a special piece of League City’s History about the Butler Zebu cattle. If we were to research the names of these cows, we might find other interesting information about the early days of our town.
When Galveston was only seven years old, its second mayor, John Sydnor, created a multi-purpose, municipal complex, perhaps the first in Texas!

In 1846, Sydor formalized the unofficial outdoor market in the half-block north of Market Street between 20th and 21st Streets, by hiring locals Ives and Crow to build the Galveston Market House and City Hall. The 260-foot long structure, located in the center of 20th Street between Mechanic and Market Streets, became a produce market and city hall. The ground floor housed 34 meat, vegetable and coffee stalls. The market stalls were stocked with produce, meat, fish and other goods brought in on catboats landing at nearby Brick and Kuhn’s wharves. Before the Civil War, annual stall rents ranged from a high of $100 (meat) to a low of $35 (fish) and the city added a 100-foot extension to meet the demand for stalls. The second floor held city offices, the police department and a large public meeting hall. Across the street was a fish market. The opening was celebrated with a grand ball attended by Galveston’s elite on the floor once occupied by “vagrants and tramps.” The Market House and City Hall now became the focal point of the growing seaport of Galveston. Besides being a place for city business and an enjoyable place known as the growing seaport of Galveston. Besides being a place for city business and an enjoyable place for the locals to shop it was also a social gathering place.

The dual-purposed market/city hall escaped damage during the Civil War and serious fire threats in 1865 and 1885. In 1867, a bell, installed in the building’s cupola, began ringing to tell the time of day. After the Civil War, the market became run-down, but expense deterred renovation. One of its last improvements was in 1874 when the city installed paving stones.

The building’s colorful history included Galvestonians gathering in it and voting to peacefully accept Union occupation on October 7, 1862. In the 1870s its attic was used as a holding cell, but that ended when a woman prisoner broke through the roof. In 1888, a new, three-story stone building replaced the 1846 frame structure.

The building may be gone, but it is certainly not forgotten. Galveston County Historical Commission member and local author Melanie Wiggins tirelessly researched and obtained an historical marker for the spot. Saturday, March 7, 169 years later, a Texas State Historical Marker was dedicated, honoring the vision and hard work of those early Galvestonians who never gave up.

Let’s take a moment to thank you some very special Members, Kathie & Greg Nenninger, for their constant dedication in creating this wonderful newsletter, as well as the many other supportive things they do for the museum & Historical Society! Not and easy job!!!
2015 League City Historical Society

Dues Form

Dues for various types of memberships are as listed below.

Choose the membership level that is best for you. Complete the form below and mail it with your check.

Mail to: League City Historical Society, Inc.
P. O. Box 1642
League City, Texas 77574

- $25 Single Membership
- $40 Family Membership
- $15 Senior Citizen Membership (65 years old and older)
- $50 Organization Membership
- $250 Life Membership

Note: If you have paid your dues in October 2010 or later, you are current for the year 2011.

Please update your membership information.

Name__________________________________________

(If Family Membership, please include names of family members.)

Address __________________________________________

City_________________________ State_________ Zip__________

Phone: Home Phone_________________________ Cell Phone: ___________________

email address_________________________________________________________________

☐ 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 on postage.