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May 29th Meeting

Harriet Tubman – The Resurrection of Harriet Tubman in Escape to Freedom

Actor, Storyteller and Playwright, she is a graduate of the performing arts who has performed in front of audiences for over 30 years teaching history via theatrics. Her award winning portrayal of Harriet Tubman has been recognized and accepted as one of the National Park Service Programs for their Underground Railroad Network. This artist portrays a variety of historical characters and provides performances to colleges, schools, churches, conferences and festivals worldwide. Ms. Waddy-Thibodeaux also teaches theater arts and acting in workshops across the country for children and adults. She is also a Residence Artist with The Buffalo Soldiers National Museum and the Children’s Prison Arts Project in Houston. We are so lucky to have her perform for us at Butler’s Courtyard. Be sure to put it on your calendar. Social/refreshments at 6:45pm and the program at 7pm. Note change of venue – Butlers Courtyard this month.

from the President...

Ronnie Richards

What an outpouring of support we received to help with the cost of the air conditioner. As of this writing a total of thirty individuals and companies have stepped up with donations. First I want to thank Doctor Cool & Professor Heat (www.doctorcool.com or (281) 338-8751) for installing the new unit quickly and at their cost. From the looks of things it wasn’t a simple installation because of the limited space for the inside part of the unit. Next I want to thank Star Toyota for a $1,000 donation! I hope if you, a friend or family member are considering a new car you will visit Star.

The other donors will be receiving a letter from us thanking them for their contribution but I’m hesitant to list them all here as we have not asked permission to do so. I will tell you that many contributions came from regular members but a surprisingly large number came from friends & supporters that are not members. They either heard about our need through the article in the Galveston County Daily News or from the email we sent to everyone that receives our newsletter electronically. The good news is with all of these donations we need only $1400 more to completely cover the cost of this replacement. If you haven’t donated now is the time by mailing to the League City Historical Society, P. O. Box 1642, League City, TX 77574 or online at to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/emergency-funding-appeal-tickets-11404849211. Of course you can also just drop a check by the Museum or bring it to our next meeting.

Speaking of our next meeting, it will be held at Butler’s Courtyard, Thursday, May 29th and we have a recognized historical actor, Melissa Waddy-Thibodeaux that will play the part of Harriet Tubman, an African-American abolitionist, humanitarian, and Union spy during the American Civil War. Born into slavery, Tubman escaped and subsequently made about thirteen missions to rescue approximately seventy enslaved family and friends. We expect a good turnout and encourage you to invite friends and family. Light refreshments will be served and as always there is no admission charge.

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We thank Butler’s Courtyard for this month's refreshments.

Meeting Minutes
Susan Pierce, Secretary

April 24, 2014 Meeting
Ronnie Richards was unable to attend the meeting. Richard and Catharin started the meeting by introducing our speaker, Gene Nelson, who discussed architectural drafting/drawing by hand. Mr. Nelson, who calls himself a draftsman, did the drawings displayed in the barn museum of historic homes in League City. Mr. Nelson discussed the technical progression of architectural drawing and then showed us some of the tools he uses and some of the incredible work he’s produced.

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MusNews
Catharin Lewis, Director / Curator

April was a busy month with 20 school house sessions and many walk in docent talks. Groups came from Houston, Humble, Friendswood, Galveston, Sugarland and League City.

Collection work continues to fill time between docent talks and schoolhouse programs. Digitizing the collection is a slow detailed process, but there are many signs of progress.

We are planning a one-day camp entitled Cowboys and Critters and it is set for July 24th from 9-4pm. Watch for more details online in the weeks to come.

Do not forget to renew your LCHS membership. I am working on the yearbook and information needs to be complete by the end of June. If you want to place an ad, fill out the form below and send the check to PO Box 1642. I will need your ad material as soon as possible.

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY to RECEIVE OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

Monday May 26, 2014

League City, TX — The Texas Historical Commission (THC) has recognized Fairview Cemetery as a significant part of Texas history by awarding it an Official Texas Historical Marker. The designation honors the cemetery as an important and educational part of local history. Fairview Cemetery was established in 1900,
and during the past 114 years, approximately 1200 residents of League City and several surrounding communities were buried there.

Members of League City’s Italian, Japanese, German and Irish populations were buried in their community cemetery. In 1903, Japanese agriculturist Seito Saibara (1861-1939) came to the area to teach advanced rice production techniques to local farmers. His family and thirty colonists soon followed, and Saibara founded a Japanese colony in nearby Webster, Texas. A large section of the cemetery serves as the burial place for members of these Japanese families.

A dedication ceremony to commemorate the event is being planned for 10 am Memorial Day, May 26, 2014, a special day in the history of the cemetery. The cemetery became an important gathering place for local citizens and a convenient spot for picnics. Memorial Day was celebrated every year at the cemetery, referred to as “Decoration Day” because the graves of soldiers were always decorated on that day.

“The Official Texas Historical Marker program helps bring attention to community treasures and the importance of their preservation,” said Mark Wolfe, executive director of the THC. “Awareness and education are among the best ways to guarantee the preservation of our state’s history. This designation is a tool that will increase public awareness of important cultural resources,” Wolfe said.

A subject qualifies for a marker if two basic criteria are met: historical significance and age. Fairview Cemetery easily met those two criteria. The cemetery is the site of League City’s “Ghosts of the Past Tour,” usually held in October and spotlighting historical sketches of several of the citizens buried in the cemetery.

What is Living History?

At the West Bay Common School Children’s Museum, students are invited to enter a setting and participate in activities that aid them to imagine significant events from the past. They will have this experience in the company of others, who participate in the events, analyze them, evaluate various aspects of them, and compare and contrast them with what occurs in the present. History, by definition, concerns the past, which is dead and gone; but it comes alive when students re-envision and engage with it. That is what “Living History” is all about.
The Resurrection of Harriet Tubman

NEXT THURSDAY May 29th at Butlers Courtyard
The Resurrection of Harriet Tubman
League City Historical Society
P. O. Box 1642    League City, Texas 77574

Thank you for purchasing an ad in the League City Historical Society 2015 – 2016 Yearbook. Your participation supports on-going efforts of the West Bay Common School Children’s Museum, the Oak Tree Registry and our Medallion Program. Your contribution is tax-deductible.

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All ads must be black & white. Camera ready copy is greatly appreciated. Please email catharin@orbitworld.net with a copy of your ad. Make checks payable to the League City Historical Society and mail check to the above address. Call 281-554-2994 for us to come and pick up your check and ad. Deadline: May 23, 2014

Thank you so much for your support in this project.
2014 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 2013 or later, you are current for the year 2014.

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