October 2009 Newsletter

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Calendar

October 29 Meeting...

Our guest speaker will be Kenneth L. Brown, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Houston. His presentation is entitled:


West Bay Common School Children’s Museum
210 Kansas, League City
Refreshments: 6:45 pm Meeting: 7 pm

We thank Betty Suagee and Kathy Weisskopf for providing refreshments

From the President...

Ronnie Richards

The September meeting hosted in the historic Butler Building was an interesting presentation by the Galveston County Historical Foundation regarding a special windstorm exemption program available in Galveston County. Several homeowners were there and are taking advantage of this program. It has been recommended that an effort be made to contact everyone in the Historic District to make them aware of this option. It would be a real plus for the Society if we could sponsor such a communication program. All that’s needed is someone to head up a committee to pull it together.

The Fifth Annual Living History Dinner was a great success thanks to the efforts of all of our members and volunteers. It raised much needed funds for our organization plus continued to be a value to our friends and neighbors. And, what fun! A special thanks to Amber Murphy who stepped up this year and coordinated everything.

Our next big event is the Historic Home Tour set for Saturday, December 12th. We plan to make this the biggest event of the year. Diana Dornak is chairing the event and in her usual fashion has assembled a great team and has everything very organized.

This month we have another interesting speaker for our October 29 meeting. Read further in the newsletter about Kenneth L. Brown - Professor of Anthropology, University of Houston our speaker.

If you want to have “Lunch With The Longhorns” then Saturday, October 24th from 10 am – 2 pm is your chance. This fundraiser benefits the Butler Longhorn Museum and proceeds will be used for exhibit development. More information is available online at ButlerLonghornMuseum.com.

Upcoming Special Events

November 7, @ 10 am Meet Abraham Lincoln at our very own West Bay Common School! See details in Mus News on page 2

December 12, 2009 Historic Homes Tour See details in Historic Homes Tour on pages 2 & 3
MusNews
Catharin Lewis, 
Director / Curator

The past month went too quickly which must mean I was very busy. Even though there were very few schoolhouse programs there is always curatorial work and exhibit planning to do. I continue to make progress on the Cemetery research and the information is slowly being added to the computer data base. With the help of volunteers, we continue to enter other collection information into the computer to make research access easier to locate. In addition I have been planning the next exhibit about the Historical Society’s 20th Anniversary. This will open on December 12, the day of the Homes Tour.

We want to welcome our newest volunteers to our staff, Lauri High and teenager, Jennifer Yang. Both joined us in September and are presently helping two afternoons. We are looking forward to their help and know that their service is greatly appreciated.

We have a special hour event planned for November 7th at 10:00 AM. Abraham Lincoln is coming for a visit to the schoolhouse. You will need to call for reservations. The program will last about an hour and the Museum will be open for tours. Admission is free, but donations are always welcome. Children and adults are encouraged to come and talk to Abe Lincoln.

The October calendar is busier with school and scout groups, but there is still room for more to register. November and December still have some openings also, so plan early if you want to bring your class. The program lengths are suited to fit your schedule, but generally last three hours.

Start times are flexible also with morning classes starting at 9 or 9:30 and afternoons being shorter programs going from 1 – 3. We also provide evening classes from 6 – 8. There is a $10 registration fee to reserve a date and admission costs $4 per person with one registering adult free with each class of 30 or less. Groups may register by phone 281-554-2994 or on line at www.oneroomschoolhouse.org

2009 Historic Homes Tour
Chairman... Diana Dornak

The 2009 Historic Homes Tour Committee met on October 13 to work on details of the tour. Tickets and brochures will be available at Nana’s Attic, Park Avenue Show Place, League City Chamber of Commerce, and West Bay Common School Children’s Museum the week after Halloween. Signs, ads, and articles will go out in early November.

Docents are still needed at all locations. Contact the Directors listed below for details and time slot openings. The sites and directors are:

Butler Building - Diane Gillette, Director; Sharon Brown, Asst. Director
T. J. Dick Home - Deborah Gammon, Director
Giessler Home - Kathy Weisskopf, Director; Alice Butler, Asst. Director
Medsgar Home - Joanna Sharp, Director; Sherry Frankovich, Asst. Director
Cox McQuirk Home - Kathie Nenninger, Director; Catharin Lewis, Asst. Director
West Bay Common School Children’s Museum - Bertha Adams, Director

"We would love to have lots of our members involved in the Historic Homes Tour," said Chairman Diana Dornak. "There are many things people can do to help and it is a wonderful way to start the holiday season," she continued. For information regarding our 2009 Historic Homes Tour please feel free to email diana.dornak1@verizon.net

Working on details for the Historic Homes Tour are, left to right, Diana Dornak, Diane Gillette, Kathy Weisskopf, Jeff Hansen, Kathie Nenninger, Catharin Lewis and Joanna Sharp.
League City Historical Society presents

HISTORIC HOMES TOUR

Saturday, December 12, 2009
10am to 5pm

Advance Tickets $12
Day of Event $15

One (1) Ticket Allows You to Tour
Six (6) Historic Sites including
West Bay Common School
Children’s Museum,
The Barn Museum & Ice House

Directions to homes and sites provided with ticket

For information call 281-554-2994

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League City Historic District Commission Report

LCHS Rep. to the LCHDC... Fay Dudney

At its September 17 meeting, the Commission denied a request to delineate acceptable elevations for conformity of the Historic District and Architectural Guidelines by the developer of the Township on North Kansas and 7th Street until more detailed drawings and materials could be presented to the Commission.

Administrative approval was permitted to new businesses at 1011 East Main Street, and 1026 East Main Street. A monument sign and four temporary signs (Banner) were permitted at 1015-A East Main Street. Also, a business permit and a monument sign at 1015 East Main Street were approved.

The commission will continue to meet at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers on the third Thursday of the month in FY 2010.

DAR Veterans History Project...

The Sam Houston Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is interviewing American veterans to collect their personal memories for the Library of Congress.

Dr. Ned Dudney, a veteran of the Korean War, was interviewed recently by Alice Braud Jones with the assistance of Deborah Gammon, a member of the League City Historical Society, Ann Smith and Helene Stein. Gathered around Dr. Dudney, left to right, are Anne, Deborah, Helene, and Alice.

The United States Congress created the Veterans History Project as part of the American Folklife Center in 2000. Its mission is to collect, preserve, and make accessible the personal accounts of American War veterans so that all future generations can understand the realities of war.

Groups and organizations interested in participating in this project may learn more about it on the Veterans Project home page at http://www.loc.gov/vets. Veterans of all wars from World War II to the Iraq war may be interviewed and filmed with a digital video camera as they answer a list of questions available on that page.

Live Oak Tree Registry

Guest columnist Jim Fox wrote a delightful feature on our Live Oak Tree Registry for the October 15 Bay Area - Clear Lake edition. A copy of his article can be found online at www.ultimateclearlake.com