

# The San Jacinto Dispatch

San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas

April 2014 (Part I)

## From the President...

*San Jacinto Chapter DRT President*



It's Spring at the Log House. Now is your chance to see our Texas Heritage Garden's roses, bulbs, and blooming bushes and trees. Members at the April meeting were able to enjoy the banks of beautiful azaleas. Thanks to our garden committee members for all their hard work.

Spring is welcome after the cold winter. Members able to make it to the Log House on our frosty chapter meeting days in January and February were thankful for our reinvigorated heating system. We enjoyed wonderful speakers as we learned about the opening of the Shamrock Hotel and about Victorian Houston and River Oaks.

Our new air-conditioning system was up and running for our April meeting to learn about Houston's art deco architecture. Our March field trip to the restored Julia Ideson Library complemented our Houston architecture programs.

You will not want to miss the May meeting on native Texas plants. Our 2013-2014 programs conclude with our June Luncheon when we will honor our new members.

All of this happens because of our dedicated volunteers. Thank you.

Remember to show our love of Texas history by flying the Texas flag on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

God bless Texas!

*Sharolyn*



## May 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting

*Jamie Mihalcik*

### *Native Plants for the Urban Landscape*

Jamie Mihalcik will speak at our May chapter meeting on "Top Texas Native Plants for the Urban Landscape". This topic involves a variety of native plants - from trees and shrubs to wildflowers and groundcovers that are native and lend themselves to being incorporated into the more formal and tame landscapes used closer to homes. We will learn how to use native plants in our everyday garden.

Ms. Mihalcik grew up in Louisiana and has worked at Buchanan's Native Plants for 5 years. She has degrees in art and landscape architecture. Upon graduation in 2008, she moved to Texas. She considers herself a "southern girl" and never met a plant she didn't like. She loves to teach and is enthusiastic about helping to create more sustainable landscapes.

Please join us in making her feel welcome at the Log House and learn how to make our home gardens survive the summers. Native plants thrive in Houston while others wilt and disappear.

*Jamie Moran, Second Vice President*

### **A Note About Refreshments At Chapter Meetings: "Gluten Free Added"**

Refreshments at chapter meetings now include at least one gluten free "goodie." Gluten free Banana Nut Bread was served at the April meeting. Rumor has it that the gluten free choice at the May meeting will be something chocolate.

If members have a diet requirement that we can try to accommodate, please let Sharolyn or Margaret Standard know.

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## San Jacinto Day Ceremony

San Jacinto Day 2014 will be celebrated on the steps of the San Jacinto Monument at **11:00 am on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**. Texans will gather to honor the memory of the Army of General Sam Houston and the great victory of April 21, 1836.

The San Jacinto Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas is honored to participate in the Official State of Texas Ceremony Commemorating the 178<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto. Chapter member and former 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, **Nancy Burch**, is Event Co-Chair. Chapter members **Luanne Zacek** and **Sharolyn Wood** serve on the planning committee.

CRT-San Jacinto Chapter members **Stella Frank** and **Charlie Pesek** will lead the pledges of allegiance to the U.S. flag and the Texas flag. Accompanied by the Deer Park High School Orchestra, SJC members **Martha and Leah Jorgensen** will lead the singing of the National Anthem and "Texas, Our Texas." Ann Tanner, SJC Chaplain, will deliver the Benediction.

During the ceremony, SJC Thelma Maresh Scholarship winners will be recognized by **Sharolyn Wood**, President, **Luanne Zacek**, CRT Registrar and Scholarship Chair, and **Ellen McCaffrey**, President General.

## Registrar's Report

San Jacinto Chapter welcomes three new members approved in March and April.

#30913      **Lisa Jonelle White Watkins**  
Approved 27 Mar 2014  
Ancestor: Christian Frederick Duer



#30898      **Emily Maria Wallace**      (CRT to DRT)  
Approved 08 Apr 2014  
Ancestor: Elkanah Brush

#30935      **Erika Wilcox**      (CRT to DRT)  
Approved 09 Apr 2014  
Ancestor Charles Bellinger Steward

The San Jacinto Chapter approved ten prospective members at our April meeting who may now submit their applications to State DRT.

<b>Paige True Farrow</b>	Ancestor, Madison G. Jacobs
<b>Cheryl Balance LeBleu Barta</b>	Ancestor, Renee Rayford Crawford
<b>Betty Harriet McCutchan</b>	Ancestor, Robert G. Cartwright
<b>Ashley Michelle Naumann</b>	Ancestor, Shadrack Morris
<b>Wanda Shofner Naumann</b>	Ancestor, Shadrack Morris
<b>Heather Rae Nauman</b>	Ancestor, Shadrack Morris
<b>Jana Dee Martin Powers</b>	Ancestor, Neal Martin
<b>Jauanita G. Santos</b>	Ancestor, Julian Flores
<b>Katherine Hilary Schuhmacher</b>	Ancestor, Charles Lewis Wurzbach
<b>Marissa L. Van Dusen</b>	Ancestor, Charles B. Stewart

*Marje Harris, Registrar*



## Memorial Service

Our Chaplain **Ann Tanner** will lead the DRT Memorial Service at our May meeting.

The chapter holds in loving remembrance:



**Elaine Johnston Tarver**  
Date of Death - 12 May 2013



**Ann Houston Hogan Irish**  
Date of Death - 09 July 2013



**Rebecca Sealy Pinckard**  
Date of Death - 10 Sept 2013

**Wanda "Jo" Hicks Brents**  
Date of Death - 26 Sep 2013  
(no photo available)

**Joanne W. Stark**  
Date of Death - 06 Dec 2013  
(no photo available)

# Celebrating San Jacinto

*Mark your calendar. Bring your family out to the Battleground.*



## **San Jacinto Day Ceremony**

**April 21st at 11:00 am at the Battleground**

The Official San Jacinto Day Ceremony will be held at the San Jacinto Monument on April 21st. SJC members will participate in the ceremony. Our SJC Thelma Maresh Scholarship winners will be presented.

The principal speaker will be Bill O'Neal, PhD, Texas State Historian. In keeping with tradition, Mr. O'Neal's presentation will be 18 minutes in length—the same length of time as the Battle of San Jacinto. Sam Houston VI, great grandson of Gen. Sam Houston, will represent his family to present the account of the battle. The Texas Army Fife and Drum Corp, the Deer Park High School Orchestra, and The Texas Army will participate in the ceremony.

## **San Jacinto Festival**

**April 26th All Day at the Battleground**

The San Jacinto Festival will be held at the Battleground on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Join the many Texans who will visit the battleground that day.

## **Thelma Maresh Scholarship Winners for 2014-2015**

SJC Scholarship Committee received over 70 applications for the Thelma Maresh Scholarships to be awarded for 2014-2015. At our December chapter meeting, the chapter approved four **scholarships to be awarded of \$5,000 each**. At the April chapter meeting, the number of scholarships was increased to **six, for a total of \$30,000 in scholarships** to be funded in August 2014 after the students send SJC documentation of their college registration.

Announcing the 2014-2015 Thelma Maresh Scholarship winners:

- **Sydney Boyenga** attends Cy-Fair High School and plans to go to Texas State University, majoring in theatre education.
- **Valerie Dietz** attends Stratford High School and plans to attend Texas A&M University, majoring in general biology.
- **Lauren Liss** attends The Emery Weiner School and plans to attend Baylor or Texas A&M University, majoring in education and communication.
- **Caroline Wick** attends Kingwood Park High School and plans to attend University of North Texas, majoring in mechanical engineering.
- **Jonathon Wigley** attends Dulles High School in Sugar Land and plans to attend University of Texas at Dallas, majoring in computer engineering.
- **Erika Wilcox** attends Taylor High School in Katy and plans to attend Texas Tech University, majoring in speech pathology.

**Luanne Zacek**, Scholarship Chair, has contacted the scholarship recipients inviting them and their families to the San Jacinto Day Ceremony for the traditional recognition during the Ceremony. Thanks to Luanne and her committee for all their work.

## **Bloomin' Out All Over**

Our chapter Photographer, Martha Haydel, took these photos in our Texas Heritage Garden at our April meeting.

