



Dear Members,

As I write this letter from my porch in the country, it feels like fall! At least this morning.

Our first chapter meeting of the year, October 3, was well attended in person and on ZOOM. Thank you Carla Brown, Debra Grigsby, Martha Jorgensen, Susan Stormer, Roni Thelen, Sharolyn Wood and Luanne Zacek for our delicious refreshments. And Diane Stool provided our beautiful fall center pieces which were also door prizes. Speaker Andy Smith, San Jacinto Museum and Battlefield Association Site Manager, talked about the possible changes and improvements for the battlefield location utilizing the \$140 million appropriated by our Texas Legislature for the 3-5 year process.

Patti Johnson, our DRT District VI Representative presented certificates for all our chapter's awards presented at the May DRT Convention. She also invited us to attend the District VI Workshop on October 26 in Kingwood and provided updates on DRT General. Our Country Store is going! The registration form can be found later in this newsletter.

The Road to Independence Chili Cookoff is right around the corner! I hope you will plan to attend and bring your family. It is a fun event for all ages. The flag retirement ceremony with our CRT members is very special. More information can be found later in this newsletter.

Our chapter is honoring the DRT service of Thelma Burnett Maresh in November. She not only was president of our chapter, and of DRT General, she provided us with the funds to provide Houston area high school seniors with scholarships to attend Texas colleges or universities. You can learn more about Mrs. Maresh later in our newsletter.

Just off the press - we have received a \$5,100 grant from the Native Texan License Plate Fund to help us with clean up from Hurricane Beryl!! Thank you to everyone who have made contributions. We still have a way to go with the tree and grounds cleanup, but this grant will really help!

Twenty-seven year member Martha Haydel's husband John passed away last month; Diane Stachowiak and Liz Leifeste have had knee surgery; Charolotte Taylor continues recovery from her heart transplant; and several member husbands have assorted breaks, sprains, illness and doctor's appointments. Keep everyone in your prayers.

We have lots of activities planned for the rest of 2024 - hope to see you at one of them.

God Bless Texas and you!

Gwen Sorsby Koch
President
San Jacinto Chapter DRT



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Calendar October 19th – December 8th

October

- October 19** San Jacinto Battlefield Fall Fandango 10 am-3 pm
District III Workshop – Dallas (drtinfo.org/members)
Pioneer Memorial Log House Open House 1-3 pm
- October 26** District VI Workshop – Kingwood (drtinfo.org/members)
San Jacinto Chapter's District, try to attend to show chapter support

November

Save The
Date

- November 2 & 3** Chili Cookoff set up (contact Eron Tynes for time)
- November 3** Road to Independence Chili Cookoff hosted by DRT,
SRT & CRT 2-5 pm
At Pioneer Memorial Log House and Grounds
- November 3** Stephen F. Austin's Birthday, 1793 (Texas Honor Day)
- November 6** DRT Founders Day, 1891 (Texas Honor Day)
- November 7** Chapter Meeting 10 am Social, 10:30 am Program
- November 9** San Jacinto Chapter Anniversary, 1891
- November 16** Pioneer Memorial Log House Open House 1-3 pm
- November 17** Thelma Maresh Memorial Medallion Ceremony 2 pm
at Forest Park Lawndale, Houston
- November 21** Chapter Workday 9:30 am

December

- December 3** Decorate the Log House for the Holidays 10 am
- December 5** Holiday Luncheon and New Member Installation 11:30 am
- December 8** Christmas Open House 2-4 pm



Welcome Autumn



- San Jacinto Battlefield opened as a park in 1907
- Silent Auction donations for the Chili Cookoff are needed by October 28, contact Eron Tynes at 281/820-0676 or texan54@att.net
- Beth McCarty is collecting cookies for the Chili Cookoff contact her at 713/562-6845 or bethmccarty48@gmail.com
- Congratulations to our Twenty-five year members Sharon Rives Cunningham, Lana Helton Hirtz, Netha Burnaman O'Meara, Candance Battenfield Sawyer and daughters Sarah Ruth Sawyer and Caroline Elizabeth Sawyer. We are so fortunate to have such long time members. You can read the ongoing list of our longtime members in the San Jacinto Chapter Membership Information section of our current yearbook.
- Use our chapter's tax exempt certificate when buying something for the Log House, we do not reimburse tax. San Jacinto Chapter is a tax-exempt organization.
- Check out the DRT Annual Art Contest information at republicofTexasmuseumchair@drinfo.org we would love to have a chapter entry!
- We would love to have past Thelma Maresh Scholarship winners attend the Medallion Ceremony. If you know one, please invite them!
- The CRT President General and BOM will be selling raffle tickets at each workshop to support her project "Growing Texas Leaders". "Will you be attending the district workshops in our area? Be sure to bring a little cash to purchase CRT raffle tickets! Money raised benefits the CRT Scholarship Fund. 1 ticket for \$5 or 5 for \$20. The winner receives a Texas hat, a Texas cup, and a candy basket. Drawing will be at the CRT Convention in Clear Lake June 21, 2025. You do not have to be present to win."

October's Speakers

District VI Rep. Patti Johnson and Andy Smith were our speakers on October 3rd. Andy is the Site Manager for the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site.

District VI Rep. Patti Johnson



Andy Smith





Awards for San Jacinto Chapter to be Proud of

General asks each chapter annually to file 8 Award forms and for the president and CRT Sponsor of the chapter to each send an annual report of their chapter's activities. While we did not achieve the coveted Six Star Award, I am proud to announce that we received:

Registrar's Growth Award

- Exceeded the minimum number (28) of new members by 6 (34)

1st place in Achievement

- increased our membership with 30 new members, 3 reinstatements and 1 new associate member
- an active CRT Chapter and their Annual Report was delivered on April 15, 2024
- delivered our annual report and award forms on April 15, 2024
- 2 members of our chapter presented programs or demonstrations on Texas and its people prior to 1900 to schools and organizations other than DRT
- awarded funds to Laura Lanigan Texas History Award Fund, The Cradle, and the Republic of Texas Museum
- distributed Texas Flag Pledge cards to students at numerous events
- observed all Texas Honor Days with articles in our newsletter, flying our Texas flag and encouraging others to fly their Texas Flag
- our chapter uses social media, printed material and personal communication to communicate DRT information and activities

1st Place Texas History Award

- our chapter sponsored the Outstanding 4th Grade Texas History Essay Contest
- our chapter sponsored the Outstanding 7th Grade Texas History Essay Contest
- our chapter marked graves with DRT memorial medallions for a deceased DRT member, 3 citizens and a defender
- 5 supplemental applications were approved for a current member



- our chapter gave 6 DRT Library Collection Award Books:
 - 2 Virginia M. Law Award books
 - 4 June Franklin Naylor Award books
- presented 4 \$3,000 scholarships to Houston area students who demonstrated scholastic and leadership abilities in school or community and were accepted into a Texas college or university

1st Place Volunteer Hours

- of 321 members, 9,914 volunteer hours were reported

1st Place Membership Award

- Final dues report, reconciliation report and check for full payment of State dues mailed to Headquarters by July 10, 2023

1st Place President General's Project Award

- \$1.00 per member, 280 members (100% participation), \$280.00 contributed for the President General's Project

Our only 2nd place award was the Attendance Award

- our chapter met at least 5 times during the year with a quorum present
- our chapter did not have 5% of our membership at the District VI Meeting
- our chapter had at least 3% of our membership at the 2023 State Convention

25 Year Senior Membership Awards

- 6 members with 25 years of consecutive DRT membership

Thank you San Jacinto Chapter members for
helping us achieve all of these honors.
Keep up the good work so we can do it again!



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Thelma Burnett Maresh Award



Thelma Burnett Maresh

Thelma Burnett Maresh is one of those treasured friends who comes into our lives only rarely. Throughout her life of 101 years, she demonstrated her devotion to our Texas Heritage and to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas in countless ways. Mrs. Maresh was a Past President General of the Daughters and a Past President of San Jacinto Chapter. Mrs. Maresh was born Thelma Beatrice Burnett on May 5, 1905 in Sipe Springs, Texas and was the oldest living Past President.

She became a member of the San Jacinto Chapter in Houston on January 30, 1934. Like a true Texas woman, she immediately became involved on many different levels. During this time period the Chapter was instrumental in the planning of the San Jacinto Monument, whose cornerstone was laid in 1937 and was completed in 1939. The Pioneer Memorial Log House was constructed in 1936 in honor of the Texas Centennial to serve as a hospitality center.

During her lifetime Mrs. Maresh made many generous financial gifts not only to the San Jacinto Chapter, but also to the Log House. She had a deep passion for Texas History and thus established the Thelma Burnett Maresh Scholarship for our Chapter. These scholarships are presented every year by the San Jacinto Chapter during the Commemorative Ceremony on San Jacinto Day at the monument.

Mrs. Maresh loved all the Daughters; however the San Jacinto Chapter was dearest to her heart. In her memory, Mrs. Maresh bequeathed to the San Jacinto Chapter a substantial gift that will enable Scholarships to be presented for many, many years to come.

Mrs. Maresh served as President of the San Jacinto Chapter from February, 1942 until June, 1943 during World War II. In 1947 she became President General and felt ". . . *It was good fortune and a wonderful privilege to be installed as President at the sacred shrine of the Alamo . . .*"

At the close of her President's address during her first State Convention in May, 1948, Mrs. Maresh reflected

". . . let us have a restoration of faith, courage and desire to rededicate ourselves to keep our objectives before the eyes of all men, in order that respect and reverence for the lofty principle which our organization embodies be maintained . . ."

Texas, One and Indivisible, Daughters, One and Indivisible."

To the members of the San Jacinto Chapter, Mrs. Maresh has left us with a legacy that we will always cherish and treasure. Her dedication to the lofty principles of the Daughters, along with her deep love of our beautiful State and its illustrious heritage is an inspiration to us all.

Her deeds and her memories will be held in trust by the San Jacinto Chapter forever



*San Jacinto Chapter
Daughters of the Republic of Texas*

*Invite you to
DRT Memorial Medallion Ceremony
Honoring Thelma Burnett Maresch
1905-2007*

*President, San Jacinto Chapter 1942-1943
President General, DRT 1947-1949*

*Sunday, November 17, 2024
2:00 pm*

*Forest Park Laundale
6900 Laundale Street
Houston, Texas 77023*

For more information contact Gwen Sorsby Koch president@sjcdrt.org or 713/826-9061



Daughters of the Republic of Texas



District VI Workshop
Saturday, October 26, 2024
Kingwood, Texas

You are cordially invited to attend the Daughters of the Republic of Texas 2024 District VI Workshop hosted by Patti Johnson, District VI Representative, and the Seth Hurin Bates Chapter in Kingwood at Woodridge Baptist Church, located at 5707 Kingwood Drive, Kingwood.



Workshop Registration

\$50 (includes Registration & Continental Breakfast & Lunch)
\$60 late registration after October 7th

Friday October 25



Pre-Workshop Activities

3:00-4:00 pm Guided Tour of the Humble Museum, 601 Higgins St., Humble

Saturday October 26



Chapter Table Set Up
Registration & Breakfast

7:30-8:00 am
8:00-9:00 am

Chapter Tables Open

8:00-9:00 am

Business Meeting

9:00-10:30 am

Welcome, Introductions, Business Session

Break

10:30-11:00 am

Chapter Tables open

Program

11:00-11:45am

Dallam Masterson – Birth of the Texas Navy

Lunch

11:45-12:30

Chapter Tables open

Panel Discussions Session

12:30 -1:15 pm

Topics **BRING YOUR IDEAS!**

- Public and Private Social Media Outreach
- Increasing Chapter Membership
- Speaker and Program Ideas

Break

1:15 – 1:30 pm

Chapter Tables open

Panel Discussion Summary

1:30-1:50 pm

Closing

1:50 pm



Lodging

LaQuinta Inn and Suites, 22790 Highway 59 N, Kingwood 281-359-6611 Ask to speak with Gail or Sweetie. Ask for "Daughters of the Republic of Texas" - Rate \$99 + tax (incl breakfast) Room block until September 30, cancellations must be made by September 30.



Daughters of the Republic of Texas



DISTRICT VI WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM OCTOBER 25-26, 2024

Name:			
Address:			
Phone:		Email:	
Chapter Name:			
Chapter Office:			
BOM/ Committee Position			

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024 – PRE-WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES

Activity	# Attending
Humble Museum Tour	

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024 – 2024 DISTRICT WORKSHOP

Registration <i>(Registration includes Continental Breakfast, and Lunch)</i>	Member: \$50	
	\$60, after Oct 7	
	CRT or Guest: \$20	
Name of Guest/CRT:		
Lunch: Jasons Boardroom Box (sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie) <i>Lunch will not be available for walk-ins.</i>		
(select one below)		
<input type="radio"/> Chicken salad	<input type="radio"/> Ham	<input type="radio"/> Smoked Turkey
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>If you require gluten-sensitive box check here and indicate sandwich above.</i>		<input type="radio"/> Vegetarian Box
		Clear <input type="radio"/>

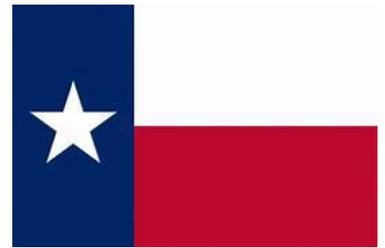
Chapter Tables	Half table at \$10	
	Full table \$20	
	CRT, DRT HQ, Library, RTHC, Cradle	No Charge
Table Name		
	Amount Enclosed	\$ 0.00

1. Registration due Oct 7, 2024
2. Complete form, make a copy for your files, mail original to address below.
3. Make checks payable to: Seth Hurin Bates Chapter, DRT
4. Mail form and check to:

Marsha Richards
 9310 Fairfield Oaks Lane
 Porter, TX 77365-7066
 Phone: 832-233-2725
 Email: marichards1978@gmail.com



Save the Date



Road to Independence

*Join the Sons of the Republic of Texas
Daughters of the Republic of Texas
& Children of the Republic of Texas*

Celebrate our Heritage

Stephen F. Austin's Birthday

"Father of Texas"

November 3, 2024, Sunday

2:00 p. m. – 5:00 p. m.

Pioneer Memorial Log House

Owned by the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT

1510 Cambridge, Houston, Tx

*There will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony, Rolling Thunder,
Texas Music, Re-enactors, Silent Auction and a Chili Cook-Off.*

*If you are interested in having a Chili Team,
please contact Eron Tynes – texan54@att.net*



Road to Independence - Celebrating our Heritage



November 3, 2024

Registration and Donation Form

As with many events it takes all of us working together to help defray expenses. There are several areas where you may make a contribution or donation. Please mail completed form with payment to Carla Brown, 5220 Wesleyan C103, Houston, 77005-1079, email form to Carla Brown: treasurer@sjcdrt.org, or complete the online form.

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Guest Fees:

No. of Adults _____ @ \$10.00/adult \$ _____

No. of Children _____ @ \$ 5.00/child \$ _____

Donation: \$ _____

Contribution(s):

Dessert(s) _____
(Please only cookies, brownies or wrapped candy)

Silent Auction:

Item(s): _____

Value: \$ _____

Total Payment: \$ _____

Payment can be made by (please denote 03Nov24 in memo):

1. Cash or check payable to San Jacinto Chapter, DRT
2. Venmo to @San-Jacinto
3. Credit Card – click [here](#) or scan OR code for online registration

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November 3rd Stephen F. Austin's Birthday (1793)

Remembering The Father of Texas birthday provides a time to reflect on the life of our founder and the importance of his contributions to Texas history, and ultimately U.S. history.

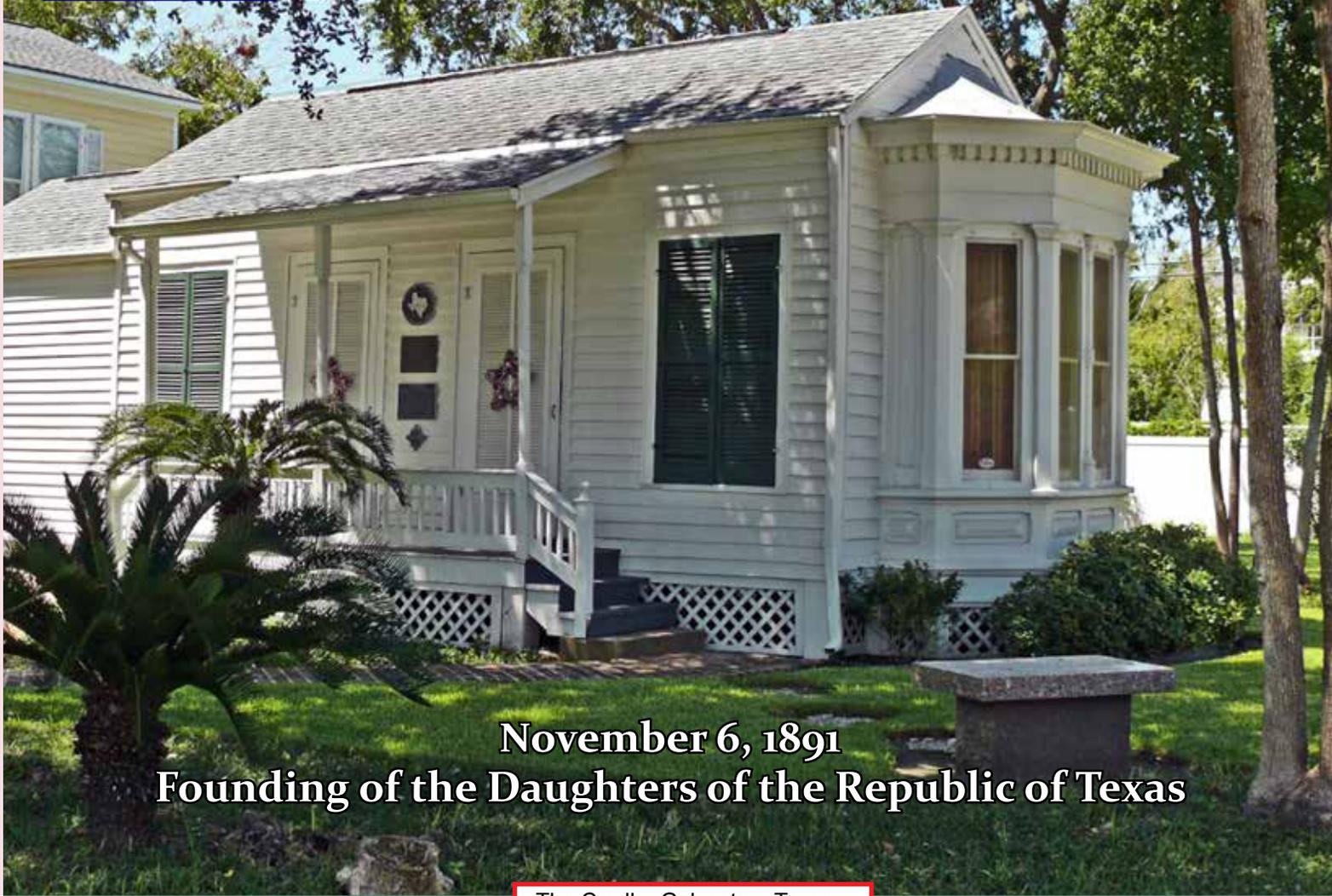
He lived only forty-three years, but the significance of his achievements in the successful settlement and independence of Texas shaped our country's history forever.

Stephen F. Austin, Statue

This seventy-foot statue is a tribute to the Father of Texas, located on the grounds of the 10-acre Henry William Munson Park in Angleton.



Honor Days (cont'd)



November 6, 1891
Founding of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas

The Cradle, Galveston, Texas



Betty Ballinger

On November 6, 1891, a group of seventeen ladies met in the home of Mrs. Andrew Briscoe in Houston to carry out the idea of Misses Betty Ballinger and Hally Bryan for organizing a Republic of Texas daughters' organization to meet with the Texas Veterans.



Hally Ballinger



Founding of San Jacinto Chapter, the very Beginning

On November 9, 1891, eight Houston women organized the San Jacinto Chapter of the Republic of Texas. Founding members were Mrs. Andrew Briscoe; Miss Belle Fenne; Mrs. John R. Fenne, who served as Chapter President until 1896; Miss Annie Hume; Mrs. Anson Jones, widow of the last Republic of Texas President; Mrs. A. B. Looscan; Mrs. J.J. McKeever; and Mrs. Minnie Phelps Vasmer. The State organization had been formed three days earlier in the Houston home of Mrs. Briscoe.

Preserving the San Jacinto Battlefield (18 miles east) became a priority project for the chapter as well as the name of the chapter. The name "San Jacinto" was chosen in honor of the most significant battle of the Western Hemisphere. In 1894, the ladies of the San Jacinto Chapter worked with the Texas Veterans to mark the San Jacinto Battlefield with iron markers depicting events of the battle. Then the ladies raised money to replace the iron markers with granite boulders by 1912. By 1915, two more boulders were placed at "Vince's Bridge" and the "Santa Anna Capture Site". During this time, they also petitioned the State Legislature to purchase the land at San Jacinto.

For 133 years, the women of San Jacinto have been faithful to the San Jacinto Battlefield. Those early years of the chapter saved the battlefield.

Taken from Jean Sitterle, compiler, District Six Chapter Histories presented September 24, 1994 to Daughters of the Republic Library, Alamo Complex, San Antonio, Texas p.8 and other chapter history.



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SJC DRT Loghouse Tree Removal

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On Saturday, October 12th, The Tree Care crew showed up at 8:00 a.m. to begin working on the Log House property. Parking spaces on Ben Taub Loop were marked off the night before -- in order to have enough space for a large trailer to remove the debris. The guys raked the entire area, and even removed the dead limbs from the pine tree near the front porch. The stump and root ball from the tree that fell on Ben Taub Loop, the broken fence, and broken sprinkler line are still with us.

Pictures:

- No. 1. Workers clearing a tree near the front porch.
- No. 2 Middle of the pile of red oak tree
- No. 3. Right side of the pile of red oak trunk
- No. 4 What's left of red oak stump
- No. 5. New vista looking from the parking lot to Cambridge Street



Texian Frontier Revelry: Relive the 1830s

Step back in time and immerse yourself in the vibrant spirit of the 1830s at the San Jacinto Fall Fandango on Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. In an era when neighbors lived miles apart, social gatherings like a fandango were essential for bringing communities together. Families and friends are invited to join us as we explore civilian life on the Texas frontier and experience the joy of these historic festivities

Event Highlights

Experience Frontier Life:

Dive into a variety of living history activities suitable for all ages, offering a glimpse into the 1830s.

Family-Friendly Saloon Games:

Try your hand at authentic historical games that are fun for the whole family.

Historical Cooking Flavors:

Taste delicious recipes from the past, prepared with traditional methods.

Meet Artisans and Heritage Groups:

Discover the skills and stories of talented artisans and historical reenactors.

Market Vendors and Food Trucks:

Explore unique goods and savor tasty treats from a range of vendors.



Event Details

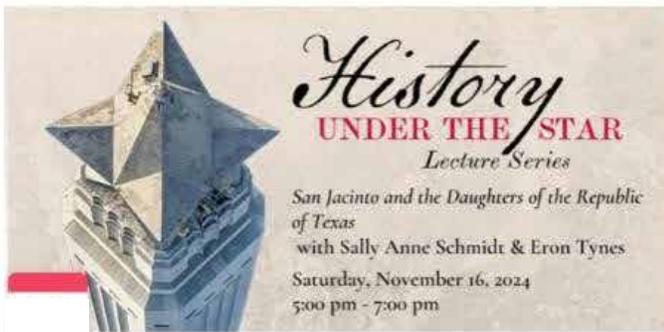
Location: Outside the San Jacinto Monument.

Age Range: All ages; activities for kids and adults.

Cost: Free to attend. Food and merchandise will be available to purchase.

Note: The event is outdoors, so please dress accordingly for the weather.

For more information, email san-jacinto-battleground@thc.texas.gov or call 281-479-2431.



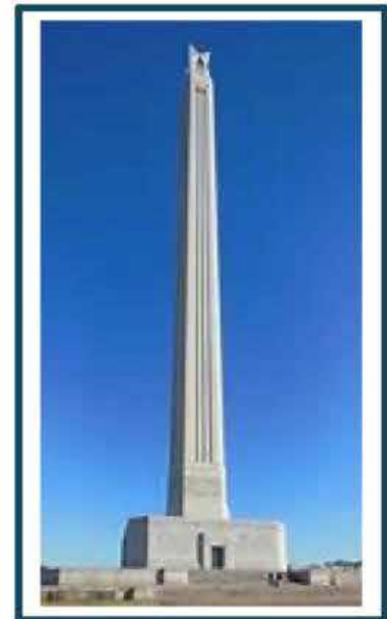
FROM MARSHY SWAMP TO SHINING STAR

An early history of the San Jacinto Battleground and Monument and the Role of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

SAN JACINTO BATTLEGROUND

Come hear Sally Anne Schmidt and Eron Tynes present on the early history of the **San Jacinto Battleground**, the site of the most significant Battle of the Western Hemisphere. The movement to set apart San Jacinto Battleground as a patriotic shrine began in 1856 when a group of Texas veterans assembled at the Battleground and started a fund for a memorial monument. The San Jacinto Chapter, Daughters of the Republic, organized in 1891 with the immediate objective to *“acquire and mark the Battlegrounds of San Jacinto where our Republic was born”*. For years members of the San Jacinto chapter worked with the State Legislature to purchase the necessary acreage and in 1907 the first State Park in Texas was established. During this time San Jacinto Chapter members worked with the Texas Veterans to mark key historic sites of the battle with granite markers.

As the 100-year anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto approached, plans to build a Monument to honor all Texas heroes rapidly intensified. Under the direction of Jesse Jones, other significant improvements to the Park for the Texas Centennial occurred and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas continued to assert influence at the site.



Sally Anne Schmidt is the Curator of the Nau Civil War Collection. For over fifteen years Sally Anne has been responsible for the care, organization, and exhibition of one of the largest private Civil War collections in the country. She received her bachelor’s degree from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, and her master’s degree and PhD from Rice University. While at Rice, she held the Jameson Fellowship at Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens in 2003 – 2004.

A seventh generation Texan raised in Austin and Dallas, Sally Anne lives in Houston with her husband, Marc Tabolsky, and two young daughters. She is a current board member of Preservation Houston and Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services (ECHOS). Sally Anne is also a proud member of the Junior League of Houston, having served in a number of leadership positions including the board of directors, and she was the 2021 recipient of the League’s Sara Houston Lindsey Award.



Eron Brimberry Tynes is a Past President of the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT having served two terms from 2007-2011. As a seventh generation Texan, she has a deep passion for Texas history and has given several presentations about Texas and its illustrious heritage to various historical groups. Some of her presentations include *“The Treacherous Road to Victory; So, you think you know San Jacinto and the Treaty and (Secret) Treaty of Velasco*. Currently for the San Jacinto Chapter she chairs the San Jacinto Battleground Committee and the Historic Sites Committee. In addition, she serves on the San Jacinto Planning Day Committee and is a member of the America250/Texas200 Focus Group.



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Buffalo Bayou

Oh, give me a home
Where the buffalo roam ...

WHERE THE BUFFALO ROAMED

How did Buffalo Bayou get its name? Lisa Gray, Houston Chronicle columnist, asked this question of Louis Aulbach, author of: “Buffalo Bayou: An Echo of Houston’s Wilderness Beginnings,” which traces the historical development of the City of Houston along its most famous waterway Buffalo Bayou. He points to when Stephen F. Austin came to Texas to establish his Anglo colony. He used a Spanish map from about 1822, the “Mapa topografico de la provincial de Texas.” Around our area the map showed a “Rio Cibolo” - “cibolo” being the word the Spanish explorers of the time used for bison. When Austin had the map redrawn in English, the waterway was labeled “Buffalo Bayou.”

What is the evidence that buffalo roamed this area? Aulbach also has an answer for that. He points to the reminiscences of Mrs. Dilue Rose Harris, who in 1836 had been an 11-year-old living near Harrisburg, then the area’s largest settlement. When she was elderly, the Texas State Historical Association published her memories of the Runaway Scrape, the bit of the Texas Revolution in which white settlers fled Santa Anna’s army. He wrote that in March 1836, as her family waited for news from the Alamo, “a large herd of buffaloes came by. There were three or four thousand of them. They crossed the Brazos River above Fort Bend, and came out of the bottom at Stafford’s Point, making their first appearance before day. They passed in sight of our house, but we could see only a dark cloud of dust, which looked like a sand storm. Father tried to get a shot at one, but his horse was so fractious that it was impossible....The buffaloes passed and went onto the coast, and the prairie looked afterward as if it had been plowed.” Aulbach says that appears to be the last recorded sighting of a herd in our area.

Reference: Houston Chronicle, January 17, 2011, by Lisa Gray

Footnote: Bison can now be seen at Armand Bayou Nature Center.....Gwen Kunz





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Lampasas Country Store Trip

Lampasas Country Store Trip

My first foray into "manning" the Country Store was at the 2021 Convention in San Antonio. I had never been to a DRT convention before and coming out of the pandemic, I really went just to go somewhere out of town. I had so much fun with my fellow daughters, that when it came time to take the Country Store to workshops, I signed up! Over these last 4 years, I have made lasting friendships with Gwen, Luanne, and Susan traveling with the Country Store. And I have made lots and lots of friendships with daughters all over our great state, many of whom love to support our Log House by shopping with us.

This year, I have been to 4 workshops so far, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Lampasas and Galveston. I traveled to Lampasas a day early so I could visit the gravesites of two sets of my great-grandparents who were early Texas settlers in that area. On a beautiful Texas morning, I set out for Smith School Creek Cemetery to visit my great-grandparents, William J. Brown and his wife Addie Irene Cloud Brown. About 20 minutes north of Lampasas, I traveled through some country roads to find this beautiful little cemetery. And I did not realize that my great, great-grandmother Jane Calvert Cloud was also buried there (her father is one of my DRT ancestors). Then I traveled back into Lampasas to the Oak Hill Cemetery (some refer to it as City Cemetery since it is located in town) to visit the other great-grandparents, Thomas Archie and his wife, Florence Elizabeth Weir Archie. This plot has not been well cared for but I intend to remedy that soon. It is hard to describe the feeling I had actually visiting their gravesites where they lived and died so long ago.

Back to our Country Store.... I have never thought of myself as a good salesperson, but our merchandise literally sells itself. Many daughters around the state look forward to buying their annual Texas Capitol Ornament from us or seeing what we have new to showcase our great state. And Gwen Koch works her magic to showcase our items! I encourage you to consider joining us in "working" the Country Store - you might be surprised!

Carla Brown



Country Store loaded up for the trip



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Double Your Donation

Double Your Donation (at no cost to you)

Ladies, does your employer have a matching gift program? You can double your donation to our Chapter or the *Friends of the Log House* through Employer's Matching Gifts. And retirees can often do the same through their previous Employer's Matching Gifts. Help our chapter and the loghouse increase our donations through this free program. Please contact Carla Brown, Treasurer at treasurer@sjcdrt.org for assistance in setting up your matching gift.

Did You Know???

Kroger and Randall's both offer a 1% Rebate to us for all money you spend on groceries. Simply sign up to link your account to us; here's how:

Kroger:

Go to HOgrogerCommunityRewards@kroger.com. Our account is DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS, PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE, Account number is RF149. Ask them in the email to link your Kroger Rewards Account to us. You will need to provide your Kroger Rewards number *OR* go to the courtesy counter and ask them to help you. Kroger has a number of affiliate stores including City Market, Dillon's, King Super and Fry's (grocery).

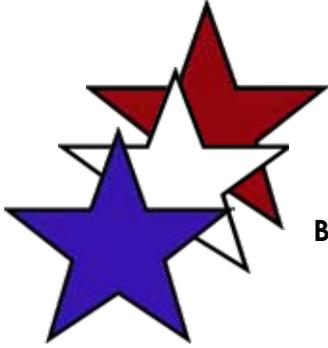
Randall's:

Set up a Randalls for U account through the smart phone app or the website at www.randalls.com. Then, send an email to GoodNeighbor@Randalls.com and ask them to link your account to the non-profit by providing the organization's Good Neighbor number in your message, along with the phone number used to set up your Randalls for U account. (This is the same phone number you use at the register when shopping.) Our Good Neighbor account number is 14197. Affiliates include Albertsons, Safeway, Vons, Jewel-Osco, Shaw's, Acme, Tom Thumb, United Supermarkets, Pavilions, Star Market, Haggen, Carrs, Kings Food Markets, and Balducci's Food Lovers Market. Be sure to ask the courtesy booth if you need other help.

If you are aware of other stores that offer rebates to non-profits please let me know so that we can apply. My email is dgrig1@comcast.net.

Thanks,
Debra Grigsby, 4th VP Ways and Means





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