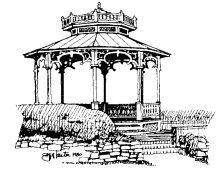


# HERITAGE



Heritage Association of San Marcos Bi-Monthly Membership Newsletter

March/April 2023



## TOWN AND GOWN

### The Art and Architecture of Texas State University 46th Anniversary of the Heritage Association Spring Tour Saturday, May 20, 2023 . 10am-6pm . Alumni Mixer Grand Finale

Tour the campus' historic and innovative contemporary architecture, sculpture and art in this one-day event.

\$25 per person tickets available on [www.HeritageSanMarcos.org](http://www.HeritageSanMarcos.org). \$30 tickets day of the tour.

Call Bronwyn Sergi for Sponsor information: 512-757-0730.

There will also be a Kick-Off Party at Palmer's on May 9th. See details on our website.

Mark your calendars! You do not want to miss this spectacular tour of Texas State University.



## THE HISTORY OF SAN MARCOS

Part 1 of a 3-Part Series

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 . Crystal River Inn . 326 W. Hopkins

5:30pm . Happy Hour & Nibbles

Free and no reservations are necessary.

*Park on surrounding streets, in front of Floral Studio or call inn 512-396-3739 for directions.*

Our well-versed historians, Linda Coker and Rodney van Oudekerke, will speak on the tales of San Marcos. With three separate "major" attempts spanning from the 1680's to 1840's the San Marcos area had groups determined to make this part of the world **home**. There will be lots of history, legends and folklore. Don't miss this captivating evening with wine and light bites. It is the first of a 3-part series for HASM members and their guests.

The series will continue in June and October so stay tuned.

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello Heritage Members,

As you can see from our Newsletters, your HASM Board is staying busy with events across San Marcos. The April 8th Easter Egg Hunt planning is complete, and our event leaders, Renee Graham, Brian Olson, and their Bunny Patrol, are ready to hide 5,000 eggs for the crowd of 2 -12 year-old children hunters. Two hours of a fun filled family event.

The 46th Annual Heritage Spring Tour is the largest-scale event we have ever produced. Tour leaders Bronwyn Sergi, Chair, Heather Demere, Co-Chair, and I are working with Texas State University leadership to showcase historical buildings with a rich history in San Marcos. For example, the Comal Building, Art Deco architecture built in 1918, was the first school building in San Marcos, followed by the Evans Auditorium, 1939, built as the first elementary school. Along with the Tour, the TX State Alumni Association has partnered with us on an Alumni Mixer after the Tour. There is much to learn and see at our Spring Tour. We will keep our membership informed so you can be the first to secure your tickets. Your participation and attendance in these events are greatly appreciated!

Debbie Austin,  
Heritage Association President.

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### CHARLES S. COCK HOUSE MUSEUM

The Cock House is in need of restoration including foundation repair, run off mitigation, and long delayed interior repairs. The restoration will be done in phases over the next two years.

The Cock House is still available to rent for events. Please call Marianne Moore to reserve this historical building in beautiful Veramendi Park for your next memorable gathering: 512-665-6048



### THE MERRIMAN CABIN MUSEUM

Please welcome back Marni Silcocks who has volunteered to be the docent in the Merriman Cabin during the Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th. Perhaps we can persuade her to help us host summer educational tours with a regular schedule for students and visitors. There is much to learn about Merriman Cabin and what better teacher than Marni. She can teach visitors a thing or two about mosaics too! Thank you, Marni. We appreciate your support.

The Bi-Monthly Membership Newsletters keep us connected. We share stories and bring you updates. Contact Renee at [rrg51@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rrg51@sbcglobal.net) or 214.641.5841 if you have something to share.

#### NEW MEMBERS:

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**Dawn Hallgren:** 220 Jumping Laurel Street, SM, 78666, 806-336-4452, [dhallgren1@gmail.com](mailto:dhallgren1@gmail.com)

**Kevin Gilley:** 108 Laurel Ridge, SM, 78666, 512-878-0815—WELCOME BACK KEVIN!

**Sarah Trawick:** 1654 Post Rd., Apt. 135, SM 78666, 281-865-1572, [smtrawick@gmail.com](mailto:smtrawick@gmail.com)

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## HERITAGE LEGACY MEMBER Mar/Apr 2023 Highlight



### **M A R I A N N E M O O R E**

When Marianne moved to San Marcos with Perry in 2004, she will tell you that she immediately joined various nonprofit organizations in town. More than that, she was welcomed into a circle of strong woman who became her role models. Those tenacious leaders were the threads of a tightly woven community and Marianne loved being a thread in that colorful tapestry. She had found her mission.

On the other hand, did they find her? When she joined Heritage, those southern magnolias had been chairs of committees over and over. Marianne was new blood at 45 years old and more than willing to take the baton. She did not twirl the baton with new visions but raised it like a cheerleader with the graciousness of a true hostess. She loved to welcome new residents and share the places they wanted to know about. When Marianne accepted the responsibilities to oversee the Cottage Kitchen, the Guild had found its leader. She became the master of coordinating Friday luncheons through a difficult period of city code restrictions.

In 2013, Anita Perry, the first lady of Texas, initiated the First Lady's Texas Treasures Award and the video taken in San Marcos included a brief clip of Marianne speaking about HASM. Marianne also participated in a project with Leadership San Marcos honoring Chief Placido and the Tonkawa Indians, indigenous to this area. The project resulted in the bust of Chief Placido currently on site at the Fish Hatchery. Marianne became HASM President in 2009. In 2011, she oversaw production of the book, *Historic San Marcos—An Illustrated History* authored by Rodney van Oudekerke. It is still for sale at the Cock House.

Marianne was born in Urbana, Ohio so Texas was a home that Perry brought her to after he had spent 30 years as Provost at Wright University. When he retired, he accepted a lateral move at Texas State University. It was a timely move for Marianne who had lost three loved ones in the 80s— her father, her eldest sister, and her grandfather all in the same year. In times of hardship, it is often a healthy change to embark on new challenges. We grow.

After Marianne and Perry moved to Willow Creek, their home was included in the 2005 Annual Heritage Home Tour as well as in 2014, a Christmas Home Tour.

Marianne believes that everyone has a purpose in life. Her mission is to serve. She sees herself as an ambassador to Kissing Tree since they moved there. She looks on that heartfelt job as a way to help others, to stay engaged, and to stay informed. So if you hear the rustle of a cheerleader's pom pom, it's probably Marianne. Okay, All together now: "You go, girl!"

Every bi-monthly newsletter in 2022 will highlight a Legacy Member who has served the Heritage Association through years of volunteer efforts and deserves special recognition.

# Easter Egg Hunt Sponsors

Saturday, April 8, 2023 . 11am-1pm . Veramendi Park . San Marcos

Hunters ages 2-12. Children of all ages welcome. Games, arts & crafts, live tortoises, raffle tickets in eggs for prizes, face painting, Briar Patch food court for 2 hours of family fun.



Hunt starts at 11:30—ends when all eggs are gone.  
Thank you for your continued support.



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