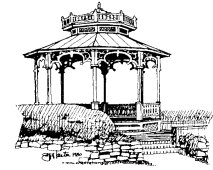


# HERITAGE



Heritage Association of San Marcos Bi-Monthly Membership Newsletter

May/June 2023

## A NOTE OF THANKS FROM HASM PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Heritage Association of San Marcos, we sincerely thank our sponsors for the generous donations to our Town & Gown Tour at Texas State University. In addition, our special thanks go to our top-tier sponsors Texas State University, La Cima San Marcos, Eleanor Crook, Community Impact, Palmer's Restaurant and Bar, Cody's Restaurant Bar & Patio, San Marcos Daily Record, Germer Insurance Services San Marcos, Divided Sky Roofing & Solar, Advanced Imaging Radiology San Marcos, Nephews San Marcos, North Street, and Sergi & Associates for their ongoing commitment to the Heritage Association preservation efforts.

Our 46th Annual Heritage Tour and After-Party were hugely successful thanks to the many volunteers and attendees. Our thanks primarily to the Tour Chair Bronwyn Sergi, Co-chair Heather Demere, After Party Chair Michelle Harper, and the unparalleled team at Texas State University led by Cristine Black, who brought all the right people to the table and kept us on task. The tour efforts came together successfully with the expertise of Dr. John Root, Dr. Gordon Bohmfalk, and their power committee of Elias Martinez, Callie Lewis, and many more. We are profoundly grateful to President Kelly Dampousse for sharing the Art & Architecture Tour vision and to Dean John Fleming for endorsing the initial idea and setting things in motion.

The University welcomed the Heritage Association and our community volunteers with open arms and a willing spirit. We are excited and thankful for being a part of this new era at Texas State University.

Debbie Austin, President  
Heritage Association of San Marcos



TXST President Kelly Dampousse, Georgia Freiling, Libby Young, Gloria Ingram, Bronwyn Sergi (Tour Chair), Brent & Liz Tuttle, Debbie Austin (President of Heritage)



GJ Kinne (Head Coach at Texas State University), David Bailiff 9Special Assistant to Head Football Coach), Front: Summer Kinne, Bronwyn Sergi (Tour Chair), Michelle Harper (After Party Chair), Debbie Austin (President of Heritage), Heather Demere (Tour Co Chair)

## HISTORY HAPPY HOUR

“Liberty, Lamar vs. Houston, Little Black Beans and the Birth of Texas”

**WHEN** Thursday, June 22 at 5:30pm  
**WHAT** Wine, Cheese & Appetizers  
**WHERE** Under the Tent at Crystal River Inn

Guest speaker, Dr. Tom Alter, the resident Texas historian at TXST, will share his favorite topic about the ongoing struggle between Sam Houston and Mirabeau Lamar who had very different visions for the fledgling new republic.

Please **RSVP** (text preferred) to 512-787-6294. HASM members, guests and potential new members are welcome to attend.

## RIVERWALK UPDATES

The Riverwalk Park Beautification committee recently added Mike Dillon as a new member! Mike adds a lot to the monthly meetings AND has a pickup truck for essential committee duties.

The committee is soliciting nominations for this year's Veramendi Plaza Award of Honor recipient. This was established to recognize a deceased member of the Heritage Association who made distinguished contributions not only to the Heritage Association but also to the enhancement of life in the community.

If you would like to nominate someone please email Jeff Kester at [jeffreyhkester@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreyhkester@gmail.com). More information about this award is found on page 44 in the Yearbook.



Shown here is Sue Cobb with some young volunteers after installing flags at Veramendi Plaza for Memorial Day 2023.



## 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 historic gem in tree shaded Veramendi Park for your next gathering: 512-665-6048.

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.

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## HERITAGE LEGACY MEMBER

### May/June 2023 Highlight



### WAYNE KRAEMER

Wayne Kraemer proudly wears his born-and-bred southern gentleman charm on his sleeve. You can't miss the nuanced signs—the crisply starched plaid shirt that has become his sartorial signature and his affable Thibodaux, Louisiana easy, confident manner.

Raised in Catholic disciplines at Mt. Carmel for grades 1-3 and Thibodaux College after 4th grade, Wayne graduated from E.D. White Catholic High School instilled with a respect for heritage and tradition. The first time he thought about preservation was when the iconic Mt. Carmel school, built in 1856, was demolished to build a Holiday Inn. A friend's mother bought a chandelier before it was destroyed only later to discover that the nuns had painted over the gold frame so that civil war officers would not confiscate it.

Wayne attended Nichols State with plans of being a lawyer, and a brief consideration as a ranger at Natchez Trace Parkway. Eventually he switched majors to speech communication when the debater took root. He graduated with his master's degree from LSU in 1977 and taught for a year at LSU before being offered the debate coaching job at Texas A&M where he took the team to their first appearance in the National Debate Tournament. When asked qualities a student needs to be a good debater, he actually described himself: likes research, is a critical thinker and excels as a speaker. Wayne, the quintessential debater, is focused and steady, a good listener, always prepared, and maintains a professional demeanor. Being a part of the Aggie culture included "yell practice", a ritual before the first home game where you show up at midnight for a pep rally to yell, not cheer, yell. Amazing what they teach you in college.

He left TX A&M in 1986 to teach at William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. Built in 1693, it is the second oldest institution of higher education in the U.S. After four years, Wayne admits it was a beautiful Colonial town but never felt like home. The holidays, however, were magical. The Grand Illumination on Duke of Gloucester Street was lit up with windows dressed in candles from one end to the other and decorated with festive fruits, pine and magnolia leaves in true southern charm.

In 1990, a good friend leaving TXST, encouraged Wayne to apply for his position. In the fall he moved to San Marcos where he has lived in his historic home since 1993. While at TXST his debate teams won two national team championships and several individual national championships.

Wayne joined Heritage during the Trilogy Home Tour, became an active board member, and was appointed as president in 2008. He was also instrumental in the formation of the Heritage Debutant Ball. In addition, Wayne is one of the founders of the Krewe of Okeanos, now in its 12th year. He was appointed King in 2022. The Krewe celebrates Mardi Gras in San Marcos with a ball, parade, and other parties as well as donates to music and the arts programs.

The LBJ Museum was a natural fit. It seemed appropriate for the Director of the LBJ debate team at TXST to participate in a public debate at the museum. That evolved into being on the board and eventually to become the museum president.

His research collaboration with Dr. Ann Burnette has produced several papers. One was for Hofstra University and another for Leiden outside of Amsterdam. In a nutshell, one addressed President Obama's characterization of the DACA situation and the other, President Biden's National Security Strategies.

Wayne's retirement plans are on the horizon to teach for two more years and then travel to Louisiana where his son and 7 year old granddaughter reside. With a passion for history, he will probably continue to do research and write. For a southern gentleman, retiring on quiet, historic Belvin Street is undoubtedly a perfect scenario to entertain friends after a career of contribution. Visitors will probably be offered a glass of something cold, as any gracious host does, and Wayne might even bring out a book about Thibodaux where his story began.

## Silent Auction Donors

Many thanks to these donors who provided outstanding items to the Silent Auction at the Welcome to & Welcome Home Party after the tour. Your generous gifts made it possible to raise additional funds that added to the bottom line of ticket sales. All proceeds benefit preservation projects including the restoration of the Charles S. Cock House Museum and help fund our \$250,000 Capital Campaign.

Brian Olson at Premier Cuts  
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