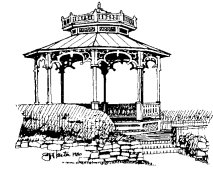


HERITAGE



Heritage Association of San Marcos Bi-Monthly Membership Newsletter

September/October 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

2023 HASM ANNUAL MEETING/AWARDS/DINNER

WHAT: All members are invited to join in the annual dinner where we present awards, meet to review business, announce the upcoming board and committee chairs, and celebrate our non-profit accomplishments.

WHERE: LaCima Community Center, 301 A Central Park Loop, San Marcos.

WHEN: Sunday, October 22, 2023 beginning at 5:30pm for social, 6:15 for awards, 7:00 for program and dinner. Cash bar. Ticket covers dinner, provided by Palmer's Restaurant.

TICKETS: \$40 per person

RSVP: Russell G. Clark at 713-376-2933 or go to our website at HeritageSanMarcos.org or send a check to Michele Breihan, Treasurer, at P. O. Box 1806, San Marcos TX 78667.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

WHAT: All members will receive a Membership renewal letter that will be mailed October 1, 2023. Membership Renewals must be received by December 31, 2023 for your name and contact info to be included in the 2024 Heritage Association of San Marcos Yearbook.

WHERE: Mail your membership renewal to HASM, P.O. Box 1806, San Marcos TX 78667-1806.

WHEN: Deadline to renew memberships is no later than December 31, 2023.

YEARBOOK ADS

WHAT: Submit your request for an ad in the 2024 yearbook to Renee Graham at 214-641-5841 or rrg51@sbcglobal.net.

WHERE: The HASM 2024 YEARBOOK will go to print in the beginning of January 2024 so contact Renee to secure a page for your ad.

WHEN: Deadline to purchase an ad in the 2024 YEARBOOK is December 31, 2023 to get camera ready artwork complete and payment received to Michele Breihan at HASM P.O. Box 1806, San Marcos TX 78667-1806.

2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WHAT: **History Happy Hour Silent Auction - MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

WHERE: All HASM members are invited to attend the first of a series of four seasonal happy hours hosted by the Membership Committee, Cathy Dillon, Chair. Sip on something wonderful as you cruise rooms in the Cock House Museum filled with silent auction items that surpass your expectations. No speaker tonight but lots to talk about!

WHEN: Thursday, February 8, 2024, 5:30pm to 7:30pm, with winning bidders announced promptly at 7:30. Go home with something to knock your socks off!

WHAT: **History Happy Hour - MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

WHERE: All HASM members are invited to attend this second membership event at The Cock House Museum to enjoy spirits and a speaker who will share a tidbit of history that you'll want to know for the next family dinner. Speaker to be announced.

WHEN: Thursday, May 16, 2024, 5:30 to 7:30

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2024 HASM CALENDAR OF EVENTS (CONTINUED)

WHAT: **Annual Home Tour Weekend in Historic San Marcos**

WHERE: Homes and gardens on the tour will be announced.

WHEN: Saturday, May 4, 2024 and Sunday, May 5, 2024. Details and ticket information will follow but mark your calendars for this magical, historical event. Call Bronwyn Sergi at 512-757-0730 to volunteer during this fun weekend. We have so many jobs that need to be filled and we can't do it without your help.

WHAT: **Summer in the Park** - one evening fundraiser

WHERE: Summer in the Park grounds where volunteers will set up a table to sell hot dogs and bottled drinks.

WHEN: Thursday, August 1, 2024, 6:00pm - 9:30pm while the Boy Scouts are on their annual jamboree.

WHAT: **Fall Treasure Sale**—Clean out your closets and box everything up to donate for the Fall Treasure Sale. This HASM Fundraiser helps to pay the bills and support events. We appreciate the donations and volunteers that make this sale so successful.

WHERE: Cock House in Veramendi Park. We have no place to store your donations until a week before the sale so thank you for keeping them until then. Mark your calendar and collect your goodies to donate in the fall so we can provide the community with an awesome sale.

WHEN: September 14, 2024, 10:00am - 3:00pm

CHARLES S. COCK HOUSE MUSEUM

The Cock House is 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.



*Celebrating all things San
Martian at the 2023
Mermaid Parade*

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

The following are members who joined in August and September:

Jeff Hall, 312 Drawing Maple Street, San Marcos, TX 78666; 832-782-4055, jhall14000@earthlink.com

Kimberly Miller, 109 Calming Agave Way, San Marcos, TX 78666, 713-254-4127, no email

Cathy Dillon, Membership Director, has a new email: cathydillon1248@gmail.com



2024 Proposed Executive Slate for HASM

Officers/Executive Committee

President: Renee Graham

Treasurer: Michele Breihan

President-Elect: Russell Clark

Immediate Past President: Debbie Austin

Secretary: Jan Little

Historian/Archivist: Ellie Stewart

Communication: Greg Wurzbach

Board of Directors

Guild: Thea Dake, Sherry Baebler, Marianne Moore, Co-Chairs

Finance: Michele Breihan

Membership: Cathy Dillon

Landmarks: Debbie Austin

Riverwalk/Parks: Jeff Kester

Yearbook: TBD

Tour of Homes: Bronwyn Sergi

Awards: Marianne Moore

Merriman Museum: TBD

Past Presidents: Debbie Austin

At-Large (term expires 2024): Brian Olson

Preservation Advocacy: Linda Coker

At-Large (term expires 2024): Marianne Moore

Parliamentarian: Wayne Kraemer

At-Large (term expires 2025): Rodney van Oudekerke

Benevolence: Thea Dake

At-Large (term expires 2025): Amy Meeks

Nominating Committee (from the Board): Marianne Moore

Nominating Committee (from the Board): Cathy Dillon

Nominating Committee (at-large): Bronwyn Sergi

Nominating Committee (at-large): Linda Jalufka

Nominating Committee (at-large): Wayne Kraemer, Chair

By-Laws: Wayne Kraemer

Mike Dillon, Debbie Austin, and Bronwyn Sergi enjoy the Sept. 23, 2023 Mermaid Parade



HONORS

Trailblazer Honored on Arbor Day

On Friday, November 3, 2023, the Riverwalk Park Committee will take the opportunity to celebrate Texas Arbor Day by planting a tree in Veramendi Plaza Park and to honor Ruben E. Garza, the recipient of the 2023 Heritage Arbor Day Award. This event begins at 5:00 pm in Veramendi Plaza Park and is open to the public.

San Marcos truly lost a trailblazer when Ruben passed away on December 26, 2022 at the age of 63. He mentored countless youth and touched the lives of so many with his generosity. Like so many planted Arbor Day trees, the legacy of Ruben Garza is well-rooted and will continue to grow because of his passion for life and a commitment to create a canopy of love above his community.

2023 Veramendi Plaza Award of Honor Recipient

The Riverwalk Park Committee of the Heritage Association of San Marcos has announced that Mildred "Millie" Bechtol is the recipient of this year's "Veramendi Plaza Award of Honor." Millie made distinguished contributions both to the Heritage Association and to the community of San Marcos. This award (formerly known as the Tree of Honor Award) was established by the Riverwalk Park Committee in June 2000 to recognize the contributions of deceased Heritage Association members. The Awards will be made at the association's annual meeting on Sunday, October 22.

Millie was born October 14, 1930 and died May 29, 2022 after 91 long years. Millie Bechtol was a wonderful servant to the community of San Marcos and the Heritage Association for decades and is richly deserving of this year's Veramendi Plaza Award of Honor!

Welcome Fall 2023! We've been waiting for you.

The Treasure Sale on September 30 was a great success. A big thank you to all of those who worked diligently to pull it together and to our super-organizer Jan Little for making it all happen.

The Annual Meeting is just days away and we are hopeful you will join us. The details are included in the newsletter so mark your calendar and go online to purchase tickets. Feel free to contact me if you have questions about your reservation, 512-787-5094. Get dressed up and join us for a fun program!

With gratitude,

Debbie Austin, President, HASM

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