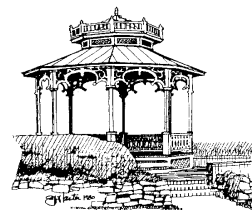


HERITAGE



Heritage Association of San Marcos Bi-Monthly Membership Newsletter

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Live simply, expect little, give much. -Norman Vincent Peale



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Last summer's "Treasure Sales" were over the top with enthusiastic buyers and generous donations so we are offering three this summer.

SAVE THE DATES

September 17th, 10am-3pm

October 15th, 10am-3pm

November 19th, 10am-3pm

DONATION DROP OFF

Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday,
noon to 2pm, August through November.

Leave donations on the Cock House porch if the door is locked.

We do not accept items that are soiled or need repair.

SUMMER CLEANING

It's here again so clear out that cluttered garage, those untidy closets,
disorganized drawers, and messy attics.

Your trash is someone else's treasure!

Proceeds from sales go towards the restoration of the Charles S. Cock House Museum.
Our heartfelt thanks for your support and donated treasures. We'll be calling you soon for volunteers!

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MESSAGE FROM OUR HERITAGE PRESIDENT

Dear Heritage Members,

On behalf of the HASM Board, I would like to update our members on the current discussions regarding renaming The Charles S. Cock House Museum.

The HASM Board, Guild, and Riverwalk Committee were recently informed that in 2021, Alison Brake, Historic Preservation Officer at the City, had asked Evan Thompson, Executive Director of Preservation Texas, to research the Cock House ownership. Additionally, in April 2022, we learned that the Hays County Historic Commission signed a Proclamation supporting the "re-dedication of the Charles S. Cock House Museum to the Cock-Burleson House." Their basis for this change is to include the Doc Burleson family's 28 years of ownership and to incorporate African American history. The Board organized an Ad Hoc Committee to pursue the initiative, and we met in June with the interim city manager and assistant city manager. On July 16th, HASM hosted a workshop and invited Lila Knight, a certified historian, board member of the Hays Co Historic Commission, and Life member of HASM, to present her research on the Cock House ownership and the history of the many families who owned the house over the years.

Currently, the Heritage Board, Guild, Riverwalk Committee, Ad Hoc Committee, and I are not opposed to updating the house's history and including other cultures. We welcome the history of these families; however, we believe the name change is being rushed without due diligence. What is the City's protocol for renaming a city-owned building? How do we incorporate the archives, change the markers and signs, and who will pay for the changes? Are the descendants of the Doc Burleson family willing to provide us with information, documents, artifacts, letters, photos, and memorabilia? It is imperative to have their commitment before this initiative moves forward.

We have enormous admiration for the tenacity shown by the men and women who brought HASM to life and their determination to restore the Cock House and beautify the park. For 45+ years, HASM members have built a connection between The Cock House and the San Marcos community. We have spent years on fundraising efforts to preserve, restore and maintain the building and the grounds. We are very much in favor of creating a place to honor the Doc Burleson family; however, we are opposed to changing the name of The Charles S. Cock House Museum out of respect to our Founders.

Respectfully,
Debbie Austin
HASM President

Thanks to the many volunteers and sponsors who contributed to our June Garden Tour. It was a phenomenal success and well attended by 400 visitors. They savored southern cuisine in the gardens while they listened to open air music. Many of them ended their day at Germer's Insurance for signature drinks and across the street at Zelick's for a grand finale. It was a classic event! Mark your 2023 calendars for the 46th Annual Heritage Home Tour in May 2023. Dates and details to be announced in the spring.

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HERITAGE LEGACY MEMBER July/August 2022 Highlight



JEFF KESTER

Under the shade trees in Jeff and Rhea Kester's back yard rests a small Craftsman Cottage he refers to as his "shed". He proudly explains he built this masterpiece with his own two hands to house his library of archives—photos, architectural drawings and memorabilia spanning a 40 year career.

Jeff and Rhea have resided in San Marcos since 1973. This is where they raised their three sons and where Jeff opened his architectural practice in 1981. San Marcos is also where he met Frances Stovall, the matriarch who convinced Jeff to draw and donate a series of pencil and ink drawings of historic San Marcos homes for the San Marcos Bicentennial Commission which eventually evolved in to the Heritage Association of San Marcos.

After Jeff's very diverse architectural career began, he expanded his professional horizons by joining the infrastructure Division at Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. as a project manager. His vast assortment of responsibilities included, but were not limited to, overseeing renovations, design and construction of fish hatcheries, state parks and wildlife management areas in the eastern half of Texas. In addition, he continued to run his architectural practice in San Marcos for the next decade.

In 2018, Jeff retired from TPWD. He is now architect emeritus and continues to do small architectural projects. In addition to his back yard "shed", Jeff recently completed an addition to an 1850s farmhouse in Burton, TX on 40 acres. Jeff is now busy with designing a B&B on the same property..

Like so many, we go back from whence we came and to ask Jeff about his future, he will reflect on his own journey. His roots in the Baha'i Faith continue to reward him in his spiritual direction of service and education with youth. He is looking ahead with Heritage Riverwalk visions. He is committed in his community work as a good neighbor with landscape plans and social involvement. Let us not forget family—between the families of their children, Rhea's kin, and Jeff's side—there is a lot of commitment and joy in their lives ahead to share with so many.

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.

Jane Hughson

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over thirty years

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THE CHARLES S. COCK HOUSE MUSEUM

Historic Charles S. Cock House Museum, 400 E. Hopkins Street, San Marcos aka the Cottage Kitchen, is once again ready for bookings. If you need a perfectly charming venue with a full kitchen, bathroom, air conditioning, front porch to kick back, shaded grounds and dining rooms for up to 45 people, this is the perfect place for birthdays, showers, weddings and business meetings.

The best part is the affordable rate: \$25/hour with a 4 hour minimum, a \$25 cleaning fee + \$100 refundable deposit. Call Marianne Moore to reserve: 512-665-6048. This slice of history only confirms that Southerners' love for porches transcends the centuries.



DOCENTS NEEDED AT MERRIMAN CABIN

Our sweet, iconic cabin needs to have regular "open" hours and we are turning to our members for help. We need 2 volunteers to be at the cabin one Saturday a month for an hour.

Use that hour for your own quiet time: read a book, write in your journal, needlepoint a pillow, finish that painting...whatever you need or want to do for yourself, here's your golden opportunity. Plus you are giving a wee bit of time to Heritage and the community. Call Bronwyn Sergi and give to yourself while giving to others: 512-757-0730. It's a win-win!

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