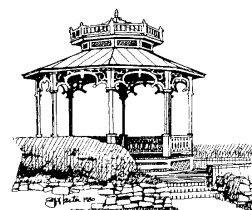


# HERITAGE



Heritage Association of San Marcos Bi-Monthly Membership Newsletter

September/October 2022

## Heritage Association of San Marcos ANNUAL DINNER & MEETING

Reserve your seat today for our annual dinner and meeting.

**WHEN:** Monday, October 17, 2022, 5:30-8:30pm, Palmer's Restaurant, San Marcos.

**SEATS:** \$50 per person. Limited to 60 seats.

**DEADLINE TO RESERVE SEATS:** Friday, October 7th. Please call or text Russell Clark 713-376-2933 by 6pm to reserve your seat(s).

**TICKETS:** Tickets can be purchased at [www.HeritageSanMarcos.org](http://www.HeritageSanMarcos.org). Click "About Us", then click "Annual Dinner 2022", then click "Annual Dinner Ticket". Tickets are also available through Michele Breihan, Treasurer, at 512-757-1316 with a credit card or mail your check to P. O. Box 1806, San Marcos, TX 78667.

**AGENDA:** 5:30-6:15pm-The Riverwalk Committee will present Awards in the Palmer's Courtyard.  
6:30-8:30pm-Annual Meeting & Dinner in Palmer's interior dining room.

## TREASURE SALE

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 15, 2022, 10:00 am—3:00pm

**WHERE:** The Charles S. Cock House AKA The Cottage Kitchen, Veramendi Plaza Park.

**Donations are accepted daily at any time until Wednesday, October 12th.**

**Please leave your items on the front porch. They will be stored inside.**

Please note it is a time consuming process to stage and price every item.  
PLEASE DELIVER DONATIONS **before** WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12th.

***Thank you for your help. We could not do this without our generous members who give of their time and their treasures!!!***

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**CHARLES S. COCK HOUSE MUSEUM— the PERECT Venue!**  
 Historic Charles S. Cock House Museum (400 E. Hopkins Street, San Marcos) AKA the Cottage Kitchen, is ready for December Holiday bookings! If you need a facility with a full kitchen, bathroom, air conditioning, dining rooms, landscaped grounds, front porch and capacity to accommodate 45 people, this is the perfect place. The best part is the reasonable rate: \$25/hour with 4 hour minimum + \$100 refundable deposit + \$25 cleaning fee. Call Marianne Moore today: 512-665-6048.  
*Make memories in a place defined by history.*



**SPLASH PATCH**

HASM participated in the 3rd annual Mermaid Society of San Marcos educational program “SPLASH Patch” for 3rd through 5th graders. The children had an opportunity to learn about six valuable aspects surrounding their lives: **Stewardship, Preservation, Local, Arts and Heritage.** Our HASM group were charged with sharing the importance of cultural heritage, preservation, and recognizing the significance of the stories passed down through the generations. Fun projects included creating a family tree, sharing family heirlooms and discovering traditions with their own relatives and friends. Once they completed our portion of the workshop, they received the “H” to earn their patch.



**RIVERWALK EVENTS**

Veramendi Plaza Award of Honor to be given in honor of Jack Byrom, member of the Bicentennial Commission and 3rd President of the Heritage Association. Also to be honored is Alison Tudor for her fine work in promoting the history of San Marcos on her San Marcos history Facebook group. These awards will be made at the October 17th annual Heritage Association Board Meeting at 5:30.

Heritage Arbor Day recipients are Ted and Frances Breihan and they will be honored on Thursday, November 3rd, at 5:00 pm in Veramendi Plaza Park. It’s normally held on the 1st Friday in November but the Breihan family have commitments on that Friday.



**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

The City of San Marcos Parks and Recreation Department and the Veteran Affairs Advisory Committee are seeking your support for our local Wreaths Across America event. Sponsors and volunteers are needed to place Remembrance Wreaths on the graves of local Veterans at the San Marcos City Cemetery in December.

Visit [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/TX0916](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/TX0916) to sponsor a wreath and to register as a volunteer. For every two wreaths ordered, we receive a third wreath at no cost. You can also order a Patriot Pair and have one shipped to your home and one sent to the cemetery.



**GO FUND ME**

A class at Texas State that teaches fundraising has offered to collaborate with HASM on a fundraising project. It is hard to predict how much money we could receive from their efforts but what a wonderful gift for them to reach out to our non-profit organization in a community where there are many. Thank you Texas State.

**HERITAGE LEGACY MEMBER**  
**September/October 2022 Highlight**



**DR. CARMEN E. IMEL**

After retiring from a very successful career in gymnastics and modern dance, Dr. Imel turned from Normal, Illinois to a new home and life in San Marcos, Texas in 1998. Her mom had passed away and most of her family resided in either Florida or California so it seemed reasonable to settle in between the two coastal states. With a love for swimming, the many rivers called her home. It's easy to have a passion for nature and gardening in the hill country and Dr. Imel had both.

She had already become an accomplished teacher with a masters and doctorate under her belt. It was time for travel, and travel she did. She explored the fifty states and Canada with several trips to Europe. She opened her door to foreign students, always inspired by their cultures and customs. One Chinese student, Ling Ling, lived with her for a year. She was from Beijing and taught English. In the tradition of her people, Ling Ling honored her parents and was devoted to her work. She often said she could not return home unless she had succeeded. John was a student from England who also lived with Dr. Imel and he was equally driven to work hard. These were students with ambitious journeys and Dr. Imel learned as much from them as they did from a life in the United States.

A pivotal moment occurred in the 70s which changed the tide of opportunities, particularly for women. Dr. Imel attributes Title IX as a new beginning in breaking traditional barriers in education. Title IX, effective on June 23, 1972, is the most commonly used name for the federal civil rights law in the United States that was enacted as part of the education amendments of 1972. It prohibits sex-based discrimination in any school or any other education program that receives funding from the federal government. This affected countless admissions into many programs that historically did not allow woman such as medicine, law, and sports. For any female athletes, this was a monumental change because they were suddenly recognized for their skills, agility and strength. For a woman who had devoted her life to physical fitness and bright minds, this was a shining time.

Dr. Imel's devotion to Heritage next to other strong women like Frances Stovall and Dr. Gwen Smith only fueled her flame to contribute. "They were always after good workers." Dr. Imel will gladly share her stories about the many hats she has worn since joining HASM. Let it include more about the DAR, the LBJ Museum and the list goes on because she has held many torches along the way.

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. If you know of an individual(s) who should be highlighted, please contact Renee Graham at [rrg51@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rrg51@sbcglobal.net) or 214.641.5841

# Jane Hughson

Serving San Marcos for  
over thirty years

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Heritage members!

It is the end of September and I am thrilled to say goodbye to a wicked hot summer! The fall months bring great weather, so this is our chance to work on our burned yards and begin planting for spring 2023. I'm looking forward to spending time outside and appreciating every moment of the cooler days and even cooler mornings.

October is the "unofficial" start of holiday gatherings and the Heritage Association Annual Meeting will kick things off. HASM has had a busy year with twists and turns we never expected, but I am happy to say your Heritage Board has chosen to see the positive aspects of what comes our way. We look forward to sharing updates at our Annual Meeting-Monday, October 17, 2022 at Palmer's Restaurant.

Our seating is limited to 60 so I encourage you to visit the Heritage website to reserve your seat and pay for your ticket: [www.heritagesanmarcos.org](http://www.heritagesanmarcos.org). Click "About Us", then click "Annual Dinner 2022", then click "Annual Dinner Ticket" .

Thank you for your time and care for this organization and our mission to preserve and beautify San Marcos.

Debbie Austin, President  
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