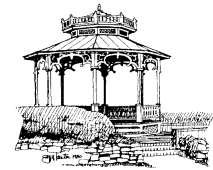


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Heritage Association of San Marcos Bi-Monthly Membership Newsletter

Jan/Feb 2025

50th HASM ANNIVERSARY

As we celebrate our 50th Anniversary throughout 2025, we will share the history of the Heritage Association in a 5-part series in this bi-monthly newsletter. Diana Baker, an award winning writer and journalist, will capture the highlights of HASM since 1975 when it was chartered to support preservation and perpetuate traditions that beautify this city. Diana has been on the City's Historic Preservation Commission for many years. As a resident of San Marcos with a passionate interest in its history, Diana is uniquely aware of the people that shaped this community and the sites that make this city a gem on the river. Look for Diana's 2025 series in the next five issues to discover the fascinating history of HASM.

MARDI GRAS HAPPY HOUR & 'BIG EASY' SILENT AUCTION

Thursday, February 27, 2025, 5-7pm

LBJ Museum . 131 N. Guadalupe Street, San Marcos, TX

Tickets in Advance ONLY \$25 & \$30 at door-includes 2 free drinks + appetizers

Wear your appointed mask and beads from the minute you walk through the door and then parade through libations and hearty appetizers to celebrate our 2nd Annual Mardi Gras event. Scour the Silent Auction with donations at big easy take-away bids. To participate or volunteer **Contact:** Marian Stasney, Chair, 512-845-1546 or marian@stasney.org. \$25 **Tickets:** www.HeritageSanMarcos.org A membership table will invite new members & offer HASM info.

GOLDEN LEGACY TOUR OF HOMES

Saturday, May 3, 2025 . 10am—4pm

Historic Districts of San Marcos

On May 3, 2025, the **Golden Legacy Tour of Homes** will celebrate 50 years of preserving the rich history and charm of San Marcos. Running from **10am to 4pm**, this golden event will offer an exclusive opportunity to explore seven elegant homes and one stunning garden gem, each showcasing the timeless beauty and unique stories of our beloved community. The 50th Anniversary theme, inspired by gold toile wallpaper and iconic design elements, adds an extra layer of sophistication to this year's tour. Guests will start their journey at the **Cock House**, 400 E. Hopkins Street, where tickets will be sold. Arrive early to enjoy the **bake sale starting at 9am**, featuring delicious homemade treats prepared by pastry loving members. Fifty years of history will be on display in two of the dining rooms.

Local artists will display their work at select locations to add a creative flair throughout the festivities and offer commemorative pieces for sale.

Volunteers are essential to make this signature HASM event a success and there's a role for everyone. Be a part of this epic once-in-a-generation tour and contribute to your community during the Golden 50th Anniversary of the Heritage Association of San Marcos. **Contacts:** Shannon James, Chair: 512-969-7097 shannonjamisonjames@gmail.com AND Page Michel, Co-Chair: 979-203-0622 pagemichel13@yahoo.com **Tickets:** \$25 per person in advance online at www.HeritageSanMarcos.org and \$30 day of tour at the Cock House, 400 E. Hopkins Street, San Marcos.

HISTORY HAPPY HOUR

Save these Dates: May 15, August 20 and November 20, 5-7pm

Cephas House . 217 W. Martin Luther King Dr., San Marcos

On the third Thursday in May, August and November, HASM members and their guests are invited to a History Happy Hour hosted by the Membership Committee, Cathy Dillon, Chair. They will feature a guest speaker addressing pertinent historical topics. Hearty appetizers and wine will be served. These events are free and give members an opportunity to mingle and learn something about a unique topic they would otherwise miss. Speakers and subjects will be posted on the website: www.HeritageSanMarcos.org, or look for an email a couple weeks before each event.

COTTAGE KITCHEN OPENS AGAIN IN 2025

After astounding success in 2024 with the reopening of the Cottage Kitchen, “the best lunch plate in town” will be back in 2025.

Lunches will be served on the first Thursday of these months from 11am-1pm: Feb., Mar, Apr, May, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov.

Organizations and businesses were lined up waiting to confirm a date to host a luncheon—so Linda Jalufka had no problem scheduling. Thank you Linda Jalufka for an outstanding job at booking an entire year of hosts for Cottage Kitchen in 2025! Good job!!

For those of you unaware of Cottage Kitchen and its remarkable history, listen up: The Charles S. Cock House Museum, home of the Cottage Kitchen, was beautifully restored in 2024 to welcome luncheon enthusiasts who enjoyed The Guild’s famous Friday feasts for nearly 50 years. Erected in 1867, this modest Greek Revival is the oldest remaining residential building in San Marcos. Community loyalists long awaited the “can’t be beat” lunch after being on hiatus 2020-2023. Once it reopened in 2024, folks lined up on the porch to experience the \$10 per plate extravaganza. It was phenomenal!!

If you have never feasted on a Cottage Kitchen lunch, you MUST feast away in 2025. Bring a friend. No reservations. Just come!

VERAMENDI GARDEN DAY

Saturday, March 1, 2025, 10am

Jeff Kester planted the seed in 2024 for an annual clean up effort of Veramendi Plaza Park, working hand in hand with the Parks and Recreation Department. Jeff, Chair of the Riverwalk Committee at the time, envisioned a cool morning in spring to have a day of raking, maintenance and planting.

Last year, Jeff asked HASM members to just show up with a rack or shovel. Members helped to fill wheel barrels with mulch, spread it, clean up litter, and plant some seedlings. Many hands make little work. The results were lovely. It proved to be a very productive day in the beautification of Veramendi Park.

If you like to dig in the dirt, simply show up with a rake or shovel (or both) on Saturday, March 1st at 10am. Not only will you get a good cardio workout, you’ll provide nourishment to the park that is enjoyed by so many.

The Riverwalk Committee is inviting new members to the committee so please contact Mike Dillon, Riverwalk Chair, if you are interested in joining a group passionate about preserving our park.

Contact: Mike: 512-395-7035, mikedillon@grandecom.net.

It’s all about Mother Nature and planting the seed. Thank you, Jeff.

TALKING HOUSES

The Talking Houses is a walking tour project that was created years ago by folks who live in the San Marcos historic districts and who want to develop a way to walk or drive around the areas to learn about the buildings through their history. This has been accomplished in many other cities in many states but San Marcos has had a tough time finding a leader to devote the time to see it to fruition. Funding is a challenge as well. Andrew James has taken on this project with enthusiasm and some experience on the subject. If you have an interest in developing a Walking Tour in our historic district, please give him a call. **Contact:** Andrew James 512-784-7087, andrewatkw@gmail.com



The Charles S. Cock House Museum

Aka The Cottage Kitchen, 400 E. Hopkins Street, San Marcos

The newly renovated Charles S. Cock House Museum is the ideal venue to rent for any event. Located in tree shaded Veramendi Plaza Park, it provides three furnished dining rooms with a capacity of 45 guests, an ADA accessible bathroom, kitchen and parking. Convenient. Affordable. **Contact** Marianne Moore to reserve this historic gem for your next shower, party, meeting or celebration: 512-665-6048.

NEW MEMBERS

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YEARBOOK GOES TO PRINT JANUARY 31ST.

RENEW BY JANUARY 29TH TO BE IN DIRECTORY.

2025 EVENTS

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Heritage Association of San Marcos

SAVE THE DATE

EVENT	DETAILS	LOCATION	DATE	NOTES
Mardi Gras Happy Hour & Silent Auction	Big Easy Appetizers, Music & Carnival Libations	LBJ Museum 131 N. Guadalupe St.	Thurs, Feb 27, 5-7pm	\$30 Tickets sold at door. \$25 in advance on website www.HeritageSanMarcos.org
Annual Veramendi Garden Day	Riverwalk Committee & CoSM beautify park	Veramendi Plaza Park corner of Hopkins & CM Allen Pkwy	Sat, March 1, 10am	Preservation with maintenance & plantings. Bring a shovel!
Cottage Kitchen Luncheons 1 st Thursdays	Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov	Charles S. Cock House Museum 400 E. Hopkins St	2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, 8/7, 9/4, 10/2, 11/6. 11a-1p	\$10 per person at door, hosted by community organizations. Menus vary.
Golden Legacy Tour of Homes Kick Off Party	Kick Off Party for Sponsors Celebrate Tour of Homes	Palmer's Restaurant 218 Moore St	Mon, April 28, 5-8 pm	By invitation, includes one Cocktail (open bar), Appetizers and Dinner. Kick it UP!!
Golden Legacy Tour of Homes	Stately homes & gardens.	Belvin Historic District - Preservation at its best!	Sat, May 3 10am-4pm	\$30 Tickets sold at door or \$25 www.HeritageSanMarcos.org in advance
HASM Celebrates 50 th Anniversary at Cock House during home tour	50 Years on display, plus bake sale & refreshments in the Cock House	Cock House (c. 1867) & Merriman Cabin (c. 1846) in Veramendi Park, 400 E. Hopkins	Sat, May 3 10am-4pm	Enjoy old fashion bake sale in Cock House & visit nostalgic log Merriman Cabin in tree shaded park on the river.
Quarterly 3 rd Thursday History Happy Hour	Members connect & relax in leisurely venues	TBA-Cathy Dillon will email details to members before event	May 15, Aug 21, Nov 20. 5-7pm	Enjoy wine, appetizers & guest speaker. Exclusively for members & their guests.
5 th Annual Treasure Sale	Upscale donations at incredible prices	Charles S. Cock House 400 E. Hopkins Street	Sat, Sept 20 9am-3pm	Donations accepted Sun, Sept 7 thru Wed, Sept 17, 2025
50 th Anniv Annual Awards Dinner, Officers, Meeting	Memorable black tie event not to be missed	Palmer's Restaurant, 218 Moore Street Black tie optional.	Monday, October 20, 5:30-8:30pm	Tickets: \$50 per person www.HeritageSanMarcos.org Or at door evening of dinner.
Arbor Day & Awards	Hosted by the HASM Riverwalk Park Committee	Veramendi Plaza Park, corner of Hopkins St and CM Allen Pkwy	Fri., Nov. 7, 5pm	Honor deceased San Marcos individual who made distinguished contributions in the community

Hosts for Cottage Kitchen Lunches 2025, first Thursday of month:

SPRING: Feb 6-Leadership San Marcos, Mar 6-Corridor Title Company, Apr 3-Carothers Dental, May 1-San Marcos Lion

FALL: Aug 7-Rotary San Marcos, Sep 4-Damron Group Realtors, Oct 2-AirOne Rescue, Nov 6-San Marcos Academy

Heritage Association of San Marcos is a non-profit organization chartered in 1975 to support preservation efforts and to perpetuate traditions that beautify and enrich the community life of San Marcos.

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