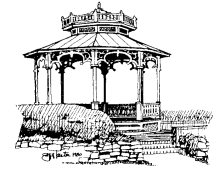


# HERITAGE



Heritage Association of San Marcos Bi-Monthly Membership Newsletter

JanFeb 2026

## 2026 HISTORY HAPPY HOURS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**When: Thursday, February 19, 2026, 5:30-7:30pm**

**Where: Price Center, 222 W. San Antonio Street**

**What: MARDI GRAS, IT'S HISTORY, TRADITIONS & MYSTIQUE**

Mardi Gras, French for Fat Tuesday, is a vibrant festival and culmination of the carnival season, marked by parades, costumes, music, feasting, and traditions like throwing beads and eating King Cakes, symbolizing a last burst of indulgence before solemnity. Join us for appetizers and wine as San Marcos Krewe of Okeanos founder, past HASM president and Louisiana native, Wayne Kraemer, shares the remarkable story of Mardi Gras. Happy hour begins at 5:30, presentation begins at 6:00. Members are encouraged to bring a friend. Text or call your RSVP to 512-787-6294.



The speaker for the May, August and November Events is Tom Jackson, a San Antonio attorney and an entertaining historian dressed to illustrate the evening's theme. Tom is known throughout the state for his knowledgeable and humorous presentations. This is a series you absolutely do not want to miss!

**When: Thursday, May 21, 2026, 5:30-7:30pm**

**Where: Price Center, 222 W. San Antonio Street**

**What: GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

The American Revolution was a political and military struggle waged between 1765 and 1783 in which 13 of Britain's North American colonies rejected imperial rule and established the sovereign United States of America. The conflict arose from colonial opposition to British attempts to impose greater control and new taxes. Tom Jackson, portraying George Washington, will share the history of this political turning point. Happy hour begins at 5:30, presentation at 6:00. Members are encouraged to bring a friend. Text or call your RSVP to 512-787-6294.

**When: Thursday, August 20, 2026, 5:30-7:30pm**

**Where: Cephas House, 217 Martin Luther King Street**

**What: UNCLE SAM, THE LIBERTY BELL AND OTHER AMERICAN ICONS**

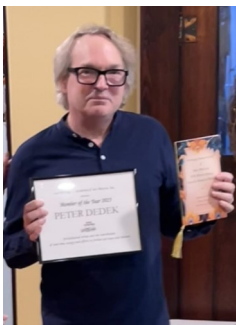
Tom Jackson, aka Teddy Roosevelt, returns to inspire us with tales of beloved American symbols such as Uncle Sam, the Statue of Liberty, the national anthem, flags, and priceless documents. This is an extraordinary look at things we take for granted but may know little about. Happy hour begins at 5:30, presentation begins at 6:00. Members are encouraged to bring a friend. Text or call your RSVP to 512-787-6294.

**When: Thursday, November 19, 2026, 5:30-7:30pm**

**Where: Cephas House, 217 Martin Luthern King Street**

**What: A TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN VETERANS**

Freedom isn't free. Celebrate the American Veterans and learn about the named wars in which they fought during an inspiring evening with Tom Jackson, a Civil War Yankee Army Officer. Join us for a patriotic evening with appetizers and wine while listening to this fascinating topic. Happy hour begins at 5:30, presentation begins at 6:00. Members are encouraged to bring a friend. Call or text your RSVP to 512-787-6294



Peter Dedek accepting the HASM Volunteer of the Year Award on November 20, 2025 at the Cephas House before his slide presentation on Historic Preservation with examples in the San Marcos historic districts. In the spring of 2025, Peter's graduate student at Texas State University, researched the Merriman Cabin, providing documentation on the historic significance of the building and evaluated its current degree of historical integrity and condition.



**CHARLES S. COCK HOUSE MUSEUM**

Beautifully restored Charles S. Cock House Museum is available to rent at an affordable price. Reserve this historic gem in tree shaded Veramendi Park for your next special event: 512-665-6048.

# 2026 CALENDAR

## Heritage Association of San Marcos

EVENT	DETAILS	LOCATION	DATE	NOTES
Cottage Kitchen Luncheons <b>1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays</b>	Monthly Community Lunches in Historic Museum	Charles S. Cock House Museum 400 E. Hopkins St	<b>Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, 11am-1pm</b>	\$10 pp at door, hosted by businesses & organizations. Menus vary monthly. Best lunch in town!
History Happy Hour & Speaker <b>3rd Thursdays</b>	Quarterly Happy Hours, Hearty Nibbles, Informed Speakers	<b>Price Center:</b> Feb 19 & May 21 <b>Cephas House:</b> Aug 20 & Nov 19	<b>Thursdays:</b> <b>Feb19, May21, Aug20 Nov19 5-7pm</b>	Distinguished speaker, wine, appetizers. Free to members & their guests.
Annual Veramendi Garden Day	Riverwalk Park Committee & CoSM beautification day @ park	Veramendi Plaza Park corner Hopkins & CM Allen Pkwy	<b>Sat, March 7, 10am-1pm</b>	Preservation, maintenance & plantings. Bring rake, shovel & passion to beautify park.
Tour of Homes Kick Off Party	Tour Kick Off Party for Home Owners, Sponsors, Volunteers	Palmer's 218 Moore Street	<b>Mon, April 27 5-7pm</b>	By invitation, includes one Cocktail (open bar), Appetizers and Dinner. Kick it UP!!
Annual Historic Tour: <b>HERITAGE &amp; HOME AMERICANA</b>	Celebrating America's Semiquincentennial Birthday	Historic Preservation with Gracious Southern Hospitality	<b>Sat, May 2 10am-4pm</b>	\$30 Advance Tickets sold at <a href="http://www.HeritageSanMarcos.org">www.HeritageSanMarcos.org</a> \$35 tickets day of tour
6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Treasure Sale Best Garage Sale EVER!	Upscale donated treasures at incredible prices.	Cock House Museum 400 E. Hopkins Street	<b>Sat., Sep 19, 8am-2pm</b>	Donations accepted Sun, Sep 13 thru Wed, Sep 16 @ Cock-House + Fri night Sep 18 Members Only PreSale
Annual Awards Dinner, Officers, & Meeting	HASM grew out of the 1976 Bicentennial— Milestone Celebration	TBA	<b>Mon., Oct 19 5:30-8pm</b>	Tickets: \$50 per person <a href="http://www.HeritageSanMarcos.org">www.HeritageSanMarcos.org</a> Purchase In advance ONLY
Riverwalk Park Committee Arbor Day & Award	Hosted by the HASM Riverwalk Park Committee	Veramendi Plaza Park, corner of Hopkins St and CM Allen Pkwy	<b>Fri, Nov 6, 5pm</b>	Honor deceased individual who made distinguished contributions in community

**MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED, PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026 TO BE IN DIRECTORY.**

### NEW MEMBERS and CHANGED CONTACT INFO for MEMBERS

#### New Members:

Lifelong Learning: Marianne Reese, Director, 1411 Madrid Trace, San Marcos, [lifelonglearningsm@gmail.com](mailto:lifelonglearningsm@gmail.com)

Clay & Michele Green: 2903 Great Oaks Drive, San Marcos, (no phone or email)

Scott Bentley: 201 Blanco River Ranch Road, San Marcos, 512-787-0516, [bigcedar1953@gmail.com](mailto:bigcedar1953@gmail.com)

Louis Obdyke: 201 Blanco River Ranch Road, San Marcos, 512-787-5159, [bigcedar1953#gmail.com](mailto:bigcedar1953#gmail.com)

#### Business Name Change/Existing Member:

Prospera Risk Advisors is now Patriot Growth Insurance Services: Jack H. Wylie and Helen Lowman, 233 Playing Cypress, San Marcos, 903-815-1091, [jack.wylie@patriotgis.com](mailto:jack.wylie@patriotgis.com)

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## COMMITTEES AND APPOINTED POSITIONS

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FINANCE.....MICHELE BREIHAN

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- ✦ Please text Linda Jalufka at 512-757-4850 to help at the Cottage Kitchen during the first Thursday luncheons.
- ✦ Please text Cathy Northcutt at 512-633-1450 to be a member on the Guild committee.
- ✦ Please call or text Kristin Sheffield to help fill several open positions on the 2026 Americana Home Tour Committee: 512-775-7770, kristinsheffield@yahoo.com.

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