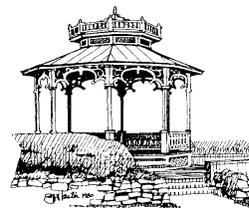


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Heritage Association of San Marcos BiMonthly Membership Newsletter

April 2021

“When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves.”
- Viktor Frankl

If there is one thing I've learned in life it's that change is constant and you must embrace it. Here's a glimpse at what some Heritage members have been creating while they shifted gears.



Marnie on Merriman Cabin

Marnie Silcocks, Chair of the Merriman Cabin (circa 1846), has been instrumental in the restoration recently completed on the exterior and interior of the iconic log cabin. A crack in the corner of the north wall had been in need of repair for over a year. With the help of Russ Clark, architect, the two were able to contract with Antique Timberworks from Fredericksburg. Marnie plans to open the museum every 2nd and 4th Saturday beginning in May. Donations accepted. Marnie's vocation is mosaics. Member Austin Mosaic Guild, San Marcos Art League and more. Contact her about custom pieces. 512.968.0060 marnieTX100@gmail.com



Eric on Remodel Design

A 1,700 square foot Casita project consisted of two bedrooms, bath, kitchen, office, porches and garage. Vaulted ceilings and a fireplace were architectural features. A multipurpose breakfast table serves dining and poker game needs. The kitchen transformation added new appliances, fixtures, granite surfaces, mosaic flooring, and stunning olaria tile backsplash that extended above the cabinets to the ceiling. Repurposed toile drapes provided color and privacy. An aesthetic mix of new and vintage with a playful spirit is Eric's unique signature. Quinn Interior concepts are original, innovative, with carefree vibes. Eric.e.quinn@gmail.com 512.466.5426



Kaila on Hobbies

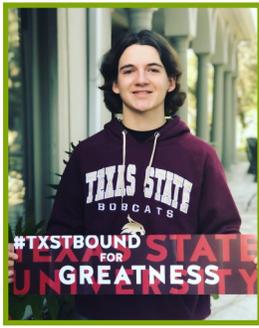
Kaila Adams is a high school freshman, and became our first youth member in 2019. While doing virtual school at home during the pandemic, she made the Chamber Orchestra (Varsity), the Dazzlers (JV) dance team and has managed to get straight A's this academic year. She has taken up a little hobby of making greeting cards. The cards are hand drawn and dropped off to friends when birthdays roll around. She's also maintained friendships abroad. It's been fun to see how families in other countries have “survived” these challenging times. In the evenings her neighborhood is hopping with kids outside riding bikes, walking their dogs, dribbling a basketball and time has slowed everything down a bit—which is a good thing.

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Mahans on Corbin

Corbin Mahan, son of Kelly & John Mahan, will be a third generation bobcat in the Fall. Corbin is currently a senior at Canyon High School in New Braunfels and will graduate May 28th. He plans to pursue a major in Business at the McCoy College of Business and looks forward to joining the Texas State Trap & Skeet Shooting Club. Congratulations, Corbin!



Justice and Rachel are New Members

Justice Quintana and Rachel Emry are new members with busy businesses in Wimberley. Justice is a fitness trainer and owns Just Results which is right down the street from his wife's coffee house, Blanco Brew. The fully equipped health club provides private and group fitness classes in self-defense, krav maga, strength training, yoga and pilates. Rachel's coffee house offers organic fresh roasted coffee from all over the world with an assortment of delicious pastries, muffins & cookies baked fresh daily as well as a selection of the best croissant sandwiches you have ever tasted.



The Guild on Picnics

Save the Date—A Saturday Picnic in June

Where: Veramendi Park

When: June 26th, the 4th Saturday of the Month, Noon—3PM.

What: Buy a boxed lunch at Cottage Kitchen to picnic outside in Veramendi Park listening to live music and learning crafts from artists

Why: Because it's time to get outside and enjoy the trees, birds and each other. Don't forget your folding chairs!

Howdy Heritage Members,

The purpose of this Bi-Monthly Membership Newsletter is to stay connected, to share stories about Heritage members, and to bring you updates—like the following address changes.

NEW ADDRESSES: Write these correct addresses in your 2021 Yearbook Directory so you are up to date.

Marlene Silcocks: 2293 E. Common, #29, New Braunfels, TX 78130

Dr. Carmen E. Imel: 725 West San Antonio Street, San Marcos, TX 78666

Kasch Family: Julia A. Kasch, c/o Legacy @ Townsquare, 9700 Hillside Road, #301, Amarillo, TX 79119

Mike & Myra McCoy: 1920 Fourth Avenue, #2603, Seattle, WA 98101

Mermaid Society: July Moreno, P.O.Box 963, San Marcos, TX 78667. Ofc: 1000 Prospect, San Marcos 78666

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Whalin: c/o Carole A. Graber, 741 Parkway Street, Georgetown, TX 78628-3226

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Many thanks for your support.

Renee Graham, HASM Membership Chair

April Highlights

Youth Eco Education Program Mermaid Society of San Marcos



July Moreno, Executive Director of Mermaid Society San Marcos, recognized a void in our education system and took the bull by the horns to develop a Youth Eco Education Program for grades K through 5.

The Mermaid Society's Youth programming is designed to engage children's natural curiosity and enthusiasm for art, nature and the world around them.

Traveling educational programs introduce children to become stewards of the river by combining science and fantasy. Children learn about nonpoint source pollution and ecological conservation inspiring socially and environmentally responsible behaviors.

Two programs in place are the SPLASH Patch Program and The MERMAID CHATS both reinforced through interactive presentations and multi-sensory based learning.

STEAM disciplines integrate a cohesive approach to community stewardship and river guardianship.

The goal is to instill in tomorrow's leaders a life-long interest in the town's history and the preservation of the fragile and wondrous microcosm in the San Marcos River.

There are never enough volunteers! Contact July Moreno to become involved in these valuable preservation efforts and to help foster a culture that contributes to generational protection and preservation of our unique community and natural resources.

July Moreno can be reached at
512-825-2819 July@mermaidsocietysmtx.com

Preservation Advocacy Heritage Association of San Marcos



Diana Baker, HASM Preservation Advocacy Chair, has been fiercely protecting the historical integrity of San Marcos for many years. Here is part of her story and why preservation has become a passionate mission for her.

My husband and I moved from New Orleans to San Marcos in 2005 after hurricane Katrina. We came here with little more than the clothes on our back because both our house and our business had been utterly destroyed in the storm. "It was the worst of times, it was the best of times."

We had never lived in a new house so when we found, what was then a dilapidated Queen Ann Victorian with a center hall on Belvin Street, we knew we wanted to make it our new home. We purchased the Historic District house in 2007 and began restoring it board by board. It took more than a year before the house was even livable.

It was built in 1895 by the son of one of the first pioneer settlers of San Marcos, George MacGhee and his wife Sarah Cherokee. We felt that saving the house was a way to pay the community back for saving us in so many ways.

Our house is part of our life's story. It is also part of the stories of many characters who built it, lived in it and made contributions to San Marcos. They are tangible links to the past. Altruism seems to have been woven, over time, into the DNA of all Texans.

Texas, its history, and its people are the stuff that created these priceless myths. These Myths must be carefully guarded. This is why these historic homes and their neighborhoods are almost sacred to me. This is why I am a fierce advocate for Historic Preservation in San Marcos and urge the community to stand together to protect it.

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