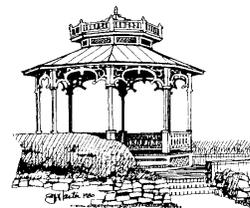


# HERITAGE



Heritage Association of San Marcos Bi-Monthly Membership Newsletter

December 2021

“December gifts—custom, ceremony, celebration, consecration—come to us wrapped up, not in tissue and ribbons, but in cherished memories. This is the month of miracles. The oil that burns for eight days, the royal son born in a stable, the inexplicable return of Light on the longest, darkest night of the year. Where there is Love, there are always miracles.”

- Sarah Ban Breathnach



## Miracles Do Happen!

If you want proof, look no further than renewed (2019) Heritage members Laura and Daryl Fields, along with their 5 children who are all students or alums of the San Marcos Academy. Just before the pandemic broke out, the whole family went on a cruise, and all came down with what was almost certainly Covid. They were very sick, but recovered, and spent the next 18 months feeling quite protected. Until, that is, late July of 2021 when it hit them all again. This time, Daryl landed in the hospital, on a ventilator and in a coma. For 118 days, he was at death's door with little hope of survival. But to everyone's shock, in October he began to wake up! He had lost 3 months of his life, temporarily his voice and the ability to walk, and yet doctors are hopeful that unlike almost everyone else in that predicament, he will make a full recovery. His wife and all 5 kids were with him every inch of the way, praying, encouraging, talking, singing, and just literally loving their beloved dad through this scary journey. Miracles definitely happen!

-Story provided by Cathy Dillon, 2022 HASM Membership Chair



## Heritage Arbor Day Tree

This year's Arbor Day tree was planted in honor of Marie Jager in a beautiful autumn ceremony on Friday, November 5th. During her lifetime, Marie demonstrated selfless effort and leadership to improve the lives of so many within our community. Marie was named Woman of the Year by Beta Sigma Phi in 2011. She received a Key to the City for her work in repurposing the vintage church building, home currently to the Price Center, and remembered for her countless contributions. A bronze plaque was presented to the family and then placed at the base of the tree. Heritage Arbor Day is an annual event conducted by the Riverwalk Committee to honor a distinguished individual who died in the previous calendar year and who made outstanding contributions to San Marcos. A significant historical and cultural tradition since 1979, it is held outdoors at the Memorial Grove in Veramendi Plaza in March; however due to the covid pandemic, it was postponed until November this year.

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## HERITAGE ASSOCIATION AWARDS IN 2021

Community Volunteer of the Year—Marlene Silcocks  
Heritage Association Member of the Year—Sherrill Baebler

## HERITAGE LANDMARK AWARDS IN 2021

411 W. San Antonio Street, Donald Fry, Sr., Owner  
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## TREE OF HONOR 2019 AWARDS presented by THE RIVERWALK COMMITTEE

Charles, Blue, Jerry Sebek, Phyllis Whitaker

## TREE OF HONOR 2020 AWARDS presented by THE RIVERWALK COMMITTEE

Rose Ayers, Bruce Harper, Bettye Nagy, Byron Wolverton

## SAVE THE DATE: HONOR LOCAL HEROES WITH A WREATH ON A VETERAN'S GRAVE

Sat., Dec. 18, 2021, 9:00 am, SM Cemetery to help distribute Wreaths Across America

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:

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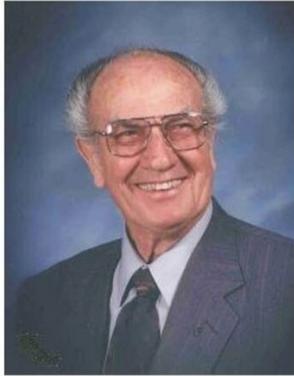
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Many thanks for your support.

Renee Graham, HASM Membership Chair 2021

## HONORING TWO FAITHFUL COMMUNITY SERVANTS



Theodore "Ted" William Breihan

November 3, 1926—November 17, 2021

The San Marcos community has been impacted many times over by Ted's natural insight and vision of growth. Ted received many honors and awards for his commitment to this community through the seven decades he made San Marcos his home. He was grateful that he could be a part in the betterment of the city he so loved. His heart was as big as Texas and he shared it well.

His leadership and community service has left a resounding mark on San Marcos that will be recognized for many years to come.

The fellowship hall of El Buen Pastor Methodist Church was named in honor of Ted. His role as a longtime board member of the LBJ Museum in San Marcos led to the establishment of the Ted Breihan Open Golf Tournament which has been a major fundraiser for the museum for 20 years.

There is not enough room in this column to detail his enormous contribution during his lifetime. He helped the scouts. He was a pillar in the Methodist Church. He was a charter member of the Balcones Kiwanis Club. He was instrumental in the development of Springtown Shopping Center. He built a thriving electrical company business that kept the lights on in San Marcos for more than 65 years.

Those who loved him will say that Ted's transitioned to his new life with the Lord would have Him say, "Welcome my good and faithful servant—your life was well lived."



Alison Tudor

September 27, 1964—November 14, 2021

For the past 35 years, Alison dedicated untold hours researching, cataloging, and preserving the region's historical records, photographs and sources for future generations. Her most notable work is the ongoing Facebook page "Historic Photographs of San Marcos & Hays Co." which chronicles the life experiences of those who shaped San Marcos and Hays County throughout the years. Alison left her impression on everyone she met. Her generous heart and zest for knowledge will be dearly missed.

Her natural curiosity, endless enthusiasm and appreciation for life formed the basis of her life experiences.

Alison loved her many pet dogs and had a passion for nature. She was a Master Naturalist and knew the names of every native plant, insect and birds, and could even recite their songs.

She enjoyed gardening and landscaping her home, constantly seeking new ways to bring nature's beauty into her world.

She developed a love in quilting learning a lot from her mother and sister. She excelled as a quilt designer winning many features in various quilting magazines. She created an impressive collection of her own handcrafted quilts that easily surpasses many professional artisans in the industry.

Her love for adventure introduced her to a life without boundaries and she explored all that life had to offer.

## LOUISE K. ERNST

Thank you for your generous contribution to keep this bi-monthly newsletter alive and your kind words in appreciation of the six annual mailings.

Due to the crisis brought on by the covid pandemic and cancellation of all social membership appreciation events, I continue to feel the essential need to keep communication open and news flowing to our HASM members. Like you, some folks still prefer snail mail.

Have a blessed New Year, Louise, and help me spread the joy to all of our Heritage members.  
-Renee Graham

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