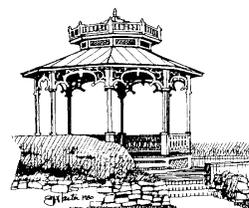


# HERITAGE



Heritage Association of San Marcos Bi-Monthly Membership Newsletter

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"Life is a great and wondrous mystery, and the only thing we know that we have for sure is what is right here right now. Don't miss it." - Leo Buscaglia



## EASTER EGG HUNT

**What:** For 2-12 year old children: Bring your Easter egg basket to the **BIG** hunt for **little** people! The First Annual Hunt hosted by Heritage.

**When:** Saturday, April 16, 2022, 11am-1pm, Veramendi Park

**11:00**-Registration, raffle rules, map of park activities

**11:30**-Easter Egg Hunt begins & **ends at 11:45**

**11:45**-Activities begin: turtle petting zoo, egg decorating, pin the tail on bunny, corn hole toss, beaded bracelets, face painting, hat decorating, arts & crafts and much more. 2-hours of family fun. Live music. Hamburgers & hot dogs on sale for an Easter picnic.

**12:30**-raffle tickets drawn for prizes. Must be present to win.

*Our hidden Easter eggs have raffle tickets for 12:30 drawings to win games & toys. Free & open to public. Don't miss a memorable 1st annual Easter Egg Hunt.*



## GARDEN PARTY

**When:** Saturday, June 4, 2022, 11am-4pm

**What:** Celebrate 45 years of Heritage home tours: "See, Sip, Savor in Historic Gardens of San Marcos" as we combine two BEST attractions that San Marcos has to offer—delicious food and rich history. On the 2022 Home Tour, savor your way through the historic district trying samples of southern hospitality while exploring stunning gardens. Start the tour sipping mimosas at the Dake House followed by High Tea with an amazing array of charcuterie at Crookwood Gardens-oh, and then, English scones, jam and cream finished with a glass of bubbly at Germer Insurance. There's more...a complimentary sip with live music at Zelicks.

**How:** Preserve our history the only way we know BEST!

Tickets \$25 per person. Available online at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) or link through [www.heritagesanmarcos.org](http://www.heritagesanmarcos.org). Questions? Text: Bronwyn Sergi 512-757-0730 or Kathy Prather 512-787-4369.

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### **THE CHARLES S. COCK HOUSE MUSEUM— PERECT Venue!**

Historic Charles S. Cock House Museum (400 E. Hopkins Street, San Marcos) AKA the Cottage Kitchen, is once again ready for 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 for showers, birthdays, weddings and business meetings. The best part is the reasonable rate: \$25/hour with 4 hour minimum + \$100 refundable deposit. Call Marianne Moore today: 512-665-6048. *Make memories in a place defined by history.*



### **DEDICATED VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Over the years, the Preservation Advocacy position on the HASM board has been seated by many knowledgeable advocates of San Marcos preservation. We are currently seeking a dedicated HASM member to fill this position. If you have an interest in making recommendations on policies and directives with community involvement in preservation issues, please call Debbie Austin at 512-787-5094.



### **HERITAGE DONATION TO THE SAN MARCOS LIBRARY**

Heritage is a proud sponsor of the History Room in the new addition of our state of the art San Marcos Library. The building is a stunning achievement within our city. The library includes several study rooms, conference rooms and a large meeting room that will seat up to 240 people. It is a must to visit and one of the most comfortable facilities in San Marcos to read, relax and connect with others.

Heritage Members,

The purpose of our Bi-Monthly Membership Newsletters are to stay connected, to share stories about Heritage members, and to bring you updates. Please let me hear from you if you have something to share. Call or email: Renee at rrg51@sbcglobal.net or 214.641.5841.

#### **NEW MEMBERS, RETURNED MEMBERS, OR CHANGED MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:**

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**To cover the cost of printing and mailing this newsletter,** we are asking anyone to buy an ad. There will be space allotted on the back cover for **four (4) ads @ ONLY \$50 each.** Approximate size: 3 1/4" w x 3" h. Ads can be personal or business advertisements. I am more than happy to create the ad for free. Send your information to **Renee Graham at rrg51@sbcglobal.net** and your \$50 check to **Michele Breihan at P.O.Box 1806, San Marcos 78667-1806.**

Many thanks for your support.

Renee Graham, HASM Communication Chair

**HERITAGE LEGACY MEMBER**  
**January/February 2022 Highlight**



**ELLIE STEWART**

When Ellie and Harry Stewart planted their roots in San Marcos, it was 1971, just five years before the country's Bicentennial celebration. With five children under her tutelage, a fulltime job at the First National Bank of San Marcos, and a household to manage, Ellie had little time for volunteer work. Therein lies the difference in this matriarch's spiritual make-up. Ellie jumped in feet first to help with every Bicentennial project tossed her way. Looking back over the last 51 years as a member of Heritage, Ellie's contributions have been an endless list of heartfelt goodwill.

The many Heritage hats that Ellie has worn (always with pearls) include, but are not limited to, secretary, treasurer, membership chair, Guild member, home tour docent, Merriman Cabin volunteer, Cock House Museum hostess, Sights & Sounds corn shuck doll maker, dessert baker, lunch cook, ice scream scooper person, and Cemetery Walk contributor.

Born and raised in Mexico City, leadership and community giving were both qualities instilled in her at an early age. She attended college in the United States, married in 1951, and moved to New York where Harry was stationed as a pilot in the Air Force. There were many years during the war when Ellie managed the house and children on her own, a stellar tribute to her from anyone who has raised a family.

Their move to San Marcos was a blessing for the Stewarts, and, no doubt, the Stewarts were a gift to this quiet little river town. When you see the many ways that Ellie contributes, you are amazed at her abundance of energy and willingness to help. It stretches from family to friends, good neighbors to church, and San Marcos to nearby communities. It's a long, long stretch.

Heritage is grateful that the Stewart family made their home here. Thank you, Ellie, for everything you do and how you have shared your time, spirit, diligence and grace since you arrived, and how you continue to be a loving ambassador to all. Thank you, Ellie, for being you.

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

The past 2 years have been difficult. It's time to get things going again! Heritage is not only an important group, it's a fun one....and the more great people who are members, the more good things will happen. On Thursday February 24th at Happy Hour time, please join us for wine, cheese, and community spirit? We especially urge you to bring along a NON-Heritage member, so we can all meet new friends!

We will have a short presentation, lots of pictures and memories, and the opportunity to entice other residents of our community to help us celebrate this town's amazing history, culture, and architecture.

*If every member invites **JUST ONE** new person to join us, miracles could happen!*

Fun events are being planned this year—help us kick them off.

**When: February 24, 2022, 5pm -7pm**

**Where: Sergi's House, 904 Burleson Street, San Marcos**



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