Join us for an excursion to Sam Houston Heritage Park on March 1st. The schedule is as follows:

Meet at 9:15 at St. Luke's Methodist Church on Westheimer to take the bus to Sam Houston Heritage Park for house tours from 10:00 - 11:30.

Price: Heritage Society Members/Free  Adults/$14  Seniors/$11

We will pay as individuals on arrival.

After tours, we'll take a short walk to the tunnel for lunch on your own. There are several eating establishments in the food court. If time allows, we can return to The Heritage Society to browse the gallery WWI Exhibit. Bus should return to St. Luke's by 2:00.

The Heritage Society needs to line up docents for the tours, and we need to know how many will be riding the bus.

RSVP by February 21:
  martahajorgensen@sbcglobal.net, or call 713-461-4611.

In your email or phone RSVP, please indicate the following:

- Yes, I will be there for the tours
- Yes, I will be riding the bus

Sites include the Kellum-Noble House facade, the oldest brick house in Houston. It stands on its original place of construction and is under renovation. We'll tour 3 other historic buildings. Several historic homes are located in the park. The buildings are representative of many eras, from a pre-Texas revolution cabin to an 1891 church built by German and Swiss immigrants.

Other historic buildings in Sam Houston Park include:
- Nichols-Rice-Cherry House (moved from San Jacinto Street)
- The Old Place, a rustic cabin built in 1823
- Fourth Ward Cottage, moved from Freedman's Town in 2002
- Pillot House, built in 1868
- Yates House, built in 1870 by affluent former slave Jack Yates
- St. John Church, - built in 1891 by a Lutheran congregation
- Staiti House, built in 1905 and featured electrical wiring.

Upcoming Field Trip:

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Photos are needed for the newsletter. So, hang on to 'em! Susan Whitfield will contact members to ask for digital images. Click away! Thanks!
Carolyn Lightfoot, President of the Friends of the Log House, has commissioned a “The Texas Star” necklace and donated the necklace to the San Jacinto Chapter to raise funds to maintain the Pioneer Memorial Log House.

The Texas Star necklace, handmade by Paul Cravey, is based on the Texas Ranger badge. It features a blue Texas topaz in the center of the star, surrounded by five white Texas topazes, one in each arm of the star.

The drawing for the winner this stunning necklace will be held at the San Jacinto Chapter June luncheon on June 7, 2018. You do not need to be present to win.

Raffle tickets are $20 each, or six for $100. They will be on sale at the Chapter Meetings January - June. If you wish to buy raffle tickets and are unable to come to a Chapter Meeting, please contact Treasurer Amanda Cowan at arcowan@sbcglobal.net.

Calendar of Events, San Jacinto Chapter

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Thelma Maresch Scholarships

Thelma Maresch Scholarship applications are available. Five scholarships of $5000 will be awarded to Houston Metro high school seniors. Contact Luanne Zacek at Izacek@hotmail.com.

“The Texas Star” Handmade Necklace.
Get Raffle Tickets at Meetings for a Chance to Win!

TO: Margie Forester
Laura-Hill Taylor
Susan Stormer
Jamie Moran

FROM: The DRT
San Jacinto Chapter

Thank You . . . for Valentine theme treats at the meeting. Members and guests enjoyed the treats!
February Log House Committee Report

Docents are needed. The San Jacinto Docents oversee the Log House during events. On the third Saturday of the month, the docents host an Open House from 1 to 3 pm, giving tours to our visitors. Our docents help Luanne Zacek with scheduled tours and rentals.

We have good fellowship. If you are interested, please contact Beth McCarty, Carolyn Gilbert or Sharolyn for information. Ann Tanner, our retired docent chair, can also give you information.

What we are working on.
- The Log House Committee is looking into the grant process for funding extensive and needed repairs. We are in the process of getting 3 bids in this ongoing process.
- Disposal. The garbage disposal has been removed. It wasn’t working again. The reset button couldn’t be reached due to crowding with larger hot water heater. We voted to remove it until a permanent solution is found. Thanks to Carolyn Lightfoot for her expert plumber to “replumb” our sink.
- Fence. An Eagle Scout will soon complete his work repairing the damaged section of the cedar fence. Posts are set and rails are ready. The grape arbor will be addressed next.
- Iris Beds. We are looking into the extensive “die off” in the iris beds. Possible causes: nitrogen build up / soil ph, age of bulbs, crowding, and days the iris were under water from Harvey. Bids are being obtained to amend soil, thin existing bulbs, replant surviving iris, and plant new iris.

Recent Donations.
- New back door mat courtesy of Gwen Kunz.
- New “1836” custom clock in the kitchen donated by Sharolyn in memory of her mother, Betty Petty. The clock features the State of Texas deal with “1836” on the face.
- Poinsettias. Luanne donated the poinsettias for Christmas Decorations—15 were sold at the Christmas Luncheon; the remainder decorated the Log House for our Christmas season rental.

Sharolyn Wood,
5th Vice President
Chair, Log House Committee

Contributions, San Jacinto Chapter DRT
Pioneer Memorial Log House/Friends of the PMLH

Lisa Braly
Marilyn Chapman
Leslie Conrads
Amanda Cowan
Alfred Davis IV
Martha Haydel
Grace Kelly
Gwen Koch
Angela Mahmarian
Kay Martin
Constance Seger

DRT New Kentucky Chapter
Anne Brent Carol
Haddock
Sharon Hanan
Anne Kennett
Beth McCarty
Beth Fisher
Margaret McGinty
Laura-Hill Taylor
Jamie Moran
Coyla Holmes

Ann Tanner
Sharolyn Wood
Luan Zacek

Memorials
In Memory of
Betty Petty
Karen Cox
Evenlyn Keyes
Ann Tanner
Sharolyn Wood
Luan Zacek

DRT Convention 2018
May 17-19
Dallas/Addison Marriott Quorum by the Galleria
14901 Dallas Parkway
Dallas, TX 75254
(972) 661-2800

Room Rate:
$109 plus tax

Opening date for reservations:
January 1, 2018

RESERVATIONS:
To make your reservation, please use the Reservation Flyer attached to newsletter.

IMPORTANT INFO:
- Please do not reserve your room with Marriott Points. It will not count as a sold room for the convention. We get the ballroom and meeting rooms on the basis of number of room nights sold for the convention. This is why we ask you not to use points.
- If you are a Marriott Rewards Member you will earn points for your stay but they should be used for future nights, not for this convention.
- Please do not reserve a block of rooms for your chapter. Each person should make their own reservation (or for yourself and a roommate if you are sharing a room)
- We will be having breakout sessions and hopefully a trip to the Dallas Arboretum. These events will all take place on Thursday afternoon. More information regarding these and other entertain-
25 More Bits of Texas Trivia

1. Texas was the 28th state in the U.S. and was admitted into the Union on December 29, 1845. Only Texas entered by treaty.

2. Austin has the largest urban bat colony in North America. Over 1.5 million bats live beneath Congress Avenue Bridge over Lady Bird Lake, eating between 10,000-30,000 lbs. of insects nightly.

3. Texas’ state capitol building, completed in 1888, is the largest in the U.S. in gross square footage. It’s the 2nd tallest after Louisiana.

4. The “father” of Texas is Stephen Fuller Austin. He and his father helped move 300 American families ("The Old 300") to Texas.


6. Approximately 90% of the world’s recoverable helium is located in the ground under Amarillo, Texas.

7. The largest county in Texas is Brewster at 6,193 square miles, roughly the size of Connecticut.

8. A $60 million gold treasure plundered by Coronado is believed to be buried in a pasture at Sems Ranch near Clyde, Texas.

9. The Dallas State Fair Park is home to the largest Ferris wheel (the Texas Star) in the Western Hemisphere.

10. Sam Houston (1793-1863) was first governor and president of Texas. The Cherokee, with whom he lived in Tennessee, called him “the Raven.” A Sam Houston statue called, “Tribute to Courage” is the largest freestanding statue of an American.

11. Charles Alderton, a Waco pharmacist, created Dr Pepper in 1885. The oldest Dr Pepper plant (since 1891) is in Dublin, west of Waco.

12. After popularity of the song “Luckenbach, Texas,” so many road signs were stolen that the government stopped making them.

13. Texas is the largest U.S. petroleum-producing state. If it were a nation, it would rank 5th largest petroleum-producing nation.


15. In 1863, Josefa “Chipita” Rodriguez was the first and only woman ever legally hung in Texas. Her last words were “No soy culpable” (I am not guilty).

16. The Texas Rangers are the oldest law enforcement agency in North America with statewide jurisdiction.

17. “Dallas” the TV drama, filmed in Texas, broadcast in 90+ countries.

18. Texas has over 70,000 miles of highways. It uses 1.6 million gallons of white and yellow paint each year for highway stripes.

19. The highest temperature recorded in Texas was 120° F in Seymour (1936). The lowest was -23° F at Tulia (1899) and Seminole (1933).

20. Jane Long is called the “Mother of Texas” because of a belief that she birthed to the “first white child” in Texas. By her admission, she wasn’t the first English woman to bear a child in Texas.

21. Miriam A. “Ma” Ferguson was the first female governor of Texas, and second woman elected to governor of any state.

22. Emily Morgan (also known as Emily D. West), an African American servant, is the subject of the song, “The Yellow Rose of Texas.”

23. Estevanico, or “Black Stephen,” was the body-servant of explorer, Cabeza de Vaca and was likely the first African American in Texas.

24. World’s largest rattlesnake roundup is every March in Sweetwater.

25. In 2010, Texas tied Mississippi for highest % of U.S. workers in minimum-wage jobs. In 2011, it had the 4th highest poverty rate of any state and ranks first for adults without diplomas. It also leads the U.S. in children without health insurance. 26% of all Texans have no health insurance.

Source: www.factretriever.com/texas-facts
Complete one (1) form for each DRT member registering for the 2018 Convention. Please print clearly.

2018 DRT CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM
District IV Hosts at Quorum Marriott, 14901 Dallas Pky, Dallas, TX 75254

Name: ______________________________ DRT Number (required): _______________________
Address: ____________________________ City: __________________ State: ____ Zip: _________
Home/Cell Phone: ____________________ Email: __________________
Chapter Name: ________________________ Dist.#: ______ City: __________________
Chapter Officer?  ____ Yes  ____ No  Chapter Position: __________________________
Current BOM?  ____ Yes  ____ No  State Committee Chair?  ____ Yes  ____ No
Past BOM or State Office/Position Held (if any): ______________________________________
Guest Name (if any): ______________________________

Complete for the number of people attending each event:

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Special Dietary Needs?  ____ Yes  ____ No  Please indicate need: ______________________

Mail Registration & Check before April 27, 2018:
Julia Clow
5654 FM 1275
Nacogdoches, TX 75961

Checks Payable To: “2018 DRT CONVENTION”

Questions? Email: clowjuliaw@yahoo.com

*BOM: DRT Board of Management Meeting
**Historical Dinner ASSIGNED SEATING – to sit together, mail registrations/check together in ONE envelope. 10 people/table.