

The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



Happy Valentine's Day!

February 2022

Coming Up Next Month:

March is our traditional field trip month and this year we will visit Houston Botanic Garden, our city's newest cultural attraction. Join us for a leisurely stroll



through the beautiful plants and flowers, followed by lunch at the Dinner Bell Cafeteria, a longtime East Houston tradition. Reservation form is attached to this newsletter and must be returned with payment of \$12.50 for garden admission by February 28th.

The Details:

The bus will be at St. Luke's UMC at 9:00 a.m. Plan to be there no later than 9:15 in order to fill out the required form -- name, address, emergency contact info, etc. We will depart promptly at 9:30. There is no cost to ride the bus but you must be 55 or older.

For those driving, plan to meet at the entrance by 10:00. Tickets will be purchased in advance and distributed there. The cost is \$12.50 per person.

Your check is your reservation and should be made out to San Jacinto DRT and must be received by Thursday, February 24th. Mail to Pioneer Memorial Log House, 1510 Cambridge Street, Houston, TX 77030-1732. Attention: Carla Brown.

We will spend approximately two hours at Houston Botanic Garden. Then we will proceed to the Dinner Bell Cafeteria, 6525 Lawndale, for lunch. We will have a private room. Everyone will order and pay individually.

We should be back at St. Luke's before 3:00.

- Submitted by Nancy Burch

From the President:

Happy Valentine's Day to all! We had an excellent speaker at our February meeting, Randy Tibbits. See the review of his talk on 'Women Artists in Early Houston' along with some links with more information on page 4. At our Business Meeting, we passed nine motions and welcomed Jolee P. Haddock as a new Associate Member of our Chapter. We also welcomed three new member appointments: Roni Thelen as our new Parliamentarian, Trudi Becht as our new Assistant Registrar, and Laura Kaplan as the new Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarships are coming in from graduating high school seniors as are Essays from 4th and 7th grade Texas History students. Tish Wolter reports two nominations for our 'Texas History Teacher of the Year' Award have come in also.

Please read the numerous announcements listed in the Agenda; there is so much going on in our Chapter. It's very inspiring!

Here are a few dates for your calendar:

1. Every third Thursday is a Log House work-day. Contact Sharolyn Wood if you can come help out on February 17th and March 17th, 10 am.
2. Every third Saturday is our Open House: February 19th and March 19th, 1:00 to 3:00 pm.
3. March 3rd is our Chapter Field Trip, this year to the Houston Botanic Garden. A flyer is attached to this newsletter. Please sign up online and/or mail your check for \$12.50 to reserve a spot.

-Beth Garrett McCarty

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Membership Corner

The registrar's office has been very busy. We are in the process of digitizing all of our applications and indexing them. Special Thanks to Trudi Becht, assistant Registrar for her extensive help on this. When you see her, tell her thank you!

New Faces to Welcome to Our Chapter:

Kathleen Alice (James) Gutierrez New Member
Kay Kimball Martin (Member Emeritus)
Jolee P. Haddock (Associate)

We are always looking forward to working with prospective members. We have simplified the process. We do most of the research (for free) so why wait. Membership is a great gift for a daughter, sister or parent. Contact us today at dgrig1@comcast.net or just fill out the form attached to this newsletter and send it in whatever way is easiest for you. Hope to hear from you soon!

- Debra Grigsby

Friends of the Log House

Donations Friends of the Log House and San Jacinto Chapter* Gifts October 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022

San Jacinto Chapter Angels

Anonymous
Debra and Richard Grigsby
Gwen Kunz
Miki Lusk Norton
Texas Native License Plate Fund

Platinum Star

Penny Renick
Lone Star
Will and Carol Haddock
Carol Thielen

Gold Star

Caroline Prince – In Honor of Jo Frances G. Greenlaw
Charles Still – In Honor of Judge Sharolyn Wood

Shining Star

Brenda Auld
Mary A. Baring
Christin Dietze – In Memory of John McCrabb
Sherrill J. Pool Elizondo
Luisa Milby Feagin
Kathy Fountain

Shining Star (continued)

Donna Haas
Carolyn Hamilton
Mary Farrar Johnson
Anne Darby Kennett – In Memory of Mrs. James A. Darby
Angela Cochran Mahmarian
Beverly and Melinda McMahan
San Jacinto Descendants
Eron Tynes

Silver Star

Mary K. Carpenter
Carolyn Gilbert
Martha Sable Strang

Texas Star

AARP Group
Anita Cooper
Diane Martin Quast – In Memory of Shirley Carole Green
Michelle Williamson

Please make a gift to support our Log House and grounds. No gift is too small or too large. A donor form is attached to the newsletter. Thank you for your help.

-Gwen Koch, Ways and Means

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LOG HOUSE RESTORATION 2019-2022: Part 1

For the past three years, San Jacinto Chapter has focused on restoration of the Pioneer Memorial Log House. Here is "Part 1" of our restoration story.

- March to October 2019 -- San Jacinto Chapter embarked on a plan to restore and repair the deteriorating condition of the Log House: sagging foundation, rotten the front porch, clogged plumbing, and damaged kitchen floor.

- o The foundation was leveled, making it possible to repair interior chinking damage, build a new front porch and handicap ramp, and resolve the issues of sticking doors, mismatched latches, and sagging kitchen cabinets. These repairs were made possible by a grant and matching funds from the chapter.

- o The chapter received a Texas Native License Plate grant to replace the damaged kitchen floor.

- o New pipes were installed and insulated, and hot water connected to the restrooms. The old, galvanized pipes were 75% occluded when replaced.

- May 2020. An 8.8-ton HVAC unit was installed with equipment and ducts in the attic. A failing roof support beam above the kitchen was discovered while installing the attic HVAC equipment. The beam was repaired before permanent damage occurred.

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Front porch rebuilt after foundation repairs to the Log House. (2019)



Antique handrails restored and installed on the steps of the new front porch. (2019)



Night shot of the Pioneer Memorial Log House (January 2022)

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LOG HOUSE RESTORATION 2019-2022: Part 1 (continued)

Since May 2021, three major projects have transformed our Hermann Park location – log restoration, new lighting, and restoration of Brooks Cottage. Look for “Part 2” of this Log House report in the March newsletter which will bring you up to date on the completion of these projects.

Drive by the Log House and see the changes on the outside. At night, enjoy the beautiful, lighted view of our Log House. In the daylight, you can see the log restoration project underway. If you are interested in working on future projects, be a volunteer at the Log House. We would love to have you.

Come visit and see the restorations inside the Log House and Brooks Cottage for yourself. Our monthly Open House will be Saturday, February 19th from 1 to 3 pm. Or you can call to schedule a private tour.

-Sharolyn Wood - 5th VP; Chair, Log House Committee



Pictured left: A new HVAC unit with attic vents was installed. (2020)



Pictured right: HVAC unit lit by the new security lights. (2022)

Our new security lights at the Pioneer Memorial Log House.



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SJC - 2021~2022 Calendar of Events

(See yearbook for details)

2022

Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m. February 17

March

Chapter Field Trip, Houston Botanic Gardens March 3

Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m. March 17

Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. March 19

April

Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m. April 7

Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. April 16

San Jacinto Day Ceremony April 21

May

Reception for Essay Contest winners and May 1

Scholarship recipients, Log House, 2:00 p.m.

Chapter Meeting Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m. May 5

DRT Annual Convention, Austin May 19– May 21

Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. May 21

June

June Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. June 2

Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m. June 16

Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. June 18

CRT Annual Convention, Denton June 24-25

Monthly Saturday Open House, 1-3 p.m. July 16

Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m. July 21



February 3, 2022 – ‘Women in Early Texas Art’

Our guest speaker this month was Randy Tibbits who talked to us about the WOMEN in Early Texas Art. Most of us had never heard of these talented women and we were thrilled to see his power-point photos of some of their works. Some of the artists were Mary Austin Holley (a cousin of Stephen F. Austin), Grace Spaulding John (who married the grandson of Sam Houston), and Annelle Netherwood Bayless (a member of our San Jacinto Chapter). Two of the most well-known were Penelope Bailey Ligan who sculpted the Bust of Sam Houston in our Log House and painted the portrait of Ma Ferguson in the Capitol Rotunda in Austin, and Emma Richardson Cherry, the most important woman artist in Early Texas history.

CASETA is ‘The Center for the Advancement and Study of Early Texas Art’. They are planning to print a book on Texas’ Women Artists in 2023. CASETA’s website is www.caseta.org. They have a symposium in June. Mr. Tibbits has sent information for those of us interested in finding out more about Houston’s artists. We can join the HETAG (Houston Earlier Texas Art Group) email list to receive their newsletter. Send your email address to tibbits@rice.edu. Thank you, Mr. Tibbits!

-Beth McCarty

Attention all members!!

**If you have not yet done so,
please fill out the attached
Member Biographical Form.**

Every member needs to have one on file!

**Please complete and return to our
Chaplain, Luanne Zacek
as soon as possible.**

**Bring it to one of our Chapter meetings
or email it to Luanne at
lzacek@hotmail.com**

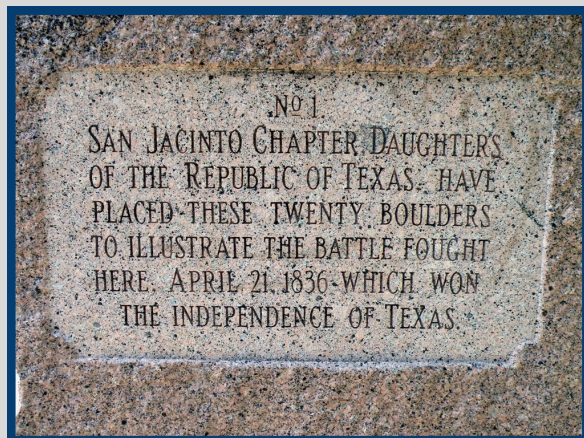
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Historic Sites Report

As per the San Jacinto Chapter By-laws - The Relics and Preservation of Historic Sites Committee will report at least once every two years on markers placed by the San Jacinto Chapter at the San Jacinto Battleground and other sites. Over the past several months the Historic Sites Committee has been researching our Archives to develop an inventory of the markers that our chapter has placed over the past 130 years.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas was founded Nov 6, 1891, at 620 Crawford, the home of Andrew and Mary Jane Briscoe. Of the seventeen ladies who first met at Mrs. Briscoe's home, eight ladies from Houston organized on November 9, 1891. The name "San Jacinto" was chosen in honor of the most significant battle of the Western Hemisphere which won independence for the new Republic of Texas.

The San Jacinto Chapter immediately established the objective to "acquire and mark the Battlegrounds of San Jacinto where our republic was born." As the care and preservation of the Battlefield became our mission, the history of the San Jacinto Chapter and the San Jacinto Battlefield were so intertwined for the first 50 years that it was impossible to separate the two.



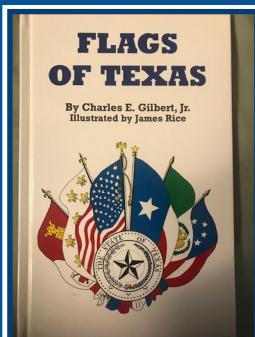
There are 18 markers placed at the Battlefield still in existence today. We also marked the Santa Anna Capture Site and Vince's Bridge. The first marker is the No. 1 marker, the Twin sisters, that is at the Texian Army Camp site. In addition to the markers placed at the Battleground, other historic sites were marked including the Rice Hotel (site of the Texas Capitol) along with the homes of Sam Houston, David G. Burnet, Ashbel Smith, Albert Sidney Johnston. Other markers include the Pioneer Memorial Log House and the San Jacinto Chapter.

Over the next several months there will be an article about some of our markers and the historical significance of each one. Our chapter has a rich history of recognizing the key historic sites from the Republic of Texas as we work together to "perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved and maintained the independence of Texas."

Texas One and Indivisible

-Eron Tynes

Book Review Corner



I love flags! As a Spanish teacher, I had mini-flags of all 21 Spanish-speaking countries on my desk. Who knew that 33 different flags have flown in Texas? The book, *Flags of Texas* by Charles E. Gilbert, Jr., has pictures and stories about each of them. The book starts off with "A Concise History of Early Texas, 1519-1861" and includes several maps and historical photographs. It is well worth reading! Buy your copy in our Country Store!

-Beth McCarty

Update on the Republic of Texas History Center



Celebrating Its 130th Birthday, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Looks Ahead to the Future. November 6, 2021

<https://texashighways.com>

Milestones in Republic of Texas History Center

- The DRT Vision for the 21st Century

- May 2013: Purchased the property at 810 San Marcos Street for Republic of Texas History Center.
 - Within Austin's historic Robertson Hill neighborhood
 - One block east of I-35 between Texas Capitol and Texas State Cemetery
 - Adjacent to the 1841 French Legation State Historic Site
- November 2019: Public groundbreaking ceremony
- November 2020: Board of Management approved building design and budget.
 - 14,000 square-foot, two-story building
 - L- shape design showcases the Republic of Texas Museum, Gift Shop, DRT Archives, Texas Family Research Library, DRT Headquarters, and the Children of the Republic of Texas Conference Room
 - Large event space with catering kitchen
 - Texas limestone exterior in keeping with the Austin Historic District
 - Limestone exterior benches depict stories of the Republic era capitals
 - 1,556 pavers in the courtyard honor DRT ancestors, Daughters, and friends of Texas history
- April 2021: Bartlett Cocke General Contractors began construction
- November 2021: Museum Arts of Dallas selected to design the Republic of Texas Museum

Check out the DRT Facebook page for weekly drone construction updates at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MembersDRT>

A new Republic of Texas History Center website will launch in 2022.

Please join us for
the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT
March 3, 2022 Field Trip

Houston Botanic Garden

One Botanic Lane, Houston, TX 77017

\$12.50 per person

Following our tour of the Garden (approx.. 2 hours), we will have lunch at
The Dinner Bell (everyone will order & pay individually).



~~~~~To Register Online, please scan the QR Code or click here: ~~~~~

[Online Registration and Payment Options](#)

~~~~~To register by mail, please print form and mail with your check~~~~~

San Jacinto Chapter Field Trip ~ March 3, 2022 10:00 a.m.

*Reservations must be received by February 28, 2022

Reservation for _____

My Guest(s) _____

- I/We will ride the Bus departing from St. Luke's Methodist Church
Arrive no later than 9:15 am & must be 55 or older.
- I/We will meet the group at Houston Botanic Garden Entrance at 10:00 am

Check for \$12.50 each payable to:
San Jacinto Chapter DRT

Mail to: DRT San Jacinto Chapter
1510 Cambridge Street
Houston, TX 77030

For questions, please contact Nancy Burch.

Member Biographical Form Daughters of the Republic of Texas

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| Member Name: | | DRT #: | |
| Address: | | | |
| City: | | State: | Zip Code: |
| Home Phone: | | Cell Phone: | |
| DRT Memorial Medallion?: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no | | | |
| Date Admitted to DRT: | | Original DRT Chapter: | |
| Current Chapter: | | Date of Transfer: | |
| Primary Ancestor Name: | Birth: | Death: | Service to Republic: |
| | | | |
| Note: If more than one ancestor, please list on reverse side of form or attach another page to this one. | | | |
| PERSONAL INFORMATION | | | |
| Birth Date: | | Birth Place: | |
| Spouse/Partner Name: | | Marriage Date: | |
| Note: If any other spouses or partners, please list on reverse side of this form or attach another page to this one. | | | |
| Names of Children: | Address: | Primary Phone No.: | E-mail: |
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| Note: If any other children, please list on reverse side of this form or attach another page to this one. | | | |
| DRT SERVICE | | | |
| Chapter Offices Held: | | | |
| Chapter Committees Held: | | | |
| DRT Elective, Administrative, or Standing Committees Held: | | | |
| BOM Offices Held: | | | |
| Other: | | | |
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| COMMUNITY, GENEALOGICAL, AND LINEAL MEMBERSHIPS | | | |
| Genealogical Societies: | | | |
| Lineal Associations/Societies: | | | |
| Community Organizations: | | | |
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| OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT YOU | | | |
| Religious Affiliation: | | | |
| Education: | | | |
| Hobbies & Interests: | | | |
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| <i>Chapter: Please return to Chapter Chaplain.</i> | | Date Completed: | |
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Become a "Friend of the Log House" for 2021-2022

to help preserve the house and grounds.

Membership levels

Texas Star.....\$ 25

Silver Star.....\$50

Shining Star.....\$ 100

Gold Star.....\$ 250

Lone Star.....\$ 500

Platinum Star.....\$1,000 and higher

A gift of any amount is appreciated and you will be recognized as a *Friend of the Log House*.

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| Name _____
<small>(as you wish to be printed)</small> | |
| Address _____ | |
| Phone _____ | Email _____ |
| General Contribution | \$ _____ |
| Contribution in memory / honor of _____ | \$ _____ |
| Send card to: _____ | |
| Address _____ | |
| City/State/Zip _____ | |
| Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ | |

**Make check payable to:
San Jacinto Chapter DRT**

and mail donations to:

Gwen Koch (4th Vice President – Ways and Means)

1510 Cambridge St., Houston, Texas 77030

*******PMLH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES*******

How I can help:

- Restoration Projects
- Tours / Docents / Greet visitors at monthly Open House
- Assist with identifying craftsmen and professionals for maintenance projects
- Assist with opening log house for special events
- Texas Heritage Garden: Assist with maintenance and beautification of grounds.

All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. San Jacinto Chapter DRT is a 501 (c) (3) organization.

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San Jacinto Chapter

1510 Cambridge Street

Houston, Tx. 77030

Prospective Member Biography

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Spouse: _____

Ancestor: _____

Name of family who are prior/current members: _____

Tell us about you. (Education, career, hobbies and interests)

What type of volunteer/committee interests
you? _____

Tell us about your Ancestor:

What interests you in joining our organization?

We will be in contact soon!

Debra Grigsby

Registrar

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