

# The San Jacinto Dispatch

Daughters of the Republic of Texas



HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

January 2022

Coming Up For Next Month's Meeting:

**Next Chapter meeting ~ Speaker Randy Tibbits  
February 3rd in the Log House and on Zoom.  
Topic: In Houston, Art is a Woman's Concern—  
The Women Movers and Shakers of Houston Art  
in the Early 20th century**

## About our January Speaker...

Randy Tibbits'

Texas roots date to the 1830s, when his first Texas ancestor got hit by a hurricane in Matagorda, headed inland to Houston by 1840 and then north toward Dallas and the Panhandle.



An inveterate researcher, he loves reading other people's letters, especially when they're the fascinating letters of that amazing Houston artist, teacher and civic leader, Emma Richardson Cherry (1859-1954). He also delights in collecting the art of Mrs. Cherry, along with that of her contemporaries in the Houston of a hundred years ago.

Since retiring in 2012 from Rice University's Fondren Library, Randy has devoted himself to his second career as an independent art curator and researcher, focusing on the art of Houston in the early 20th Century. He has written on the subject and curated or co-curated a number of exhibitions.

Randy and his husband Rick have been collecting works by Houston artists for the past 20 years. We look forward to hearing what he can tell us about Penelope Langan, sculptor of the bust of Sam Houston located in our Log House dining room.

- Submitted by Nancy Burch

From the President:

Our January meeting was held virtually with only a few members in person on January 6, 2022. Our guest speaker was Jeff Lindemann who talked about the German citizens who immigrated to Houston in the mid-19th century. Did you know that in the 1860's, 35% of all Houstonians had a German background? There were several German-speaking churches and even seven German newspapers in Houston from 1850 – 1870!

At our Business meeting, we approved Mary DiStefano and Michelle Davis as Prospective members of our Chapter. Welcome! We also accepted and approved the spending of two grants from members: \$70,000 for the Log House Exterior Project and \$15,000 for the Brooks' Cottage Project.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia will be our guest via Zoom at our February 3rd meeting. Our 'Come and Sip It' fundraiser originally scheduled for February has been postponed indefinitely due to Covid.

Please encourage your children and/or grandchildren to enter our DRT Essay Contest. The topic for 4th grade students is 'Jose Antonio Navarro' and the 7th graders will write on 'Sam Houston'. Essays are due by February 10th, just one month away! Please contact Tish Wolter, chair of the Education Committee, for more information. A flyer is attached to this newsletter.

Please stay safe! We will send out information about our February meeting later in January.

-Beth Garrett McCarty

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## Membership Corner

Greetings and best wishes to all from The Registrar's office. We have been blessed with many new members this year. It is always a good time to send new prospective members to us. Did I mention what a great gift idea this is? Contact me at dgrig1@comcast.net and I will tell you all about it.

### Welcome New Members of San Jacinto Chapter

#### New Members:

McKenna Martin	November 18, 2021	Charles Richards
Susan Schaeffer	November 19, 2021	Joseph Mancil Coker
Sheryl Ann Falk	November 21, 2021	Rebecca Baldwin
Stacie Davis Osborn	November 21, 2021	Sylvanus Castleman
Monika Barker-Casella	December 5, 2021	Joseph Mancil Coker
Stephanie Deidre Vick	December 19, 2021	Andrew Kent
June Nelson Zindler	December 26, 2021	Peter Fewell
Lois Jane Hamilton Wright	December 26, 2021	Thomas Rowland Walker

#### Posthumous Member:

Minnie Lady Smith	December 31, 2021	Orceneth Fisher
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#### Supplemental:

Tish Wolter	December 27, 2021	John Howard
Diane Feuerbacher Bennett	December 31, 2021	Jesse Allen

## Become a Friend of the Log House

We hope you have been able to visit the Pioneer Memorial Log House and Brooks Cottage this fall. They are looking wonderful but we still have many restoration projects to complete whenever we have the funds to complete them.

#### Future projects needing funding:

- Increased security exterior lighting
- Updated interior lighting
- Restoration of the logs
- Preparation and painting of all windows
- Curatorial projects
- HVAC for Brooks Cottage
- New wooden chapter sign for Cambridge St.
- Drainage improvement, new grape arbor, new fence and other improvements of our grounds and gardens

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.

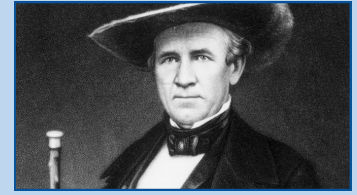
-Gwen Koch, Ways and Means

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Fourth Grade: Jose Antonio Navarro

## Texas History Essay Topics for 2022 ~ 4th and 7th Grade Essay Contests ~



Seventh Grade: Sam Houston

Next year's 4th and 7th grade student essays for DRT will be on leaders important to the founding of Texas as a Republic. Research was conducted through the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to identify which figures would be taught in the curriculum of the classrooms of each of the Texas public schools' 4th and 7th grades to achieve more student participation in our essay contests.

### Contest Rules

**Deadlines:** Each sponsoring chapter sets their own deadline for receiving the submitted essays. This is usually the month before they are due to their District Representatives. This gives them time to judge the winning essays for their chapter. So, be sure to contact the chapter for their actual deadline. Then the chapters submit their winning essays to the District Representative to be judged. The District Representative must receive the winning chapter's essays no later than March 1st. The Historian General must receive the District's winning essays not later than March 15th.

1. Typed essays are to be double-spaced on 8½" by 11" paper, using "Times New Roman" font, size 12. Top and bottom page margins are to be one inch, with side margins being 1.25 inches. Essays must be submitted in English.

\* Fourth Grade Essay – The body of the essay can be no less than 1½ pages. No word count requirements.

\* Seventh Grade Essay – The body of the essay can be no less than 2½ pages. No word count requirements.

2. Handwritten essays are to be double-spaced on 8½" by 11" paper. Essays must be submitted in English.

\* Fourth Grade Essay – Word count should be between 500 and 525 words.

\* Seventh Grade Essay – Word count should be between 800 and 825 words.

3. A minimum of four (4) references are needed – no more than 2 may be Internet references. Research references should be listed on a separate page, but not counted as part of the essay length.

4. Cover page should include:

\* Name of student and state whether Fourth or Seventh grade

\* Name of school, address, and city

\* Title of the essay

\* Daughters of the Republic of Texas

\* Name of sponsoring DRT Chapter and city

\* Chapter Contact Person and telephone number

- information and rules continued on page 4

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## San Jacinto Chapter - 2021~2022 Calendar of Events

(See yearbook for details)

### 2022

Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m.	January 20
<b>Chapter Meeting</b> Log House/Zoom, 10:00 a.m.	February 3
Third Thursday Log House Workday, 9:30 a.m.	February 17
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
<b>Chapter Meeting</b> 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
Reception for Essay Contest winners and Scholarship recipients, Log House, 2:00 p.m.	May 1
<b>Chapter Meeting</b> 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 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

### Essay contest information continued...

The Outstanding Fourth and Seventh Grade Students will be invited to attend the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Saturday Luncheon at DRT Convention and may be asked to read his/her essay at the luncheon. The winner will receive \$500 and a plaque. There will be seats for three (3). the student and two guests, at the luncheon.

Texas History Essay Judging Suggestions Fourth Grade, Texas History Essay Contest Submission Form Seventh Grade and Texas History Essay Contest Submission Forms can be found on the DRT website at [www.drinfo.org](http://www.drinfo.org)

For more information or to locate and contact a DRT Chapter nearest you, please go to [www.drinfo.org](http://www.drinfo.org) Or you may e-mail the Historian General at [historian@drinfo.org](mailto:historian@drinfo.org).

### 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](mailto:lzacek@hotmail.com)



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Let's support our San Jacinto Chapter when we buy groceries!!



# Randalls

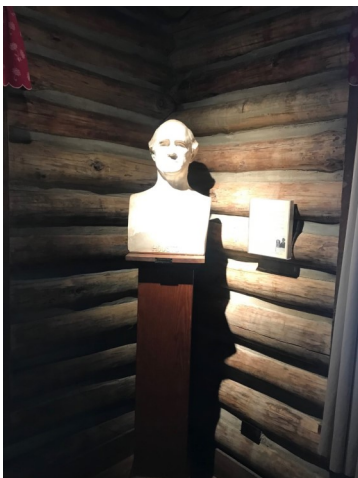
Kroger Community Rewards and Randalls grocery stores have given Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Pioneer Memorial Log House new numbers. Please check with your local Kroger to have your Kroger Plus Card updated for our new # **RF149**. Randalls donation card number is # **14013** for the Pioneer Memorial Log House. You can request this number to be programmed onto your Randalls shopping card. Remember, you shop anyway, so this is a painless way for our chapter to receive a donation from Kroger and Randalls just because we shop. Every little bit helps!

## New Lighting on Sam Houston

From Sharolyn Wood:

“New Lighting”

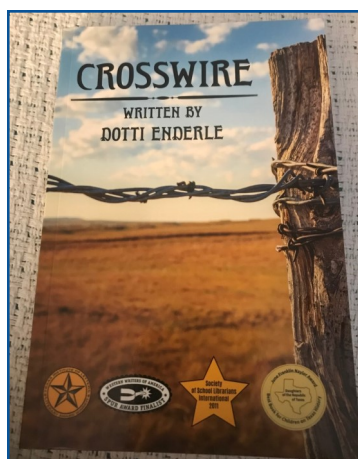
General Sam Houston's bust is spotlighted by the newly installed lighting as it sits in the corner of the dining room of the Pioneer Memorial Log House.



This spotlight and other lighting was added in the dining room to highlight the art and furnishings on January 11 and 12, 2022.

Electrical work is continuing on the installation of additional exterior lighting.

## Book Review Corner



Crosswire is a book written for young people about age 11 and up. It takes place in Texas after we are a State. The main character is a 13 year old boy struggling with his

family on a cattle ranch. Well-written and easy to read, this book helps young people understand the struggles our ancestors went through to build a life in Texas.

This book is available in our Country Store and won the DRT Award for Book of the Year.

-Beth McCarty



## Member Biographical Form Daughters of the Republic of Texas

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:
<b>Note:</b> 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:	
<b>Note:</b> 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:
<b>Note:</b> 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:			
COMMUNITY, GENEALOGICAL, AND LINEAL MEMBERSHIPS			
Genealogical Societies:			
Lineal Associations/Societies:			
Community Organizations:			
OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT YOU			
Religious Affiliation:			
Education:			
Hobbies & Interests:			
Chapter: Please return to Chapter Chaplain. Member at Large: Please return to Chaplain General.		Date Completed:	

**PIIONEER MEMORIAL LOG HOUSE**

**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*.

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 (4<sup>th</sup> 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.