

THE TEXAS ROOM DISPATCH
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Annual Meeting
Friends of the Texas Room
honoring
Suzanne Turner and Joanne Seale Wilson, Authors
and
Paul Hester, Photographer,
Winners of the Julia Ideson Award
for
Houston's Silent Garden: Glenwood Cemetery, 1871-2009

And
Kate Sayen Kirkland, Author
The Hogg Family and Houston: Philanthropy and the Civic Ideal
Honorable Mention

Monday, October 25th Meeting
6:30 Reception
Presentation of Awards

Friends of the Texas Room
Nominations for 2011-2012 Board of Directors

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MUSEUM OF PRINTING HISTORY

1324 W. CLAY

The Museum of Printing History is located at 1324 W. Clay Street between Waugh Drive and Montrose, one block south of West Dallas. Free parking is available in the lot across the street or in the small lot on the left, adjacent to the Museum building.

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www.friendsofthetexasroom.org

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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Friends,

Thanks to the Harris County Heritage Society, our DVD, "In Search of Houston's History," is now being used by seventh grade social studies teachers in forty-five schools in HISD and surrounding school districts. Recently the Heritage Society held its 2010 Texas History Teachers Workshop to which the Friends provided free copies of the DVD for all interested participants.

On Thursday, October 7, FtxR board member Jeff Lindemann; HMRC Manager, Kemo Curry; and HMRC archivist, Liz Sargent made a presentation about the HMRC to the Social Studies Advisory Committee of the Texas Education Agency's Region IV. The members of the Social Studies Advisory Committee are the district co-ordinators for social studies in the greater Houston area. They will report back to their school districts about the conference, and the Friends gave each one a copy of the DVD to show to their teachers.

Many of those teachers will attend the Region IV Social Studies Conference on January 22, 2011, where Jeff, Kemo and Liz will show them how they can incorporate the DVD into their curriculums. The Friends will provide copies of the DVD to all interested teachers.

Our DVD is proving to be a wonderful tool for introducing the HMRC to the teachers and students in the greater Houston area while also introducing them to our local history. If you have a special connection with a school where the DVD might be incorporated into the curriculum, please let us know. We also have the DVD for sale to the general public at \$30 per copy. It makes a wonderful gift for anyone interested in Houston's history.

Dorothy Knox Houghton

MINUTES OF THE July 26TH , 2010, GENERAL MEETING

The July 26, 2010 general meeting of the Friends of the Texas Room took place at the Museum of Printing History. It was called to order at 7:00 P. M. by the president, Dorothy Knox Houghton, following a lovely reception provided by Mary Jo Coselli, JoLee Haddock, Barbara Eaves, and Martha Lou Broussard.

Mrs. Houghton introduced the speakers for the evening, Laney McAdow and Mary McMillen, staff members of the HMRC. Their topic was "Preservation Techniques for Family Archival Treasures." Their talk included the conservation and preservation strategies for books, documents, letters, newspapers, leather and photographs. They demonstrated some of the techniques for protecting and prolonging the life of these kinds of materials through the use of various archival quality supplies.

The program was followed by a brief business meeting. The minutes of the general meeting on April 26, 2010 were approved as circulated in the newsletter.

The Treasurer, Cathy Fitch, reported total funds on hand of \$34,277.35.

Mrs. Houghton reported that Board Director, Sharon Dies, had had to resign in order to become the Chairman of the Bayou Bend Docents. The Friends Board had decided that since the annual meeting of the Friends was coming up in three months, we could wait to replace her at that time.

Mrs. Houghton reported that our wonderful Membership Chairman, Dorothy Johnson, will be retiring in December. Therefore, we need someone to step into her shoes.

The annual meeting and announcement of the 2010 winner of the Julia Ideson Award will take place at the Museum of Printing History on Monday, October 25, 2010, beginning at 6:30 P. M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Knox Houghton, President

Acting Secretary

NEWS FROM THE TEXAS ROOM

By Kemo Curry, Manager, HMRC

Just as the dust has begun to settle after our reopening, we are gearing up for the next exciting phases of the Julia Ideson Building restoration project and I am here to assure everyone that HMRC and its faithful staff stand by the ready! Stay tuned for reports on the next developments – the Exhibit Gallery is taking shape even as I write and paint colors are being chosen. The citizens of Houston and the Houston Public Library will indeed have a polished gem when the work is done.

I am particularly proud to announce that Liz Sargent, HMRC's Special Collections Librarian and Lead Archivist, passed the exam given by the Academy of Certified Archivists which participates in the definition and advancement of professional archival education, concepts, and issues. The Academy identifies and promotes understanding of archival goals, ethics, and standards. Liz now can claim the acronym, "CA" after her name!

Kemo Curry, Liz Sargent, and the Friends' own Jeff Lindeman presented a proposal for an in-service program to the Social Studies Advisory Committee Meeting of the Region 4 Education Service Center. We gave an overview of resources available in the Texas Room for educators and showed clips from the DVD, *In Search of Houston's History*. Each attendee was provided a complimentary copy.

October is Archives Month and HMRC's contribution to the activities is to offer behind-the-scenes tours to interested parties on two Fridays in October. In case you missed the Open House we had for the Friends of the Texas Room in June, the photo below will give you a hint at why we are so pleased to show off our new digs and the environment which allows for such improved access to the archival collections. If you are interested in joining us on a tour, please contact: kemo.curry@houstontx.gov.



FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO MARKET DVD

Now that the documentary “In Search of Houston’s History” is finished, the Friends of the Texas Room is seeking volunteers to help market the film to prospective purchasers such as schools, colleges, universities, and museums. Volunteers should contact President Dorothy Knox Houghton at her email address:

Dorothy_Houghton@SBCglobal.net.

WHAT OUR FRIENDS ARE DOING

Please contact Jeff Lindemann, editor of *The Texas Room Dispatch* (lindemann@SBCglobal.net), with information about your volunteer service at the HMRC and about projects you are working on that utilize HMRC resources. We like to hear what our Friends are doing!

POLICIES

Policies of the Friends of the Texas Room

Relating to The Houston Metropolitan Research Center which includes the Collections of the Archives and Manuscripts Department, the Texas and Local History Department, and the Special Collections Department of the Houston Public Library

A. Contributions

From time to time, the Friends of the Texas Room will purchase and contribute to the Houston Metropolitan Research Center of the Houston Public Library items that will enrich and enhance the above-named collections and ensure their preservation.

All such contributions will be purchased by the Friends directly and then given to the Library with specific stipulations as to how such contributions are to be used by the Library to enhance and ensure the preservation of the HMRC collections.

The Friends will give no money directly to the Library.

The Friends will not buy expendable supplies for the Library.

The Friends will not fund Library personnel.

B. Relationship to Administration and Staff

The Friends of the Texas Room is not to be involved in the administrative or employee actions of the Center, except that the Friends can question policies which, in its opinion, negatively impact the ability of the Center to provide service to the public.

CULTURAL MATCHING GIFTS

Are you or your spouse working for or retired from a corporation which makes cultural matching grants or volunteer involvement awards if you give to or do volunteer work for a cultural institution?

Will your employer match your gifts to cultural institutions that qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code?

The Friends of the Texas Room has such a qualification. Send your corporation's cultural matching funds form with your check for membership in FTR. If you volunteer your time as an officer of FTR or in the Texas Room or HMRC, keep track of your hours and turn them in to your corporation so that the FTR may obtain a grant from your corporation's program. This is "found money" for FTR and can be used towards making a difference to the Texas Room and HMRC.

FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM: WHO WE ARE

Mission: The Friends of the Texas Room seeks to support the collections of the Texas and Local History Department, the Archives and Manuscripts Department, and the Special Collections Department of the Houston Metropolitan Research Center of the Houston Public Library.

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Membership applications, dues, donations, and mail for Board Members should be sent to the following address:

Friends of the Texas Room
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Houston, Texas 77227-7827

HOW TO CONTACT THE TEXAS ROOM DISPATCH

Submissions and comments for *The Texas Room Dispatch* should be emailed to the editor jeff.lindemann@hccs.edu or sent to his home address:

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The Texas Room Dispatch Editor
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Houston, Texas 77006

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2010 Membership Application**

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____ Sponsor \$100 ____ Donor \$50

____ Family \$30 ____ Individual \$20

____ Senior \$10 ____ Student \$10

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (Membership plus contribution): \$ _____

NOTE: Friends of the Texas Room is a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization operating under IRS Code 501(c) (3). Membership and additional contributions over and above membership are tax deductible to the extent of the law. Is your gift eligible as a “matching gift” from an employer or other entity? If so, please give the name and include the appropriate form.

VOLUNTEER INTERESTS

Please check below if you would like to volunteer for FTR activities or library services:

__ Collections Volunteer: Be trained and increase your own knowledge about research techniques.

__ Newsletter: Writing articles about materials in the collections or reporting on related activities.

__ Membership: Maintain up-to-date membership list and send out renewal notices.

__ Telephone/E-Mail Committee: Contact for meeting cancellations, unscheduled events, or breaking news.

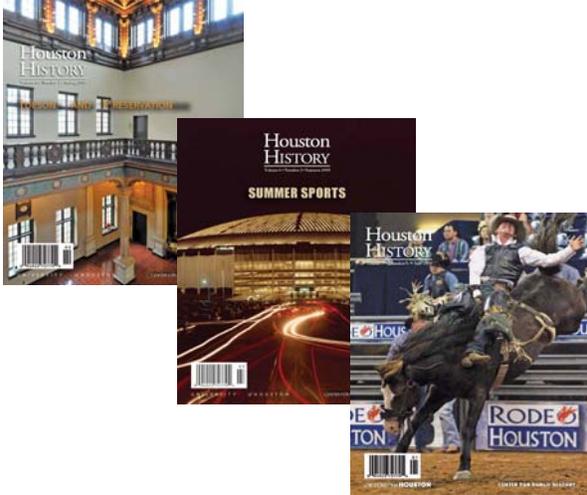
__ Hospitality: Meeting room preparations, greeting people, refreshments when needed, etc.

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