

HAYS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 23, 2012
Dr. Ann Dupont's Home at Spring Oak Farm
145 Spring Street, San Marcos, Texas 78666



After Dr. Dupont gave a history of her home and property and offered members the opportunity to walk to the Sink Springs, Kate Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m. A quorum was met as the following HCHC members were present: Mary Giberson, Betty Harrison, Linda Coker, Marie Bassett, Jeff Jordan, Dorothy Gumbert, Luanne Cullen, SarahAnn Lowther, Richard D. Kidd, Robert Frizzell, Jerry Bullock, Celeste Zygmunt, Madeline Van Brunt, Shelley Henry, Clemmie New, and Kate Johnson, plus eight guests.

1. Announcements: Kate reminded members of the San Marcos Cemetery Walk on Saturday, October 27. It will focus on Veterans from the War of 1812 to the present war. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students—proceeds will help with the restoration of the cemetery's Chapel.
--Also, our next showing of the documentary, "Hays County in World War II" will be shown at the LBJ Museum in San Marcos on Sunday, November 11 at 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to bring food, set up for the program, and sell DVDs. A sign up sheet was passed around for members to volunteer time and service.
--Kate also suggested November 17-18 as the weekend to clean Historical Markers in San Marcos. Volunteers are needed to work that weekend.
--She also announced that Cecil Clark of Buda will be celebrating his 100th birthday on Oct. 24 at the Kunkle Room at the Buda Elementary School. Richard Kidd will be showing the Oral History that HCHC filmed of Mr. Clark several years ago. Any HCHC members attending were reminded to wear their name badges.
--Kate announced that Linda Coker had been selected for induction into the San Marcos Women's Hall of Fame and that the induction ceremony would be held on Thursday, November 1, at 6:00 p.m. at the San Marcos Activity Center. Linda joins Shelley Henry and Marianne Moore as HCHC members who are in the San Marcos Women's Hall of Fame.
2. HCHC Applications—Kate reminded members that the Hays County Commissioners Court appoints citizens of Hays County to serve on the County Historical Commission. Because we are at the end of the 2-year term, members may re-apply by completing the application and mailing it to Judge Bert Cobb by December 21. Luanne Cullen will send applications to HCHC members and the form will also be posted on the website.
3. Vote on accepting minutes from August 23, 2012—Dorothy Gumbert moved that the minutes be accepted; Betty Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. New Documentary—Richard Kidd reported that his committee is working on the 101 Ranch and the Kuykendahl family from about 1902 – 1960s. There are plenty of stories to relate including one about a lost diamond ring. The documentary will recreate a number of scenes that happened at the ranch.
5. Historical Marker Committee Report—Betty Harrison reported that the marker application period is open until November 15. Several groups have said that they will submit an application but none have been received yet. Betty's committee has submitted three applications: the Creek Road WPA bridge, the First Baptist Church on Mitchell St. in San Marcos (the African-American Baptist Church); and the Wallace Mountain Cemetery in Dripping Springs. Other applications include the San Marcos Army Air Field, or Camp Gary (but is not in Hays County), the Cheatham St. Warehouse (no response has been received), and the Bunton Historic Bridge. Markers for the Rylander Kyle House, Cementerio del Rio, and the Southside School have been sent to the foundry so should be received some time soon. Betty also reported that she had an inquiry from THC regarding the Undertold Stories marker for Eddie Durham, asking where it will be placed. She asked members to provide ideas that she could suggest.
6. Oral History Committee Report—Richard Kidd reported that the Kuyhendalh documentary is the major focus of this committee at this time.
7. Cemetery Committee Report—Linda Coker reported for Jim Cullen that the cemetery committee has not had a lot of activity lately, but contact had been made with representatives of a pair of cemeteries, especially in offering assistance with maintenance. Also, preparations are finally in progress to replace a burial site fence at Coronado/La Luz Cemetery within the next few weeks.
8. Kyle Depot—Kate reported that the painters have been removing the existing paint. The second phase has begun which will be to repaint the Depot in the colors of Missouri Pacific which are brown and yellow. The historical material will be preserved if possible but rotted boards, etc. will need to be replaced. This phase will also include the addition/restoration of doors and windows which should be finished by mid-January 2013. The third phase includes writing the nomination for the 2012 Transportation Enhancement funds from TxDOT which could pay up to 80% of the total cost. Because the application is due on November 16, Kate asked members to send letters of support as soon as possible.
9. Old Hays County Jail Report—Kate also reported that at today's Commissioners Court, the Commissioners approved the Phase Two restoration of the Old Jail which includes the rebuilding of the windows, the doors, and the porch. We have budgeted \$200,000 for this phase. She also described the possibility of turning the Old Jail into a Children's Museum with exhibits, restrooms, and even using the Old Wooden Jail as an addition to the exterior or interior. This use would encourage the communities of Hays County to offer their support in giving the 75-year-old jail a new and fun purpose.
10. Leon Valley Historical Society—Kate said that on Saturday, October 20, she, Linda Coker, SarahAnn Lowther, and Celeste Zygmont attended the Historical Fundraiser of the Leon Valley Historical Society and brought our Stagecoach to compliment the Huebner-Onion Farmstead and Stagecoach Inn. The Society would like to visit Hays County in the Spring, 2013, to see the Old Jail and other historical sites.
11. Next meeting will be December 6 at 6:00 p.m. at Jack Williams' house in Wimberley. Kate reminded members that they could also bring their HCHC applications to the meeting.
12. Adjourn: Linda Coker moved that the meeting adjourn; Marie Bassett seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Luanne Cullen, HCHC Secretary
(Please see attached page for photos)

