



Specific Roles Cited for New Volunteers



Do you have a few hours a week, or time every month, to help spread the word about Bastrop's history?

The Bastrop County Historical Society is seeking volunteers to help expedite several current and new projects. The museum is already blessed with volunteers at our Visitor Center and in our archives, but several new roles have been identified to enhance the Society's goals.

Are you detail oriented with an inquisitive nature? Perhaps you would like to be our **Museum Inspector** to work with our Museum's Exhibit Curator, Robbie Sanders, to ensure that all exhibits are professionally maintained and in proper working order.

Or, would you rather work on creating special exhibits, working as **Assistant Special Exhibit Manager** to research, create and display these temporary presentations?

Like a good story? There are two roles needed to work on our Oral History project, an audio/video project to capture reminiscences of longtime Bastropians. You can help by working as an **Oral History Interviewer**, asking questions of our senior neighbors. Or, behind the scenes, we need an **Oral History Coordinator** to help schedule interviews, maintain records and work with our archivist to ensure that stories are properly stored.

There's an immediate need for help in launching BCHS's **Junior Historian Program**. If you enjoy working with children (4th graders) and have an interest in history, come help engage youngsters in learning about history. Over the next several months you will work with Director Kaye Sapikas to develop the goals, objectives and outcomes of the project. In the fall, we will implement the program and inspire a whole new generation to love history. (A background check is

By the Numbers

In the first quarter of 2018, the BCHS Visitor Center welcomed

2,107 visitors,

representing **33 states** and **11 countries**.

International visitors came from Australia, Europe, Canada and

Mexico. More than **490** visitors **spent the night in Bastrop.**

required to work with students.)

Archivist Carol Kysar needs an **Archives Assistant**. Work in our research library, along with eight other like-minded men and women, supporting our archival efforts. This role is project oriented where accuracy in completing tasks is more important than speed. If you are thorough and dedicated to finishing a project once you start, you will love this opportunity. Archive volunteer assignments include taking pictures of artifacts, cataloging new acquisitions and working with our archival database to facilitate research and track historical significance of items.

Become a docent or tour guide! Sign up now for an orientation to learn what is required to be a **Museum Docent** or step-on bus and walking **Tour Guide**. If you like to tell a good story and enjoy meeting new people be a part of our docent program. To learn more about workings as a docent or tour guide, sign-up for an orientation on May 10th at 5:30 p.m.

To participate in any of these fun volunteer opportunities, call Kaye Sapikas at 512-303-0057 to sign-up. ★



Visit Poco a Poco Gift Shop at the Visitor Center for that unique, special gift.

2018 Leading Members

(As of March 26, 2018)

BENEFACTORS:

Glenda and Wayne Dayton
Independence Title
Sarah and David Johnson
Lone Star Storage

MEMBER OF THE MONTH:

Anonymous
Bluebonnet Electric Coop
Central Texas Elevator
Eagle Pest Control
First National Bank
Frontier Bank of Texas
IHS Landscaping
Maxine's Cafe
Medack & Oltmann LLP
Piney Creek Chop House
Seton Family of Hospitals
Seton Physical Therapy and Fitness Center
Seton Smithville Regional Hospital
Sweet Lucy Ranch
Tracy's Drive-In

HERO:

Adjust Chiropractors
Aqua Water Company
Capitol Wright Distributing, LLC
Sandra Chipley and Chuck Kellogg
Covert Chevrolet, Buick & GMC
Esquivel Janitorial Services
G & C Printing
Frank Huffman and Lucy Todd
Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort
Stephanie and Bobby Jenkins, Jr.
Doris and James Kershaw
Ofelia M. Mayo and Micheal Van Dussen
Osborn Plumbing, Inc.
The Janis Penick Team, RE/MAX Bastrop Area
Libby and David Sartain
L.C. Wright Land & Cattle Co. LTD

CHAMPION:

Barbara Allbright, All City Real Estate
Rebecca and Les Anderson
Bastrop Copier
Joan and Rev. Kent Bohls
Capital of Texas Roofing and Siding
Chicago Title Bastrop
Hugh Collier
Barbara and Andrew Coy
The Dentists
Greg Germer
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Grant Architecture
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Jennifer Leisure
Jim Lewis and Tina Fucile
Sue and Rev. Bob Long
Chrystal and William O'Rourke
Terry and Dr. Pat Orr
Lynn Schaefer Oualline
Connie and Frank Reichert
Margaret Robinson
Kaye Sapikas
Anna and DeLea Sayers
Nancy and Tom Scott
Carol and Joe Shull
Valerie Thornton
Tuck Law Group

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Springtime is Busy Season at BCHS



Saturday morning downtown walking tours of commercial and governmental buildings will help celebrate the month of May as Preservation Month. Tours will begin at 10:30 a.m. in front of the Visitor Center and Museum at 904 Main Street and will take about 45 minutes to complete. No reservation is required; all tours are free to the public... In other developments, BCHS is continuing our Oral History project of documenting Bastrop County's

past through interviews of long-time residents. If you or someone you know would like to share stories from the old days, please contact us at 512-303-0057 or shoot me an email at Kaye@BCHS1832.org... Have you always wanted to know more about becoming a museum docent or tour guide? Join us on Thursday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m. for all the details about getting involved. To sign-up, call 512-303-0057... Ready for the next BCHS Community-wide Garage Sale? Longtime Society mainstay Nancy Scott is working with 2018 Chair Glenda Dayton to lay the groundwork for the next sale, which we hope to hold later this year. Stay tuned for developments! In the meantime, if the readers have any gently used furniture items they would like to donate, call Glenda at 512-728-1202 for pickup and storage... Finally, thank you to all who supported our 2018 membership drive. We reached out goal! ★



Kaye Sapikas, Director

Society Acquisitions

Cliff Cody – Photo of Cliff Cody taken in 1958 while setting type for the Bastrop Advertiser located across Main Street from the Post Office

Will Higgins, Dallas – Poster and ticket for 1939 rodeo, in cattle exhibit

Chester Eitze – Two enlarged photographs of Jane Bell

Rebecca Kelly – Photographs, oil portrait, lace, linens, correspondence and documents relative to the Paul D. Page family

Ken Kesselus – *Texas Flags* book by Robert Maberry Jr.

Carol Kysar – Commemorative plate sold at W. J. Miley drug store depicting "Washington's Headquarters, Newburg, N. Y."

McDade Historical Society – 1949 Photograph of Camp Swift Post Exchange Personnel

Bishop George Sampleton – *Don't Give Up – Keep the Faith* – memoir of African-American growing up in the 1960s

Robbie Sanders – Various documents relative to education, BCHS, death records and personal histories

Terry Sanders – Two primary school spelling books from the early 1920s

Dr. and Mrs. James Taylor – Nineteen CDs containing books relative to genealogical research in various states, various religions and the U. S. Civil War and Civil War prisoners

Minifred Trigg – Photo of shorthorn show at the Trigg ranch, circa 1910, in cattle exhibit

Research Library Volunteers

Susie Blume Duncan Charlton Michal Hubbard Jim Lewis Pat McKay
Bobby Poole Audrey Rother Tommy Vasquez

Visitor Center Volunteers

Tori Bowman Adela Jones Maureen Lueders Bob Malerk Jan Shrode Jan Stringer

EXHIBIT OPENINGS



DeLea Sayers, the great, grand-nephew of former Gov. Joseph Sayers, talks with Bastrop Mayor Connie Schroeder at a members-only reception celebrating the formal opening of two new exhibits, one on Gov. Sayers, a former Bastrop resident, and another on the role of the cattle industry in Bastrop's history.

Community Contributes to Two New Exhibits

Two new exhibits were officially opened March 22 at a reception attended by several dozen BCHS members.

The new additions, "Cowboys, Cows and Cattlemen" and "Gov. Joseph Draper Sayers," were curated by Robbie Sanders.

Also contributing artefacts and work on completing the exhibits were John Adams, Mrs. Vernon Beckham, Joan & Kent Bohls, Chris Cartwright, Dan Hays-Clark, Dr. Neil Gurwitz, Nell Herndon, William T. Higgins V, Mrs. Yerger Hill, Jane Hunt, Steven Kahan, Karen Kahan, Grace Moncure Kunkel, Mary Maynard McMurrey, Carl McQueary, Randolph Miller and George Miller, Jr., Mrs. Dru J. Orgain Ransome, DeLea Sayers, Mrs. Robert Smith, Thomas Casper (Buck) Steiner, Minifred Trigg and G.V. Watterson.

Additionally, the Governor Joseph D. Sayers exhibit was funded by Sharah and David Johnson and Nancy and Tom Scott. ★

BCHS would like to thank...

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Adela Jones for helping with Schulenburg Bluebonnet Trails Community Service tour of the Museum.

Jennifer Leisure, Barbara Clemons, and Doris Kershaw for supplying refreshments for the January Quarterly Meeting.

Richard Kesselus for his presentation of Bastrop history to Silver Pines Nursing Home.

Pat McKay for researching oral history recording equipment.

Maureen Lueders for preparing the exhibit opening postcards for mailing.

Doris Kershaw for baking Sweet Milk Cookies for the opening of the Sayers Exhibit. ★



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Carol Kysar, Archivist
Robbie Sanders, Curator
Dianna Greenwood, Visitor Center Associate
Gloria Perkins, Visitor Center Associate
Martha Sparkman, Visitor Center Associate

VP Glenda Dayton Steps Aside to take on Garage Sale Helm

Glenda Dayton, BCHS vice-president since January 2017, announced at the March 15 trustee meeting that she has decided to focus her attention on chairing the upcoming Community-Wide Garage Sale in lieu of continuing her role as the organization's second-in-command.

"It is with sad heart that I accept Glenda Dayton's resignation as Vice President of BCHS," said Dan Hays-Clark, president. "Please thank Glenda for her continued dedication to the Society, and her willingness to take on the time-consuming leadership of the Garage Sale."

Hays-Clark has nominated board member Sharah Johnson to serve the remainder of Dayton's term. That appointment will be considered by the full membership at the April 26 quarterly meeting. ★

Tejanos in Austin's Colony Is Topic of New TSHA CEO

The important role that Tejanos played in the success of Stephen F. Austin and his colony will be the topic of a talk by Dr. Jesus "Frank" de la Teja, recently named chief executive officer of the Texas State Historical Association.

"Stephen F. Austin and the Tejano Leadership from Exploration to Revolution" is the title of de la Teja's presentation at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 26 at the Calvary Heritage Hall, 1020 Main in Bastrop.

"As they worked together to launch Anglo-American settlement in Texas, Austin and leading men in San Antonio formed bonds of friendship as well as ties of business and political interest," Dr. de la Teja said. "My talk discusses this much neglected aspect of

development of Texas during Mexican rule."

After retiring from Texas State University, de la Teja was named the interim Chief Executive Officer of the TSHA by the board of directors effective Feb. 1. He served as TSHA president 2007-08 as he concurrently served as the inaugural Texas State Historian (2007-09).

For 17 years, de la Teja was the book review editor of the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, responsible for hundreds of reviews of scholarly books on Texas and the Southwest. He has published extensively on Spanish, Mexican, and Republic-era Texas and participated on the content development team for the Bullock Texas State History Museum, among other achievements. ★



Dr. Jesus "Frank" de la Teja

Street parking is available on Main and Spring Streets and behind Calvary Episcopal Church.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26 AT 6:30 P.M. CALVARY HERITAGE HALL 1020 MAIN STREET BASTROP

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