

# THE TEXAS ROOM DISPATCH

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## Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Meeting

The Julia Ideson Building, Houston Public Library, first-floor auditorium,  
500 McKinney Avenue

6:00 – 6:30 Reception

6:30 Program

## PROGRAM

**Bernice Mistrot,**  
Secretary of the Washington Cemetery Historic Trust and  
Member of the Harris County Historical Commission,  
will speak on the topic  
"Birth, Death, and Resurrection of Houston's German Society Cemetery  
(now Washington Cemetery)"

## ELECTION OF FTxR BOARD MEMBERS

FTxR Nominees to the Board of Directors 2019

President: Dorothy Knox  
Vice President: Susan Teich (one year remaining on Board)  
Secretary: Charles Maynard (one year remaining on Board)  
Treasurer: Frank Jones (new two-year term on the Board)  
Director: Carol Haddock (one year remaining on the Board)  
Director: Jeff Lindemann (new two-year term on the Board)  
Director: Nancy Burch (one year remaining on Board)  
Director: Kathy McCully (new two-year term on Board)  
Director: Anthony Cavender (new two-year term on Board)  
Director: Randall McKinney II (new two-year term on Board)  
Director: George Werner (one year remaining on Board)

## PRESENTATION OF THE 2018 JULIA IDESON AWARD

to **Dr. Edwin Breeden** for his doctoral dissertation "Educational Politics and the Making of  
School Desegregation Policy in Houston, Texas"

and

**Honorable Mention** to

to **Dr. David Cameron** for his doctoral dissertation "Race and Religion in the Bayou City:  
Latino/a, African American, and Anglo Baptists in Houston's Long Civil Rights Movement"

### **NEW PAPERLESS PARKING**

Free parking is available for FTxR members in the garage under the Jones Building accessed from Lamar Avenue. About five days before the event, FTxR members will be given a code number to use when entering the HPL Garage.

No code is needed upon exiting.

Non-FTxR members who want to use the underground parking must pay upon entering the HPL Garage. Paper tickets will no longer be issued.

Parking is also available in the Smith Garage located at 1100 Smith Street next to Pappas restaurant. The garage entrance is on Smith Street.

A parking fee of \$5.00 is charged after 5:00 pm.

Free parking is also available on the nearby streets after 6:00 pm.

All attendees need to enter the Julia Ideson Building from the main entrance across the plaza from the Central Library.

### **INSIDE THIS EDITION OF *THE TEXAS ROOM DISPATCH***

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### **MINUTES OF THE JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2018, GENERAL MEETING**

The July 30<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by President Dorothy Knox Houghton who introduced the speaker, Robert Searcy.

He spoke about Glenbrook Valley subdivision developed in 1952-53 north of Airport between I-45 and Telephone Road by Fred McManus with planning by Hare & Hare of Kansas City. Prices for high-end homes ranged at the time as high as \$80,000. As a comparison, the infamous Dr. John Hill bought his River Oaks home on Kirby Drive in the 60s for \$80,000.

The neighborhood became famous for Christmas lights that drew many people to the neighborhood with their children during the holiday seasons. Among notable residents were the Montalbano family who designed and maintained an in-home shrine for many years, as well as other prominent Italian families including Carrabbas and Mandolas.

As other neighborhoods on the west and north sides became more attractive to

Houstonians, Glenbrook Valley prices flattened and were a great bargain as recently as the early 2000s but have begun to rise rapidly as homebuyers have rediscovered its proximity to downtown. It is notable for many modern mid-century modern homes and initiated an annual home tour early this century. It is now Houston's largest historical district.

His presentation was illustrated by a wonderful slide show.

The meeting concluded at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Maynard, Secretary

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[www.friendsofthetexasroom.org](http://www.friendsofthetexasroom.org)

### **NEWS FROM THE TEXAS ROOM**

By Emily Scott, HMRC Lead Archivist and Assistant Manager



McKinney Entrance to the Julia Ideson Building, Photo by Joel Draut

Since 2006, American Archives Month has given the profession an opportunity to tell (or remind) people that items that are important to them are being preserved, cataloged, cared for, and made accessible by archivists.

### **National Archives**

This year the National Archives is celebrating American Archives Month through their blog and other social media. The Pieces of History blog will feature a series of guest blogs from staff around the country, highlighting the work of an archivist and including some special videos. On October 24, the National Archives will host a

live Virtual Genealogy Fair via webcast on YouTube, which offers advice on family history research in federal records. Follow the National Archives on Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, and Instagram to find more information and to share your favorite archives story.

### **Texas State Library and Archive Commission**

Archives Month in Texas aims to celebrate the value of Texas' historical records, to publicize the many ways these records enrich our lives, to recognize those who maintain our communities' historical records, and to increase public awareness of the importance of preserving historical treasures and making them available for use by present and future generations.

### **Houston Metropolitan Research Center**

This October the Houston Metropolitan Research Center will once again join archival repositories across the nation to raise awareness about the value of archives and archivists and promote the preservation of our country's documentary heritage. Here are the remaining programs we have for month:

#### **Aquatic Rescue: Water Damage Workshop**

Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018; 6:30 - 7:30 pm | @ Heights Neighborhood Library  
*\*Archives Month*

Whether the water damage comes from rain, flooding, or extensive humidity, the effect on your important records can be severe. So what can you do? Join HMRC's conservationist to learn about preventing and responding to water damage.

#### **Oral History 101: Family History Interviewing**

Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018; 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Reynolds Room @ Julia Ideson Building  
*\*Archives Month*

The holiday season is around the corner, a time for family gatherings and family stories. Interested in holding onto your family history? Learn the basics of oral history project development; from project planning, equipment, interviewing, to preserving and sharing your interviews.

#### **Where's the Book on my House? How to Research a Historic Property**

Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018; 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Meldrum Room @ Julia Ideson Building  
*\*Archives Month*

Curious about your home's history? Don't know where to start? HMRC's Architectural Archivist will give a basic overview of how to research a historic property, highlighting useful resources in HMRC collections. This program includes a tour of the Texas Room to introduce the public to our collections and how to access them through the reference desk.

### **Houston: The Poetry of Us**

Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018; 11:00 am - 2:00 pm | Meldrum Room @ Julia Ideson Building

*\*Archives Month*

Does Houston have a poetry scene? Share your experience and perspectives at our collecting event aimed at gathering the voices of Houston poets and perspectives on the history of poetry in the Bayou City. This oral history project is a collaborative partnership between the Houston Metropolitan Research Center and Lupe Mendez, poet and founder of Tintero Projects. Staff will be on-site with recording equipment to film brief interviews with attendees. All participants will receive a copy of their interview.

## **Programs and Events**

### **Researching Military History**

Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018; 6:30 - 7:30 pm | JIB Meldrum Room

Veterans Day is a time to honor and remember all veterans of the United States Armed Forces. In honor of Veterans Day, join the HMRC for a discussion on researching military history through library and archival collections.

### **Julia Ideson Building Tour**

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018; 11:00 am-12:00 pm | @ Julia Ideson Building

Join us on the first Saturday of every month for a tour of the historic Julia Ideson Building, the beautiful Spanish Renaissance Revival (Plateresque)-style library in the heart of downtown. Learn about the building's history and use, its renovations and additions, and the significance of its art and architecture. Tours begin at the reception desk in the lobby and are available on a first come basis with a limit to 20 people.

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## **2018 Membership Benefits**

### **Photograph Reproductions**

Each 2018 member of the Friends of the Texas Room is allowed up to five photographic reproductions at half-price this year. Image sizes available at half-price are:

- 5x7 print (\$12.50 normally costs \$6.25)
- 8x10 print (\$18.00 normally costs \$9.00)

Please note: Requests for the five half-price photograph reproductions need to be directed to me at [Emily.Scott@houston.tx.gov](mailto:Emily.Scott@houston.tx.gov) for tracking purposes and to ensure the Photo Lab processes the payment correctly.

### **Members-only events**

Attend receptions, programs, and behind-the-scenes tours exclusively available to members.

### **Memory Lab - COMING SOON!**

Be the first to work with our upcoming personal digital archiving station. Members of the FTxR will be granted early admission to the station and will be given access to members-only reservations for a shorter wait time.

## **Volunteer**

HMRC can use volunteers who want to help going through archival collections box by box to determine what is in them. HMRC can also use volunteers who want to help create lesson plans incorporating primary sources from HMRC's collections. HMRC is also still seeking talented individuals to serve as tour guides and volunteer educators to ensure that all visitors to the HMRC and Julia Ideson Building have an enriched experience.

We are looking for docents who are:

- Passionate and Curious about Texas and Houston history.
- Committed to engaging the visitors to the Houston Metropolitan Research Center and the Julia Ideson Building in a rewarding and educational experience.
- Well-prepared for diverse questions and expressions of interest regarding the history of the Julia Ideson Building and HMRC's various collections.

Duties will include but are not limited to:

- Walking tours of the Julia Ideson Building and grounds
- Orientations to the Texas Room, Reading Room, and/or Exhibit Hall
- Instruction on history topics
- Guided informational visits to exhibits and installations

If any of these opportunities interest you, please contact Laney Chavez ([Emily.Scott@houston.tx.gov](mailto:Emily.Scott@houston.tx.gov)) to discuss further.

### **Texas Room Hours**

The Texas Room hours are:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Thursday: 12:00 noon - 8:00 pm

Friday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday: Closed

### **FTxR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

- Quarterly issues of the *Texas Room Dispatch*.
- Quarterly meetings featuring outstanding speakers on local history.
- Free parking (using a code to be sent through email about five days before the meeting) in the Houston Public Library underground parking lot for FTxR General Meetings.
- Preservation consultation sessions with the HMRC staff members on preserving family documents and memorabilia. Sessions are conducted twice a year on Fridays when the Texas Room is normally closed.
- Research Lock-Ins twice a year on a Friday. HMRC staff members will provide one-on-one research consultation to FTxR members.
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## **WHAT OUR FRIENDS ARE DOING**

Please contact Jeff Lindemann, editor of the *Texas Room Dispatch* ([lindemann@SBCglobal.net](mailto:lindemann@SBCglobal.net)), with information about your volunteer service at the HMRC and about projects you are working on that utilize HMRC resources.

## **FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM POLICIES**

The FTxR policies relate 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 FTxR. If you volunteer your time as an officer of FTxR or in the Texas Room or HMRC, keep track of your hours and turn them in to your corporation so that the FTxR may obtain a grant from



your corporation's program. This is "found money" for FTxR 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.

#### **2018 Board of Directors:**

President: Dorothy Knox Houghton

Vice President: Susan Teich

Secretary: Charles Maynard

Treasurer: Frank Jones

Directors: Nancy Burch, Anthony Cavender, Carol Haddock, Jeff Lindemann, Catherine McCulley, Randall McKinney II, and George Werner

### **HOW TO CONTACT THE FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM**

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

Friends of the Texas Room  
P. O. Box 27827  
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, at [lindemann@SBCglobal.net](mailto:lindemann@SBCglobal.net) or sent to his home address:

Jeff Lindemann, Editor  
*Texas Room Dispatch*  
4910 Houston Drive, Galveston, TX 77551

**FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM**

**2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Membership Year: 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2019

Mail with dues to:

P.O. BOX 27827 HOUSTON, TEXAS 77227-7827

Or apply and pay with PAYPAL online at: **www.friendsofthetexasroom.org**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check applicable:** \_\_\_\_\_ **RENEWING APPLICATION** \_\_\_\_\_ **NEW APPLICATION**

**FIRST PERSON:**

**SECOND PERSON AT SAME ADDRESS (if applicable):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*first name, middle, last name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*first name, middle, last name*

**MAILING ADDRESS** (include street or P.O.): \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/TOWN:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP +4:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE, FAX, EMAIL**

**FIRST PERSON:**

**SECOND PERSON (if different)**

HOME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (please check category)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Benefactor \$500**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Patron \$250**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sponsor \$100**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Donor \$50**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Family \$30**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Individual \$20**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Senior \$10**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Student \$10**

**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.

**Additional contribution:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (Membership plus contribution):** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEER INTERESTS:** Please check below 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.

\_\_\_ **HOSPITALITY:** Meeting room preparations, greeting people, refreshments when needed, etc.

\_\_\_ **PROGRAMS:** Help develop programs or special seminars or workshops.

\_\_\_ **PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Developing posters, displays, news releases, handouts, etc.

\_\_\_ **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

\_\_\_ **OTHER:** \_\_\_\_\_