

THE TEXAS ROOM

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www.friendsofthetexasroom.org

2021 ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the FTxR Officers and Board of Directors have decided to conduct our quarterly Monday meetings virtually at 7:00 pm using the Zoom online platform. If there is any change in this pandemic response, we will notify you.

We will continue to send our quarterly newsletter *Dispatch* to keep you informed about all the good news from the Texas Room including perks for FTxR members. At our quarterly meetings, we will continue to present some of Houston's leading historians.

FTxR Members to Vote for 2022 Officers and Directors
(See page 2 for 2022 slate of officers and directors.)

Sandra Lord to Speak at October 25th Meeting

Houston historian Sandra Lord is the speaker for our October 25th, 2021, annual meeting at 7:00 pm. Her presentation is titled "The Ghosts of Houston's Market Square."



About our speaker . . . After graduating from Smith College in Massachusetts, Sandra Lord adopted Houston as her new home and founded Discover Houston Tours, the city's first and longest continually operating public guided tour company. To date, Discover Houston Tours has conducted nearly 5,000 tours for 61,000 visitors from around the world. Co-founder of the Professional Tour Guide Association of Houston, Lord has published over 100 articles on Houston history and has researched and designed over 100 itineraries for historical and cultural walking and bus tours. With co-

author Debe Branning, Lord recently published *The Ghosts of Houston's Market Square*. In addition to her writing, she now owns and operates Houston Walks.

Link for October 25th FTxR Annual Meeting: <http://bit.ly/FTXR-Lord10-25>

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SLATE OF 2022 FTxR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

At the October 2021 annual meeting, FTxR members will vote for officers and directors for 2022. Here is the slate of officers and directors:

President: Mister McKinney (New two-year term on Board – Term expires Oct. 2023)
Vice President: Susan Teich (New two-year term on Board – Term expires Oct. 2023)
Secretary: Open Position
Treasurer: Frank Jones (One year remaining on Board – Term expires Oct. 2022)
Director: Jim Bailey (New two-year term on the Board – Term expires Oct. 2023)
Director: Nancy Burch (New two-year term on Board – Term expires Oct. 2023)
Director: Anthony Cavender (One year remaining on Board – Term expires Oct. 2022)
Director: J.J. Gonzalez (New two-year term on Board – Term expires Oct. 2023)
Director: Carol Haddock (New two-year term on Board – Term expires Oct. 2023)
Director: Rebecca Harris (New two-year term on Board – Term expires Oct. 2023)
Director: Jeff Lindemann (New two-year term on Board – Term expires Oct. 2023)
Director: George Slaughter (New two-year term on Board – Term expires Oct. 2023)

TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY JOHNSON (1930 – 2021)



Dorothy Johnson, long-time Friends of the Texas Room member, passed away on June 24, 2021, in Houston. She was a charter member of FTxR and served as the first membership chair. Dorothy supported numerous Houston-area organizations and freely volunteered her time and expertise. As noted in her obituary, she was a member of the mailing committee for the Museum of Fine Arts – Houston, a member of Clayton Library Friends, and a member of the Houston Genealogical Forum. She also spent many hours taking classes at The Women's Institute, where she served as a Board

member. She also devoted time to genealogy projects. In addition, Dorothy volunteered at various Houston companies for which FTxR received matching contributions. Here is the link to her obituary in the *Houston Chronicle*.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/houstonchronicle/name/dorothy-johnson-obituary?pid=199339490>

Memorials may be made to The Women's Institute, 2202 Avalon Place, Houston 77019; Friends of the Texas Room, P. O. Box 27827, Houston, 77227-7827; and St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 1656 Blalock, Houston, TX 77080.

MINUTES FROM THE JULY 2021 MEETING

After calling the meeting to order at 7:00, President Mister McKinney thanked the FTxR Board members and welcomed FTxR members and guests.

Next, Mister McKinney introduced the speaker for the July 2021 meeting: historian Kimber Fountain. Fountain, a native of the Texas Gulf Coast and longtime resident of Galveston Island, has published several books on the city's rich history: *Galveston Seawall Chronicles* and *Galveston's Red Light District: A History of the Line*. At the July 2021 meeting, Fountain spoke on the topic of her book *The Maceos and the Free State of Galveston*. Fountain also serves as chair of the Arts & Historic Preservation Advisory Board to Galveston's City Council and is occasionally seen on stage at the Island East-End Theatre Company. After Fountain's presentation and a short question and answer period, Mister McKinney adjourned the evening's event.

UPDATE ON THE JULIA IDESON AWARD

FTxR Board Member Tony Cavender has announced that the submissions for the 2021 Julia Ideson Award have been given to this year's judges and that the recipient of the award will be announced at the January 2022 general meeting. The 2021 call for entries was for scholarly researched and published books completed within the past five years (2016-2021) that document local Houston and/or Texas history and culture.

NEWS FROM THE TEXAS ROOM

By Emily Scott, Lead Archivist and Assistant Manager



The Texas Room is now open for research with no appointment needed! We are open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for research into Houston's history. The parking garage remains closed due to the construction, but there are several garages near the Julia Ideson Building that are open to the public. Please

reach out to us if you have any questions about your research topic or what to bring when you visit – a sweater to keep warm is always a good idea!

The Houston Metropolitan Research Center (HMRC) is continuing our efforts to reach out via virtual and social media-based programs. On a monthly basis, we are featuring collections and giving behind the scenes peeks on Instagram stories. You can find us @houstonpubliclibrar. All our stories have been saved to the highlights reel so if you miss one, you can still go back and view it. Some of our most recent stories have been on our Hispanic Collections, conservation, and the history of the Houston Pride Parade.

Another fun program that you can view even after it airs is our **Archives Watch Party** series featuring historic films we have in our collections. Each video is based around a different theme. Past videos can be viewed on YouTube under Houston Public Library account. We have several of both of type of program coming up so please check them out! If you have any trouble accessing or viewing them, please reach out to us at 832-393-1662 or txr.reference@houston.tx.gov.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

OCTOBER

Date TBD - Archives Watch Party: Home Movies

The HMRC is continuing our program series, "Archives Watch Party." Each month, archivists curate a selection of films from the HMRC collections around a certain topic. This month's topic will be "Home Movies." The watch parties can be viewed on Facebook and YouTube.

Date TBD – HMRC Instagram Takeover: Behind the Scenes

For one day each month, the HMRC will "take over" the Houston Public Library Instagram account to post videos and photos offering a behind the scenes look at our collections. This Takeover can be viewed on the HPL Instagram page "Stories."

NOVEMBER

November 22 at 12:00 pm – Where's the Book on my House? – Zoom Program

Curious about your home's history? Don't know where to start? The HMRC's Architectural Archivist will give a basic overview of how to research a historic property, highlighting useful resources in HPL and HMRC collections that can be accessed from home. This program will feature several examples from our materials to illustrate the information your research can uncover.

Date TBD – HMRC Instagram Takeover: Architecture Models

For one day each month, the HMRC will "take over" the Houston Public Library Instagram account to post videos and photos offering a behind the scenes look at our collections. This can be viewed on the HPL Instagram page "Stories."

DECEMBER

Date TBD – HMRC Instagram Takeover: Vintage Cookbooks

For one day each month, HMRC will "take over" the Houston Public Library Instagram account to post videos and photos offering a behind the scenes look at our collections. This can be viewed on the HPL Instagram page "Stories."

December 3 at 3:00 pm - DIY Oral Histories: A Beginner's Guide to Creating an Oral History Project – Zoom Program

Join archivist Samantha Bruer of the Houston Metropolitan Research Center for an overview of the practice of oral history, from idea to finished product. The workshop will provide an introduction in how to conduct oral histories and tips for developing a multi-interview project while following best practices of the field. This guide includes project planning and implementation; interviewing; equipment and technology; legal and ethical concerns; budget; and preservation.

Date TBD – Archives Watch Party: Holidays

The HMRC is continuing our program series, "Archives Watch Party." Each month, archivists curate a selection of films from the HMRC collections around a certain topic. This month's topic will be "Animals." The watch parties can be viewed on Facebook and YouTube on the designated premiere date.

FTxR 2021 MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Photograph Reproductions

Each 2021 member of the Friends of the Texas Room is allowed up to five photographic reproductions at half-price this year. Send your requests to:

Photo.Reference@houstontx.gov

Texas Room Hours

The Texas Room is now open for research 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Tuesday - Saturday.

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Thursday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 – 4:00 pm

Sunday: Closed

WHAT OUR FTxR 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.

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.

2021 Board Officers and Directors:

President: Mister McKinney

Vice President: Susan Teich

Secretary: Charles Maynard

Treasurer: Frank Jones

Directors: Jim Bailey, Nancy Burch, Anthony Cavender, J.J. Gonzalez, Carol Haddock, and Cathy McCully

HOW TO CONTACT THE FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM

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

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

FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM
2022 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Membership Year: 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2023

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:

HOME: _____

OFFICE: _____

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

SECOND PERSON (if different)

HOME: _____

OFFICE: _____

FAX: _____

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:** _____

2021 Call for Entries

Friends of the Texas Room

Julia Ideson Award



Julia Ideson

Submission Deadline: June 15, 2021 (Now Closed)

This is a call for entries for the annual Julia Ideson Award sponsored by the Friends of the Texas Room at the Houston Public Library. The award commemorates the Houston Public Library's first director, Julia Bedford Ideson (1885-1945) and recognizes distinguished projects that document Houston and Texas history and culture.

The Julia Ideson Award and a prize of \$500.00 will be presented to the winner by the Friends of the Texas Room at its annual meeting on October 25, 2021. For additional information, visit www.friendsofthetexasroom.org or contact Anthony B. Cavender at Anthony.cavender@pillsburylaw.com (713) 276-7656.

Eligibility: In 2021, the call for entries is for scholarly researched and published books completed within the past five years (2016-2021) that document local Houston and/or Texas history and culture by USING THE RESOURCES OF THE HOUSTON METROPOLITAN RESEARCH CENTER'S TEXAS ROOM SIGNIFICANTLY, BUT NOT NECESSARILY EXCLUSIVELY.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH EACH ENTRY:

1. Name, address, telephone number, and e-mail of the person(s) or organization nominating and submitting the book.
2. Brief description (three to five sentences) of the book.
3. LIST OF SPECIFIC RESOURCES OF THE TEXAS ROOM / HOUSTON METROPOLITAN RESEARCH CENTER USED IN THE BOOK AND BRIEF NOTE ON HOW THESE RESOURCES WERE USED.
4. Brief explanation (three to five sentences) of how the book contributes to a better understanding of local or Texas history/culture.
5. One copy of the book.

SUBMISSION:

Books must be submitted in the name of the author(s) or organization. Submitting an entry constitutes agreement to the terms of eligibility and serves as agreement that the Friends of the Texas Room may publicize the award and accompanying details about the recipient(s). **All submitted copies of books will become the property of the Houston Metropolitan Research Center.**

Send entries to:

Friends of the Texas Room
P. O. Box 27827
Houston, TX 77227-7827

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS OF THE JULIA IDESON AWARD

For a list of the previous recipients of the Julia Ideson Award as well as the winning submissions and judges for each year, please visit the FTxR Website:

<http://www.friendsofthetexasroom.org/JuliaIdesonAwardHistory.html>