

Texas Folklore Society

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Paisanos:

It's got the same stuff as always (news items about fellow members, details on the upcoming meeting, etc.), but let me highlight the most important thing—and the one that seems to get overlooked the most: this newsletter includes your first dues notice for the current year. Remember that you can pay your dues online or over the phone with a credit card. Check out the web site for more information.

TFS Essentials

*****[This is your first notice to pay your annual DUES for 2011.]*****

Before you do anything else, complete the BLUE dues form that's enclosed and send in your dues for this year. You can update any personal information that has changed so we have accurate contact information for our records. If you've already paid (by paying within the last two months of 2010, or by being a lifetime member, you won't find a BLUE dues form. I'll remind you in the June newsletter if you haven't paid by then, but we really appreciate it if you pay as early as possible. If we haven't gotten your dues by the end of August, your membership will end and we won't send you this year's publication in the fall. *Send your payment for dues to the office in Nacogdoches.*

This year's book is the one on hunting and fishing lore. We've been working on *Hide, Horn, Fish, and Fowl: Texas Hunting and Fishing Lore* for almost two years, and over thirty members have contributed articles to it. All current members will receive the book in November. Keagan LeJeune's *Always for the Underdog: Leather Britches Smith and the Grabow War*, a TFS Extra Book, was sent to members as the annual publication last year.

TFS Folks

The Crane Library is holding a dedication for the installation of a replica of the statue of **Elmer Kelton** in the **Paul Patterson** Memorial Reading Room. Attend this meaningful ceremony for **Elmer** and **Paul** on April 30 if you can.

Melvin Mason has brought us a new member: **Lisa Trow**, the Managing Editor of the *Huntsville Item*. If you live in the area and would like to share your TFS experiences, contact her for an interview.

We're doing another TFS panel at the Texas State Historical Association meeting this year in El Paso. **Fran Vick** will serve as chair for the session, which takes place on March 5th. **Lucy Fischer West**, **Meredith Abarca**, and **Joyce Gibson Roach** are doing papers.

Janet Simonds presided at a TFS session at the East Texas Historical Association's meeting here at SFA last September. **Peggy Redshaw**, **Sue Friday**, and **Jack Duncan** read papers. Many other TFS members read papers in other sessions, and **L. Patrick Hughes** and **Bruce Glasrud** were named Fellows of the East Texas Historical Association at the meeting.

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Jean Schnitz and **Herb Arbuckle** were joined by **Ken Baake** and **Lee** and **Acayla Haile** at the **Texas Heritage Living History Weekend** on September 24th. Besides spreading the word about the TFS to the hundreds of visitors during the day, they also took part in a panel on “Songs of Texas” in the afternoon. We thank **Kathleen Hudson** for her generous contribution as an honorarium for our involvement. Contact **Kathleen** at kat@maverickbbs.com to see how you can be involved this year.

Kay Arnold was back in charge at the **Texas Book Festival** in October. Volunteers who helped her include: **Charles** and **Vee Williams**, **Mary Margaret Campbell**, **Vicky Rose**, **Jean** and **Lew Schnitz**, **R. G. Dean**, **Debra** and **Dow Cox**, **Hazel Baylor**, and **Elaine Davenport**. They distributed hundreds of brochures, and even signed up members on the spot! Also, **Mary Margaret Campbell**, the Executive Director of the George West Storyfest, oversaw its 22nd annual meeting last November.

One of the most unpleasant things I have to do is list the members no longer with us. The list is shorter, but we’ll still miss the following: **Ed Ruhnke** (a member since 1972), **John Thomas Lyday**, and **Dean Nichols**. We mourn their passing and will forever appreciate their support of our organization.

TFS Events

We’re still providing a \$200 student travel stipend to help cover travel expenses for our younger members. Sponsors we have so far this year include **Sarah Greene**, **Lucy Fischer West**, **Melvin Mason**, and **Tom** and **Mary Crum**. You may notice that we have several students presenting papers at this meeting, so if you’d like to contribute to this worthy cause, call or email us as soon as possible.

The annual meeting will be in San Marcos this year. Thankfully, **Steve Davis** and **Amy Cochran** are helping with local arrangements. They really have some great stuff planned, so don’t wait—use the enclosed registration form to confirm your attendance and make reservations for the tour and banquet. **Steve** and **Amy** can probably still use a hand, so let them know if you’re willing to help.

Carol Hanson and **Alice Payn** have been helping the relatives of **Dean** and **Olivia Nichols** go through their extensive book collection. The family has generously allowed **Carol** and **Alice** to select over 120 books for the Society, which will be available for a Silent Auction at the meeting. Proceeds will go to the general fund in memory of **Dean** and **Olivia** for their many years of dedicated support of the TFS.

Our usual commercial vendors (university book sellers) make contributions to reserve tables in the “book room.” If you need table space to display books or other wares, we can provide a couple of tables for members to share, subject to space and availability. You must request a table from the TFS office as soon as possible.

We didn’t get the offers for future meetings we’d expected at the last meeting, so we really need some folks to step up and make a commitment to host a meeting. It’s almost necessary to have meetings planned a couple years in advance, so please consider serving as a local arranger soon.

As always, consider inviting someone to a meeting, or even giving someone a gift membership. We’ll send them a welcome packet with all the relevant information. And tell your students what a bargain a student membership is. We still have plenty of the new *brochures*, so let us know if you need any.

Please send me any news items or announcements you want included in the newsletter in June. Send information via email or “snail mail”—You can even call the main office and I will make a note.

I’ll see you soon—in San Marcos,

Ken

TFS Business

2011 TFS Meeting Information

The Texas Folklore Society will meet in San Marcos, Texas, on April 21, 22, and 23 for its 95th annual meeting. It's been a while: we haven't been there since 1991, and I'm looking forward to it.

All events will be at the Embassy Suites San Marcos. Contact information is:

Embassy Suites San Marcos 512-392-6450	1001 E. McCarthy Lane	San Marcos, TX 78666 fax: 512-392-6451
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Make your reservation by March 31st to get the TFS rate: \$109 for a king suite or \$114 for a double queen suite; of course, add tax to both (unless you have a personal tax exemption form). Regular check-in time is 3:00 p.m. Checkout is at noon on Saturday, but you can request a late checkout.

You can book your reservation online by going to the following web site (which is on our web site): <http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/SNMESES-TFS-20110421/index.jhtml>. Or, you can Google the hotel and follow the links. However you make your reservations, be sure to get the **TFS** group rate.

This hotel is a big one; first, it features a swimming pool and fitness room, a restaurant and grille, a gift shop, and *lots* of meeting space. Even better, every room is a suite that has not only a bedroom but also a living room, as well as the standard stuff (coffee maker, high speed Internet, etc.). Here are a couple of other options nearby, but remember that our *group rate* depends on filling up a minimum number of rooms in one hotel:

Baymont Inn & Suites	4210 I-35	(512) 392-
Country Inn & Suites	1560 I-35 S	(512) 392-

These driving directions come from the hotel's web site:

From Austin: Take I-35 South toward San Marcos, Texas. Exit at the McCarty Lane Exit (Exit 201). Take a left on McCarty Lane.

From San Antonio: Take I-35 North toward San Marcos, Texas. Exit at the McCarty Lane Exit (Exit 201). Take a right on McCarty Lane.

From Houston: I-10 West to U.S. 183 North to SR-80. Take I-35 South to McCarty Lane Exit.

Meeting registration will be on the first floor of the hotel in the Conference Center—look for the signs. You'll find the usual maps, brochures, coupons, and other goodies in the bags at Registration, which begins Thursday at 1:00 p.m. and lasts until 6:00 p.m. Registration on Friday will be from 8:00 a.m. to noon. While practically every other organization's registration fee has gone up, ours is still just **\$10**.

If you arrive early enough on Thursday, join us for a tour of The Wittliff Collections. Bus service is being provided, and the great news is that it's all free—the tour *and* the transportation. Just meet in the hotel lobby before 3:00; we'll leave the hotel parking lot at that time and try to return by 5:30 p.m.

The Friday night banquet will offer a choice of grilled tilapia or meatloaf; tickets are **\$26** for adults and **\$10** for children, including tax and gratuity. We've arranged for libations for the Thursday night Hoot, as well as the usual coffee and pastries for in the mornings and at breaks.

**95th Annual Meeting of the Texas Folklore Society
San Marcos, Texas—April 21-23, 2011**

All paper sessions in the Conference Center at the Embassy Suites San Marcos

Thursday, April 21

- 1 to 7 p.m. Registration, first floor in the Conference Center
3 to 5:30 p.m. Tour of Wittliff Collections, with bus service provided to and from hotel
8 p.m. Hootenanny, *Conference Center*

Friday, April 22

- 8 to noon Registration, first floor in the Conference Center
8:15 a.m. Welcome: TFS President Mary Margaret Campbell and Kim Porterfield, San Marcos Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Silent Auction of Olivia and Dean Nichols' books, *Chautauqua A*

Session 1 (8:30 to 10:00 a.m.) Chair: Jerry Lincecum, Sherman

- "Russell Lee Photographs" Carla Ellard, San Marcos
"The Acceptance of Permanence" Megan Burns, Pearland
"More True Texas Women" Carolyn Arrington, Victoria
"J. Frank Dobie, A Liberated Mind" Steve Davis, New Braunfels

Session 2 (10:30 a.m. to Noon) Chair: Kay Arnold, Austin

- "Americo Paredes—In His Own Words" Manuel Medrano, Brownsville
"Yodels, Cattle Calls, and Other Melodious Sounds" Jean Schnitz, Boerne
"Lon Goldstein and the Gainesville Owls" Kit Chase, Gainesville
"A Softball Odyssey" Patrick Vick, Dallas

Noon: Board Luncheon, *San Marcos River Room*

Session 3 (1:30 to 3:00 p.m.) Chair: R. G. Dean, Nacogdoches

- "Vietnamese Funeral and Burial Customs in Texas" Kha Nguyen, Houston
"Say It with Flowers: From Bluebonnets to Cherry Blossoms" Charles Martin, Denton
"Texas *Tel*" Tam Nguyen, Houston
"The Armadillo Confab: A Happening" Henry and Linda Wolff, Victoria

Session 4 (3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Chair: Sandra Riddels, Carrollton

- "The Aurora Airship Crash of 1897" Jo Virgil, Austin
"The Ghost Lights of Marfa" Stephanie Mateum, Manvel
"Myth of the Interstate 45 Serial Killer" Marissa Gardner, Houston
"The Murder Bull Revisited" Charles Williams, Dallas

Cash Bar: 7:00 p.m. *Conference Center*

- Banquet: 8:00 p.m. *Conference Center*
Entertainment by Colin Gilmore, with Hootenanny following the banquet

Saturday, April 23

Session 5 (8:45 to 11:30 a.m.) Chair: Mildred Sentell, Post

- "Pranks in Hunting Camp" Robert Flynn, Shavano Park
"The 1918 Flu and Patent Medicines" Peggy Redshaw, Sherman

Business Meeting: President Mary Margaret Campbell presiding

- "The Science of Medical Folklore for Texan Filipinos" Cristal Theriot, Houston
"There's Gold in Them There Hills—Or Silver, at Least" Lee Haile, Tarpley

Closing Ceremony: President Mary Margaret Campbell

**2011 Texas Folklore Society Meeting, San Marcos, TX
April 21-23, 2011**

_____ Registration(s) at \$10 each \$ _____

_____ Adult Banquet Ticket(s), \$26 each _____

_____ Youth Banquet Ticket(s) (chicken strips, fries, and fruit cup), \$10 each _____

_____ Whitliff Collections Tour Ticket(s) (FREE!) _____

*** Dues (please complete separate Dues form, if applicable) _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Method of payment (circle one): Check MasterCard Visa Discover

Card Number _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Expiration Date _____ code on back _____

Signature _____ [sorry, no American Express]

Indicate your preference for the Friday night banquet: grilled tilapia meatloaf

Name(s) for Registration: _____

Banquet: _____

Whitliff Collections Tour: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone, e-mail _____

Please mail Registration, Tour, and Banquet fees by March 31st. Make your checks payable to **Texas Folklore Society**. (This year, you can send your Dues along with your meeting fees, but please double-check the amount you're paying for everything.) Our address is **P. O. Box 13007, SFA Station, Nacogdoches, TX 75962-3007**. If you have questions or comments, contact us via email at tfs@sfasu.edu, or call us at **936-468-4407**.

Remember to tell us if you need table space to display your books, tapes, or other wares.