

Texas Folklore Society

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Paisanos:

One of these days, I'll have to figure out how time always manages to slip away from me—even when I think I'm running ahead of schedule. Here it is, the start of another new year, and the January newsletter needs to go out. Many of you anticipate this newsletter more because it has the details on the upcoming meeting (along with member news and other information). This newsletter includes the first dues notice for the current year. As always, know 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 2012.]*****

Please, complete the GREEN dues forms that's enclosed and send in this year's dues right away. We also encourage you to update any information that has changed so our records are accurate. If you've already paid (by paying within the last two months of 2011, or by being a lifetime member), you won't find a GREEN dues form. The June newsletter will contain another reminder, but it really helps us 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.*

Hide, Horn, Fish, and Fowl: Texas Hunting and Fishing Lore went out last fall, and we've received favorable responses to it thus far. This year's book has been a surprise to some—especially a few of the contributors. Over two years ago a title came to me, and I knew that I had to build a book around it. *First Timers and Old Timers: The Texas Folklore Society Fire Burns On* features articles by some of our oldest, most prolific contributors, as well as articles by new members (or those who've been around a while but only recently gave a paper). Current members will receive it this November.

TFS Folks

I chaired a TFS panel at the East Texas Historical Association's regular fall meeting last September here in Nacogdoches. **Anne Shelton, Thad Sitton, Jerry Young, and Jack Duncan** read papers to a packed room, and other TFS members read papers in other sessions. I was also honored to give a speech at the annual banquet for the Westerners International meeting earlier this month in Lubbock; several of those in attendance are TFS members.

Some of those folks got interested because of our booth at the National Cowboy Symposium, which is held each September in Lubbock. We've had a booth for the past couple of years, thanks to **Sara and Wallace McKee** and **Janet Simonds**. **John Wolf, Bob Carr, and Pat and Emerson Tucker** all helped last year, and other TFS members participated in the panels: **Kenneth Davis, Len Ainsworth, Sylvia Mahoney, Richard Holstead, Mary Margaret Campbell, and Annalon Gilbreath**.

Our TFS panel at the Texas State Historical Association meeting in Houston this year features **Janet Simonds** serving as session chair, and **Mary Margaret Campbell, Lora B. Garrison, and Kathleen Hudson** doing papers. Our session at the meeting is on March 2nd.

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Speaking of **Kathleen**, her event, now called **Texas Heritage Music Day**, was last September 30th, and **Jean Schnitz, Herb Arbuckle, Lee Haile**, and **Patsy Patten** promoted the TFS and took part in a panel on “Texas Music.” We thank **Kathleen** for her generous contribution as an honorarium for our involvement. Contact her to see how you can be involved this year: kathud123@gmail.com.

Kay Arnold did an excellent job organizing our booth at the **Texas Book Festival** in October. She wasn't alone; volunteers included **Charles** and **Vee Williams, Elizabeth Duncan, Mary Margaret Campbell, Anne Shelton, Jean Seale, Debra** and **Dow Cox, Elaine Davenport**, and **Lori Najvar**. As always, they distributed lots of brochures, and once again they signed up new members right there (along with getting some old members to renew).

Last June, I said that I hadn't received any news about members who were no longer with us. Well, the emails started coming in. We lost **John Thomas** last February and **Claudia Ball** (a member since 1977) last March, and I regret such tardiness in reporting on their passing. On the other hand, **Charles Rodenberger** married Nancy Johnston last April, and **Sierra Haile** was married last August—she who once came to TFS meetings in diapers.

TFS Events

We continue to provide \$200 to student presenters to help cover their travel expenses. Many of you have contributed to this worthy cause, but it's never too late to help, and we can always set aside funds for another year. We've had really good papers from these new members in recent years (as will be noted in the upcoming book), so consider helping out with getting them to the meeting.

The annual meeting will be in Odessa this year. **Cynthia** and **Sarana Savage** always told me to holler if I needed them to host a meeting, so I hollered. They're handling local arrangements, and they've even managed to get Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys, who perform Traditional/Classical Country Music and Western Swing, for the banquet entertainment. Confirm your attendance and make reservations for the tour and banquet on the enclosed registration form, and let **Cynthia** and **Sarana** know if you can help with the meeting.

It is possible to reserve a table in the “book room” at the meeting; commercial vendors (the university book sellers) make contributions for tables, so they have first-dibs, but others may be available. If you would like table space to display books or other wares, you must request a table from the TFS office as soon as possible.

We still need offers for future meetings, so talk to me if you're interested in making a commitment to host a meeting. We like to have meetings planned at least a couple of years in advance, so please think about serving as a local arranger soon.

I encourage you to give someone a gift membership. Or, invite someone to a meeting. We know that if we get people to come to a meeting, they're likely to become members and return to other meetings. 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.

Let me know about any news items or announcements you have for the June newsletter. You can send information via email or “snail mail”—or, call the main office and I'll stick a note in the folder.

I'll see you in Odessa,

TFS Business

2012 TFS Meeting Information

The Texas Folklore Society will meet in Odessa, Texas, on April 5, 6, and 7 for its 96th annual meeting. Technically, we've *never* met in Odessa, and it's been since 1999 that we were in Midland.

All events will be at the MCM Grandé Hotel FUNDome. Contact information is:

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| MCM Grandé Hotel FUNDome | 6201 E. Business 20 | Odessa, TX 79762 |
| 432-362-2311 | 866-362-2311 | fax: 432-366-3965 |

Make your reservation by March 22nd to get TFS rates (add tax unless you have a tax exemption form):

\$99.99 for exterior rooms (double beds)

\$109.99 for interior rooms (with a king bed)

\$149.99 for a suite, which are also accessed inside

Regular check-in time is 3:00 p.m. Checkout is at noon on Saturday, but you can request a late checkout.

Learn more at the following web site (which is on our web site): www.mcmgrandeodessa.com. Or, you can Google the hotel and follow the links. However you make your reservations, be sure to get the **TFS** group rate—and **Cynthia** and **Sarana** recommend making reservations *really* early.

The rates above include a complimentary full hot buffet breakfast with eggs cooked to order every morning. This hotel has lots of special amenities, including a full-service restaurant, a swimming pool, miniature golf, an indoor playground, and a fitness center. The rooms feature the standard stuff (coffee maker, high speed Internet, etc.), and pets are even welcome. I usually list a couple of other options nearby, but if you want to stay at a different hotel you'll need to find one on the Internet (or some other way). Remember the *group rate* depends on filling up a minimum number of rooms in one hotel.

There is a complimentary shuttle from the airport, and the driving directions from the hotel's web site state simply, "Exit I-20 to North Loop 338, Exit East Business 20."

Meeting registration will be outside Conference Rooms B and C—look for the signs. The usual welcome bags with maps, brochures, and other goodies will be available at Registration, which begins Thursday at 1:00 p.m. and lasts until 7:00 p.m. Registration on Friday will be from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Our registration fee is still just **\$10**, so bring some friends and pay their way.

If you arrive early enough on Thursday, join us for a tour of several Odessa attractions, including the Odessa Meteor Crater, Presidential Museum and Bush Family Home, Ellen Noel Art Museum and Sensory Garden, and UTPB's Stonehenge. The Presidential Museum suggests a \$5 donation, but otherwise the cost for the rest of the tour will be covered. Just meet in the hotel lobby by 1:45; we'll leave the hotel parking lot at 2:00 and will return by 5:30 p.m. *Seating on the bus is limited.*

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

**96th Annual Meeting of the Texas Folklore Society
Odessa, Texas—April 5-7, 2012**

All paper sessions in Conference Rooms A, B, and C at the MCM Grandé Hotel FUNDome

Thursday, April 5

- 1 to 7:00 p.m. Registration, Outside Conference Rooms B and C
2 to 5:30 p.m. Tour of Odessa Meteor Crater, Presidential Museum and Bush Family Home, Ellen Noel Art Museum and Sensory Garden, and UTPB's Stonehenge, with bus service provided to and from hotel
8 p.m. Hootenanny, Conference Rooms A, B and C

Friday, April 6

- 8 to noon Registration, Outside Conference Rooms B and C
8:15 a.m. Welcome: TFS President Elizabeth Ann Duncan and an Odessa city official

Session 1 (8:30 to 10:00 a.m.) Chair: Bruce Glasrud, Seguin

- "Burma Shave Signs" George U. Hubbard, Krum
"Red' Overton, Legendary Somervell County Cedar Chopper" Robert J. (Jack) Duncan, McKinney
"Texas Weddings: Conventional and Unconventional" Mildred Sentell, Post
"Remembering James and John: Wild and Crazy Apostles of the TFS West" Jim Harris, Hobbs, NM

Session 2 (10:30 a.m. to Noon) Chair: Jean Flynn, Shavano Park

- "Crane's Infamous Wall: the Lore, the Legends, and a Few Facts" Evelyn Stroder, Crane
"Folklore of the Texas Gunfighter: John Wesley Hardin, Tales, Myths, and Truths" Chuck Parsons, Luling
"Barnhart Shipping Pens, O.B. Trap Company" Ross McSwain, San Angelo
"Waltz Across Texas: An Exploration of Music in the German and Czech Dance Halls" Carol Bolland, New Braunfels

Noon: Board Luncheon, Conference Room #1

Session 3 (1:30 to 3:00 p.m.) Chair: Robert Flynn, Shavano Park

- "Beyond Texas Folklore: The Woman in Blue" Jennifer Curtis, Derry, PA
"Myth, Folklore, and Misconceptions in the 1860 Capture of Cynthia Ann Parker" Paul Carlson, Ransom Canyon
"Fun in Texas Country Churches" Pat Parsons, Luling
"Sacred Harp, Lorraine Miles McFarland, and Gov. W. Lee 'Pappy' O'Daniel" Chloe Webb, Fort Worth

Session 4 (3:30 to 5:00 p.m.) Chair: Kay Arnold, Austin

- "Here Kitty, Kitty, Kitty: Fishing with Bubba" L. Patrick Hughes, Austin
"The Golden Age of Eccentric Professors" Jerry Lincecum, Sherman
"Samuel Thomas 'Booger Red' Privett" Jerry Young, Mesquite
"The Grove" Lori Najvar, Austin

Cash Bar: 7:00 p.m. *Conference Room D*

Banquet: 8:00 p.m. *Conference Room D*

Entertainment by Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys, with Hootenanny following the banquet

Saturday, April 7

Session 5 (8:45 to 11:30 a.m.) Chair: Chuck Smith, Fort Worth

- "The Gol' Darn Wheel: Rural Texas and the Automobile in Texas" Ken Baake, Lubbock
"The Legacy of Bill Pickett" Courtney Elliott, Alvin

Business Meeting: President Elizabeth Ann Duncan presiding

- "Ben Sublett's Gold" Winston Sosebee, Midland
"Música Tejana Recording Pioneers and the Advent of the Independent Record Industry" Alex LaRotta, San Antonio

Closing Ceremony: President Elizabeth Ann Duncan

**2012 Texas Folklore Society Meeting, Odessa, TX
April 5-7, 2012**

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

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

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

_____ Odessa Meteor Crater (and other sites) 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]

Circle your preference for the Friday night banquet: roast sirloin of beef grilled tilapia

Name(s) for Registration: _____

Banquet: _____

Odessa Meteor Crater Tour: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone, e-mail _____

Please mail Registration, Tour, and Banquet fees by March 19th. 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.