

TEXAS FOLKLORE SOCIETY



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The Texas Folklore Society collects, preserves, and shares the practices and customs of the people of Texas and the Southwest.

From the Director

Kristina Downs, PhD



Hey there, Paisanos!

With our 104th Annual Meeting almost upon us, I can't tell you how excited we are here at the TFS home office. Amanda and I have had the opportunity to meet a few of you at various events and have interacted with many of you on the phone or electronically, but we can't wait to finally gather in person!

Many of the presentations that will take place at this year's meeting were originally scheduled for our 2020 meeting that was canceled due to COVID. With all that has happened in the intervening years, we're grateful to all the presenters who are still willing to share their research with us. We're also thrilled to welcome some new faces and voices to the presentation schedule. Special thanks to our program committee headed by Meredith Abarca for organizing this year's lineup.

We hope you'll be able to join us as we resume one of our most important traditions in Waco this April.

All the best!

Kristina



104th Annual Meeting

APRIL 6–8, 2023
WACO, TEXAS

Bridging the Brazos River, Folk & Lore

NEWCOMERS & LONG-TIMERS WELCOME

After more than a century, there is one thing the Texas Folklore Society knows how to do better than any other organization—we're the (self-proclaimed) champions of a good time. And, with the **104th Annual Meeting—slated for April 6–8, 2023, in Waco**—quickly approaching, it's almost impossible for us to contain our excitement!

If you're new to the event, you may be asking yourself what the 104th Annual Meeting hoopla is all about. According to seasoned attendees, our annual get-together is such a momentous occasion it has the power to attract new members while keeping long-timers coming back year after year.

It's part conference and part picking party and has been said to be a lot like a family reunion when your favorite cousins show up. You can check out a bit more about the grand fete by visiting TexasFolkloreSociety.org and clicking the events tab at the top of the homepage.

REGISTRATION is Live!

Without further ado, registration for our 104th Annual Meeting is now open, and we have options for you! **Register online [here](#)** or print and complete the registration form (included on the back page of this newsletter) and **mail it to Texas Folklore Society**, Box T-0295, Stephenville, TX 76402.

If you haven't had the chance to pay your 2023 dues, you can include your renewal with your online or mail-in registration—a single payment and you're done.

Information about the conference hotel is on page 3.

Let's Tour the Mayborn Museum

As with any family vacation, you cannot truly get to know a city without exploring a hotspot or two; this year, TFS is hopping aboard a bus for a quick trip to one of Waco's many museums. We hope you'll join us for a self-guided tour of the **Mayborn Museum at Baylor University**. Admission for TFS members will be \$5 per person. We will meet in the hotel lobby around 2 PM. Don't miss it!

The Mayborn Museum is home to wonders like Strecker's Cabinet of Curiosities, which pays homage to early natural history museums where items were presented "purely for visual entertainment and shock value" and rarely labeled.

Other things to see include Texas Lifeways, featuring four types of homes utilized locally in the 19th century, as well as the Waco Mammoth National Monument Exhibit and the historic village depicting daily life in an 1890s community.



Courtesy of Waco CVB

The Mayborn Museum will welcome TFS members for a self-guided tour on Thursday, April 6.

Fun Facts From

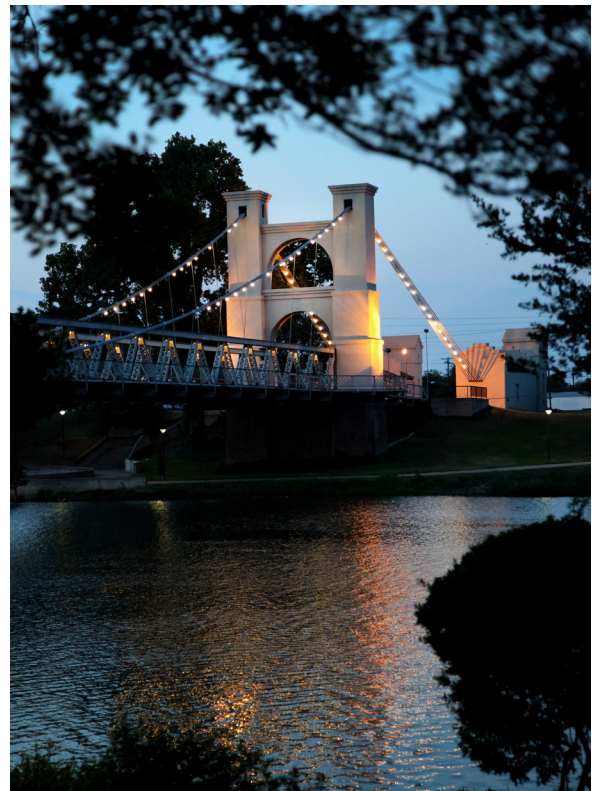


1. More than 2.7 million bricks, made from Brazos River sand, went into the construction of the Waco Suspension Bridge before its completion in 1870. In 1970, one hundred years after its completion, the Waco Suspension Bridge became the first Waco edifice placed on the National Register of Historic Sites.
2. When the remains of Telephus Telemachus Louis Augustus Albertus Johnson—who died in Waco in 1875—were reinterred, the legend that he was buried sitting at a poker table with a bottle of whiskey in one hand and a six-shooter in the other was finally laid to rest.
3. The invention of Dr Pepper at the Old Corner Drug Store in Waco in 1885 preceded the invention of Coca-Cola by one year, and the manufacturer says there is no truth in the rumor that Dr Pepper is made with prune juice.

Places to See

- MAGNOLIA MARKET
- TEXAS SPORTS HALL OF FAME
- CAMERON PARK ZOO
- DR PEPPER MUSEUM
- TEXAS RANGER HALL OF FAME
- HAUNTS & LEGENDS TOUR

Bridging the BRAZOS



Courtesy of Waco CVB

The Waco Suspension Bridge is located north of downtown Waco, connecting Indian Spring Park with Doris D. Miller Park. Learn about the history of the bridge and more at WacoHistory.org



Don't Miss the Prizes!

As if you needed another reason to hang out with your fellow Paisanos, we'll be awarding door prizes throughout the event. A few "extra special" items have been reserved for the banquet, so make sure to include tickets to our Friday night dinner when registering.

It will be a Real Hoot!

Singing, dancing, storytelling, and merry-making are what the TFS hootenanny is all about. It's so much fun that we have to schedule two each year—on Thursday and Friday nights, during the Annual Meeting.

The first record of an official hootenanny was in 1956, arranged by Hermes Nye. Since then, various folks have helped coordinate the hootenannies; most recently, longtime member **Lee Haile** has led us.

"The hoot was the one thing that hooked me in the beginning and kept me coming back year after year when I was very young in this organization," Lee said. "Nothing unites folks like the music they share, and that alone is reason enough to try to keep these old songs going."

We usually invite folks up for a song or two, a poem, or the telling of a short story. There are times that a bunch of folks will come up to do a picking circle or a small bunch will play together. Sometimes songs are open to audience participation. This hoot has no official end time and folks find themselves falling into two camps: those who are night owls and early birds. Either way, all are welcome.

About the Venue

Hilton Waco, located at **113 South University Parks Drive** is a riverfront hotel featuring an on-site restaurant, gift shop, gym, and business center. The venue offers free Wi-Fi and parking, as well as in-room coffee makers and hairdryers. Room service is available at the smoke-free facility.

Dr Pepper Museum, Texas Sports Hall of Fame, and Cameron Park Zoo are within a mile of Waco Hilton; Waco Regional Airport is 7 miles away, and airport transportation is available.

You can reserve a room at the TFS rate until March 7 or when our room block is filled, whichever comes first. The hotel has extended the block so you can check in a day early or stay an extra night.

Book your hotel room online [here](#) or by calling **254-754-8484**.



Karen, Sierra, Lee, and Acayla Haile

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Chuck Smith

Past Presidents to host CELEBRATION LUNCHEON



Lee Haile



Jean G. Schnitz



Jim Harris



Mary Harris

Here's Something New

We're pleased to welcome sponsors to several portions of the 104th Annual Meeting. Special thanks go out to the College of Liberal and Fine Arts at Tarleton State University, helmed by TFS member Dr. Eric Morrow, for sponsoring the President's Pre-Hoot Reception! Friday's Celebration Luncheon is being sponsored by the TFS Past Presidents Club, and that afternoon's break is being provided by Dobie Dichos, Inc.

A few sponsorships are still available, and we've included a new field on the registration form that will allow you to include your designated participation.

Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch? Decades ago, our Annual Meeting featured a midday meal, and we're ready to do it again!

During this year's Celebration Luncheon, on Friday, April 7, we will honor a handful of Paisanos, including **Lee Haile**, the inaugural recipient of the Hermes Nye Hootenanny Award, and induct our latest Fellows of The Texas Folklore Society—**Jim Harris, Mary Harris, and Jean Granberry Schnitz**.

"How can this lunch be free to attendees?" you ask. The Past Presidents Club is sponsoring the lunch to honor the folks who tirelessly advocate for the Texas Folklore Society and volunteer their time and resources to help promote the organization and preserve its mission and vision.



Stick Around on Saturday

Saturday morning is jam-packed with fun and information so be sure to attend. We have two great papers you won't want to miss.

The business meeting will be filled with exciting news and updates about TFS, all we've been doing, and our future plans. We'll also be electing the next slate of officers and board members. Oh, and door prizes—there will be door prizes!

We have organized a new, fun, and ceremonious passing of the gavel—an exhibit of solidarity and friendship among leaders—that we hope will become an annual tradition. We will also recognize and thank all who have served on past and present boards of directors. Plus, we always end the event with a singing of "Beautiful, Beautiful Texas" and hugs all around.

A gathering in the ♥ of Texas—Waco!



104th Annual Meeting Program – 2023

Thursday, April 6

- 12–6 p.m. Registration
- 12–2 p.m. Board Meeting
- 3–5:30 p.m. Tour of the Mayborn Museum Complex at Baylor University
- 6–7:30 p.m. President’s Pre-HOOTenanny Reception, sponsored by the College of Liberal & Fine Arts at Tarleton State University
- 7:30–? HOOTenanny

Friday, April 7

- 7:30 a.m. Friday Morning Mingle, Coffee & Pastries
- 8:30–10:15 a.m. Welcome: **Donna Ingham**, TFS President, **Kristina Downs**, TFS Secretary-Editor/Executive Director, and **Eric Morrow**, Dean of the College of Liberal & Fine Arts at Tarleton
Session 1 Chair: **Lucy Fischer-West**, El Paso
“Accordions in Texas Cultures,” **Laura Niland**, San Antonio; **Shirley Johnson**, Austin
“Quinceañeras Autotopographies at the Capitol,” **Rachel González-Martin**, Austin
“Ridin’ Around,” **Elaine Smith**, Dublin
- 10:15–10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:30–11:45 a.m. **Session 2** Chair: **Linda Spetter**, Eastland
“Imagining Angelina Eberly’s Table,” **MM Pack**, Houston
“Descansos: Roadside Memorials in Texas,” **Blanca Jenkins**, Marshall
“Best Enemies: The Paredes Quarrel with Webb & Dobie, and What it Means for Understanding the History & Folklore of South Texas,” **John Phillip Santos**, San Antonio
- 11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m. Celebration Luncheon, Sponsored by the TFS Past Presidents Club. Installation of the Fellows of the Texas Folklore Society and Hermes Nye Hootenanny Award presentation. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!
- 1:30–2:45 p.m. **Session 3** Chair: **Dina Lopez**, Lubbock
“Fiestas on the Border: Matachines and George Washington’s Birthday in Laredo,” **Norma E. Cantú**, San Antonio
“El Paso Food Voices; Preserving Folklore through Food Stories,” **Meredith Abarca**, El Paso
“A Line in the Sand--The Story of a Cherished Legend,” **David Coffman**, San Antonio
- 2:45–3 p.m. Friday Afternoon Break, sponsored by Dobie Dichos, Inc.
- 3:00–4:45 **Session 4** Chair: **Skip Clark**, El Paso
“Growing up at Brown’s House in South Austin, Texas, USA,” **David Orton**, Austin
“Charge Hell with a Bucket of Water,” **Mary Fogel**, Austin
“What’s in a Name? Odd Stories Behind Texas Town Names,” **Jo Virgil**, Austin
- 6–6:30 p.m. Happy Half-Hour Cash Bar
- 6:30–7:30 p.m. Dinner Banquet (Ticket Required)
- 7:30–? HOOTenanny

Saturday, April 8

- 8:30–9 a.m. Saturday Morning Mingle, Coffee & Pastries
- 9–9:45 a.m. **Session 5, Part 1** Chair: **Elizabeth Duncan**, McKinney
“The Most Brilliant Anecdote-Teller: Boyce House, Frank Dobie, and a Night at the TFS,” **Rusty Williams**, Dallas
- 9:45–10:45 a.m. Business Meeting
- 10:45–11 a.m. Break
- 11 a.m.–12 p.m. **Session 5, Part 2**
“Guns, Hats, and a Bucket of Chicken: My First Twenty Minutes in Texas,” **Bernadette Nason**, Austin
- 12 p.m. Closing Ceremony

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Registration Form

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_____ Registration at \$25.00 each	\$ _____
_____ Thursday Tour at \$5.00 each	_____
_____ Thursday President's Pre-Hoot Reception (Free, but we need a headcount)	FREE
_____ Friday Celebration Luncheon (Free, but we need a headcount)	FREE
_____ Friday Banquet Adult at \$30.00 each	_____
_____ Friday Banquet Child at \$10.00 each	_____
_____ Membership Dues (<i>if you are a newcomer or have not paid annual dues</i>)	_____
<i>Rates: Student, \$15; Individual or Organization, \$25; Family, \$30;</i>	
<i>Paisano Grande, \$50; Individual Lifetime, \$500; Family Lifetime, \$750</i>	
REGISTRATION TOTAL:	\$ _____
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Please Provide Attendee Names

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Tour: _____

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