Texas Heritage Museum Annual Membership Form

☐ Individual $25 ☐ Family $35 ☐ Business $50
☐ Patron $100 ☐ Benefactor $250

Please use a ballpoint pen.

Name:_____

Address:_____

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Please make check or money order payable to Texas Heritage Museum. For your convenience, we also accept VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER & AMERICAN EXPRESS.

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Medal of Honor Memorial Brick Campaign

If you sign up for a membership with the Texas Heritage Museum today, you may also sponsor a brick at a special low price of $75. Using the space below, tell us what you want your brick to say. Please limit to 15 characters per line and three lines per brick. If you decide to purchase more than one brick, please attach additional information to this form. Those wanting to buy a brick without a membership may do so at the regular price of $100.

☐ Yes, I would like to sponsor a brick.

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The Texas Heritage Museum's mission is to explore Texas and Texans during wartime and how those experiences affect us today.

Texas Heritage Museum is proud to help with historic preservation and education by being a member of the following organizations:

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TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS

The Texas Heritage Museum Newsletter

Lasting Legacies

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Letter From the Director

Dear friends of the museum,

The Texas Heritage Museum has had an eventful fall. To begin with, we had a members-only exhibit opening entitled "WWII on the Home Front – Sweetheart Mementos" which was well attended. There is still time to see the exhibit if you have not done so. It will run through Dec. 11.

Recently, the Texas Heritage Museum staff completed a second site visit conducted by the American Association of Museums to further our journey in becoming an accredited museum. This site visit was a two-day, rigorous audit of museum operations measuring museum standards and practices.

Since we launched our membership drive this past spring, I am proud to announce that we currently have more than 75 members. With the base of our new membership established, we have decided to host an annual membership dinner in lieu of conducting the symposium. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. David Gracy, II, author of *Sunrise! Governor Bill Daniel and the Second Liberation of Guam*, our 45th Hill College Press publication. The author will have signed copies available, and members will soon receive a special invitation announcing the date of the banquet in late January.

As always, we continue to seek new ways to improve the fulfillment of the museum's mission. Together we are enhancing your experience – the Texas Heritage Museum Experience.

Thank you for your support of the Texas Heritage Museum at Hill College.

Sincerely,
John Versluis
Director
THM

Real Museum Stories From America's Heartland

DALLAS, TX — In 2010, Media 13 will be celebrating the power of museums as repositories of cultural capital with a major 12-part documentary series entitled *Museums of the Heartland*.

Where are the stories? Since we were children, the words "once upon a time" have resonated deeply. Can you envision a world without story? Such is the appeal of *Museums of the Heartland*. It is a series about the stories of our lives – and our culture – presented through museums.

Journeying primarily around Texas and Oklahoma, with an occasional foray into other heartland states, the half-hour show visits museums with recognizable names like the Bob Bullock Texas State Museum in Austin and the African American Museum at Fair Park. There are also other names – less recognizable – like the Toy and Action Figure Museum, the East Texas Oil Museum and the Medicine Mound with stunning, unforgettable stories.

"Behind every museum is the energy of a passionate founder, a relentless curator, hard-working docents and a spate of patrons who bring it all together. Museums—both large and small—are powerful protectors of the American experience because they

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MOH Memorial Brick Campaign

Located directly in front of the Texas Heritage Museum is the Official Texas State Medal of Honor Memorial to Native-Born Texans. The memorial features a paved brick walkway leading to a trio of granite displays which lists the names and pictures of native-born Texan Medal of Honor recipients. With your help, the integrity of this significant salute to our heroic Texans will be upheld for the education of current and future generations. To purchase a brick, please fill out the form on the back cover, or contact the museum.

Holiday Shopping and Open House

With the holidays quickly approaching, please stop by the THM Gift Shop where you can be sure to find a little something for anyone on your shopping list. You will find mugs, stuffed animals, old-time toys, bingo games, dog tags and picture frames, not to mention books on cooking, military engagements and even books for the kids. We will have a Holiday Open House on Wed., Dec. 9, from 2 – 6 p.m. All Texas Heritage Museum members and Hill College employees will receive a 25% discount. Cookies and punch will be served.

Real Museums *Continued*

protect and present the story of our nation," said Creator and Executive Producer Lindell Singleton. ***The pilot episode features the Texas Heritage Museum in Hillsboro, Texas.***

"This museum is remarkable," said Singleton. "The experience struck me because it is expansive, yet intensely personal. The exhibits capture the stories of our wars, but present them only through the eyes of Texans. This really was the ideal choice for the pilot."

John Versluis, executive director at Texas Heritage Museum offered this: "Museums are more than repositories of information and interesting artifacts, but instead a collective environment where cultures and generations meet on equal footing to share knowledge and new experiences. *Museums of the Heartland* will encourage visitorship which could be across the city, the neighborhood or down the interstate."

About the Production Company
Media 13 is an industry-leading creative firm that leverages its unrivaled reach and access to create and produce compelling content across all its divisions: narrative filmmaking, integrated long form content, commercials, music video and broadcast television. Visionary Director King Hollis formed Media 13 in 2005. Widely acknowledged for establishing the next level in Texas independent film production, Hollis' body of work has redefined excellence across multiple genres.

Media 13's groundbreaking documentary, *History of the Red River Rivalry* debuted in October 2009 on Fox. In 2008, the company produced *The Split* for network television. In early 2010, Media 13 will release the anticipated reality series *Solo: I Dream of Flight.*

Media 13 is based in Dallas, Texas.

Hill College Press to Offer New Book

Continuing a tradition dating back to 1964, Hill College Press is in the process of publishing a book that contributes to the mission of the Texas Heritage Museum–Texas and Texans in wartime and the effects on society today. *Sunrise! Governor Bill Daniel and the Second Liberation of Guam,* by Dr. David Gracy, II, is the 45th in the HCP series of publications will be available for circulation in early 2010. The book is a study of the evolving political development of the American territory of Guam after its liberation from Japanese occupation at the end of World War II.

The study concentrates on developments during the governorship of Bill Daniel from 1961 to 1963. A prominent Texas legislator, rancher and businessman who was the last appointed governor of Guam, Daniel worked to reshape the political infrastructure and improve the economy of the island, including securing the passage of legislation by Congress permitting the citizens of Guam to elect their governor. Gracy, a noted historian and occupant of the Bill Daniel professorship in archival studies at The University of Texas Austin, looks upon this development as a "liberation".

Dr. David Gracy, II

The contents of *Sunrise! Governor Bill Daniel and the Second Liberation of Guam* will include a foreword by Madeleine Z. Bordallo, current member of Congress, representing Guam; 73 photographs and maps and the story of Daniel's administration. Announcements will be circulated when the book is off the press.

THM Curator Announces New Exhibit

There is a new exhibit on display at the Texas Heritage Museum. "WWII on the Home Front: Sweetheart Collectibles" showcases souvenirs and small tokens sent home by American servicemen overseas or on base during WWII. These items provided a connection to the home front for those serving abroad and allowed family members to show their patriotism and pride. Artifacts on display include jewelry, pins, pillow covers, pennants and banners commemorating the war effort. Also on display are photos of the Ramirez family of Hillsboro, who sent seven sons to fight in WWII. This exhibit will be on display in the temporary gallery just off the lobby through Dec. 11. Please drop by and see us!

Historical Research Center News

Education is the name of the game in the Historical Research Center. Professor Lou Ann Everett's American History honors class from Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Texas, recently paid its annual visit to the HRC to research primary sources on Civil War veterans that are buried in the North Texas area. Many interesting facts were discovered about these gentlemen's service in the war and their lives upon returning to Texas.

On Nov. 18, Anita Tufts, archivist and librarian at THM, will give a presentation on the Kitikiti'sh to the students of St. Monica School in Dallas. Several hands-on activities using authentic materials portraying the lives of these indigenous Americans are planned for the day.

If you are interested in volunteering at the museum or research center, please contact Kendall Milton at (254) 659-7755 or Anita Tufts at (254) 659-7757.

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Museum Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Fri. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
June - Aug. Sat. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.
(galleries only)

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In the Know

Did you know that 705 people visited the museum this past quarter, and 90 people used the Historical Research Center?

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