Texas Heritage Museum Annual Membership Form

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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.

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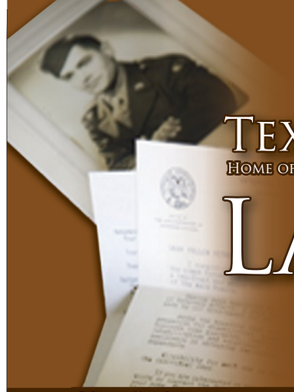

Texas Heritage Museum
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Lasting Legacies
Newsletter

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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 art exhibit opening entitled "Texas Bluebonnets" by Jean Carmichael which was well attended.

Last year's Wichita Exhibit opened in conjunction with Dr. Earl Elam's book *Kitikiti'sh*. It was so popular the museum decided to take it on the road, and now THM has its own traveling exhibit with a three-panel door displaying 20 framed, black-and-white photographs from Dr. Elam's research collection. So far, the display has traveled to Abbott ISD, West Public Library, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Tribal Headquarters in Anadarko, Okla., Museum of North Texas History in Wichita Falls, Texas; The Morton Museum in Gainesville, Texas, and the Wise County Heritage Museum in Decatur, Texas. If you are interested in hosting this exhibit at your school, library or museum, please contact us.

The Hill College Press still has a few special, limited deluxe leather editions of *Sunrise! Governor Bill Daniel and the Second Liberation of Guam*, by Dr. David Gracy II which are only available to members.

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. One deluxe edition is available per membership for $37.88 including tax.

We continue to actively 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

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Director THM

Museum Hosts "Texas Bluebonnets" Exhibit by Jean Carmichael

Jean Carmichael of Granbury, Texas, had an exclusive showing of her Texas bluebonnets paintings in the temporary gallery of the Texas Heritage Museum on Oct. 7, and it was very well attended. Below is Carmichael's biography:

"Opportunities can come late in life – learning to paint did for me! When I was born, I already had a brother, born two years prior. Billy was special – he could never walk or talk or do anything for himself, yet he would smile, laugh and cry. His eyes spoke for him. His limited life taught me many things. I entertained him by drawing and using my imagination to take us other places.

Out on a sandy land farm between Lebanon and Hickory Flat, on the edge of cedar breaks, along the Brazos River near Spivey Crossing in Hill County, life was pretty slow – there was no money.

As a teenager in school at Aquilla, Thelma Cox (Mrs. John P. Cox) invited me to paint with her a few times. Later, life took me in directions where there wasn't time for art.

A short span in Hillsboro with the Farm Bureau and KHBR – then to WFAA in Dallas. I then spent 30 years in Indiana along the Wabash River in Wells County. I married a farmer, and in our joint adventure,

New Mission Waco Team Member

The museum is pleased to announce its newest team member Ollie Rigsby. Born in Hillsboro, Rigsby has five children, 13 grand children and 12 great-grand children. She is working on administrative and curatorial tasks for the museum. “I have experienced so much and gained new skills at the museum, and I am very excited to be part of the team”

The museum delightfully welcomes Ollie to the museum team.

Holiday Shopping at The Museum

Everyone is invited to stop by the THM Gift Shop for holiday shopping and last minute gift ideas. We have great stocking stuffers for young and old... an abundance of great books on military engagements, cooking, books for the kids, bingo games, candles, stuffed animals and much more. THM members will receive a 25% discount on all purchases now through Dec. 10.

Bluebonnets (continued)

we raised corn, soybeans, wheat, tomatoes and two children.

Following my husband’s heart attack and death, I came back to Texas. Five years later, I married “Coach” Alvin Carmichael – our move to Granbury led me to the little artist group here, and the rest is history!

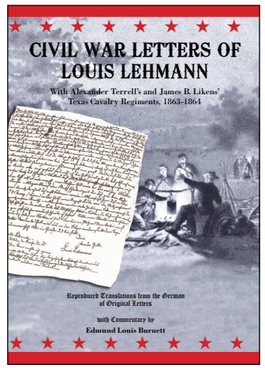
Finally, at the ripe old age of 69 or 70 in 1999 – 2000 I started painting again, and it has been a gratifying experience ever since.”

Jean Carmichael

Bluebonnets & Pewter Pot

Hill College Press Produces 46th Book

The publication of the 46th book by Hill College Press (HCP) is in the final stages of production and will be available for circulation early 2011. It consists of Civil War letters by a German immigrant to Texas, Louis Carl Lehmann, who settled in the Brenham area and was conscripted into Confederate service in 1863. It contains extensive commentary by a great grandson, Edmund L. Burnett, of Houston, Texas. The letters, originally in German, are presented verbatim as translated. Lehmann served in a Texas cavalry unit as a private through the Union’s Red River campaign in Louisiana in 1864. He was captured near Marksville, interned in New Orleans and released in a prisoner exchange. His letters to his wife provide unique and captivating glimpses of life in camp and on the march. Letters from his wife and instructions from him on dealing with matters at home will enthrall many readers, conveying images of a work of fiction, but what is revealed is the story of real people, in real time, struggling to survive and do their duty, which they very admirably did, in a tumultuous era.



HCP has published books at the average rate of one per year since 1964. Recent works still in print that would make excellent gifts for interested readers include *Reluctant Rebels: The Eleventh Texas Cavalry Regiment* (2006) by Allen G. Hatley; *Kitikiti'sh: The Wichita Indians and Associated Tribes in Texas, 1757-1859* (2008), by Earl H. Elam; and *Sunrise! Governor Bill Daniel and the Second Liberation of Guam* (2010) by David B. Gracy II. These titles and a number of earlier releases are available in the Texas Heritage Museum Gift Shop or by mail. For information, contact the gift shop at (254) 659-7750, or the Hill College Press at (254) 659-7754.

History Comes Alive at the HRC

The sound of laughter and tears broke the quiet of the Historical Research Center when Kathleen Miller’s Texas History class began transcribing original Civil War letters as part of their class work. History comes alive when you read a frontline soldier’s missives home.

The Historical Research Center was covered in a sea of green as graduate students from the University of North Texas visited this summer. They are writing articles on Texas Civil War soldiers for the *Handbook of Texas*. Also, arriving for their annual visit in September were the students of Lou Ann Everett’s honors history class from Trinity Valley Community College.

A great find in the archives! Some interesting unit histories on WWII regiments who served in the European theater have recently come to light. If you are researching that venue of the war, please come by and take a look. An index is available on the center’s page of the THM website... **www.hillcollege.edu/museum.**

Looking for Historical Artifacts

At the Texas Heritage Museum, we are always looking for donations of artifacts, photographs, letters and books with a Texas connection. Some topics include:

- Korean War area artifacts
- Cold War artifacts
- Bosnian War
- Somalia (Operation Restore Hope)
- Gulf War (Operation Desert Storm) artifacts
- Iraq War (Operation Iraqi Freedom) artifacts
- Afghanistan War (Operation Enduring Freedom) artifacts
- All Hill College Press publications
- Letters, photos, diaries from all wars

“Museums of the Heartland” Filmed at THM

Media 13 recently interviewed local vets and staff of Hill College and THM for the pilot episode of “Museums of the Heartland.” The episode will be aired in early 2011 following the “Museums of the Heartland” premier. Details will be announced as they become available.

Pictured: (top row) Dr. Earl Elam, Richard Greenhill, Scott Warren, (bottom row) Chuck Carlock, Bubba Handy and Joe Walker.

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Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Fri. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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In the Know

From Sept. 1, 2009, to July 31, 2010, THM had 3,029 visitors, and 350 visitors conducted research.