Texas Heritage Museum Annual Membership Form

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☐ Patron $100 ☐ Benefactor $250

Name:_____

Address:_____

Phone:_____ Email:_____

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 11 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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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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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:

TEXAS LAKES TRAIL
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TEXAS HERITAGE TRAILS PROGRAM

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS

The Texas Heritage Museum newsletter

Lasting Legacies

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Letter from the Director

I am proud to inform you that the Texas Heritage Museum staff completed a two-day site visit by the National Museum Assessment Program Grant through the American Association of Museums. The Texas Heritage Museum was one of only six museums in Texas and 111 museums nationally to be awarded this grant. The site visit provides a confidential process of self study, peer review and implementation supported through the American Association of Museums toward museum accreditation.

I am also pleased to announce that the Texas Heritage Museum membership is growing, and we are currently at forty-two memberships. If you have not joined, please consider becoming a friend of the Texas Heritage Museum at Hill College.

The museum's Medal of Honor memorial to Native-Born Texans' memorial engraved brick project has been successful. Currently, we have placed 73 engraved bricks in the walkway. If you have not purchased an engraved brick, please considering doing so to honor a loved one.

We are actively seeking 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
Texas Heritage Museum

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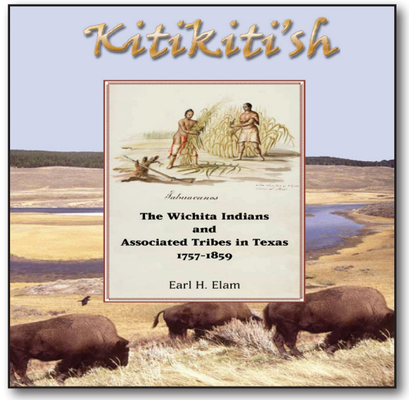
Director

November Book Signing to be Held at THM

The public is invited to a book-signing forum at the Texas Heritage Museum, 11 a.m., Sat., Nov. 22. Various Wichita-related items will be exhibited, including author's research materials, photographs of Wichita people, structures from the National Archives and the National Anthropological Archives and numerous other sources. In addition to the Indian artifacts from the Brazos



River region of Johnson, Hill, and McLennan counties, there will also be artifacts on display from both Navarro and Limestone counties from part of a collection belonging to Kenny Meadows of Grandview. **Representatives of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes in Anadarko, Oklahoma, will be present.** Hors d'oeuvres will be served following the presentation.

(full story inside)

Scholarships Awarded

We are proud to announce that we have two recipients of the Texas Gun Collectors Association-Harold B. Simpson Memorial Endowment Scholarship this semester! This provides $500 annually for Hill College students with an interest in history and is renewable for one year. It also gives recipients the opportunity to work part-time at the museum, helping to accession artifacts, develop exhibits and update our computer database. We are thrilled to be partners with the Texas Gun Collectors Association for a second year. The recipients are Johnny Moreno of Hillsboro and Victoria Doskocil of Grandview. Congratulations, and welcome aboard!

Johnny Moreno

Victoria Doskocil

Hill College Press Releases New Book

Kitikiti'sh: The Wichita Indians and Associated Tribes in Texas, 1757-1859 by Earl H. Elam (453 pp., 26 illus., notes, bibliography, index), the most recent Hill College Press publication, is available for circulation at $30 (plus tax for Texas purchasers). It is available in the Texas Heritage Museum gift shop or by mail. To mail orders, add $4.00 for shipping and handling and send to: Hill College Press, Texas Heritage Museum, Hill College, 112 Lamar Drive, Hillsboro, TX 76645. The book is based on more than 40 years of research and writing on Wichita history by the author.

Wichita Indians 1898

A Little History about the Wichitas and Associated Tribes

The people in historic times known as Wichita, Waco, Tawakoni, Taovayas, and Yscanis, all spoke the same language, had similar cultures, and considered themselves to be one people. The Kichai (Keechi) were a distinct tribe, but they were closely associated with the Wichita confederation. All of them lived in villages of dome-shaped grass houses, hunted buffalo and grew large crops of corn, melons, squash and beans. Together with buffalo, these items were subsistence food for themselves and trade items to other Indians. Their long-standing villages in North Central Texas between the mid-18th and mid-19th centuries were along the Red River in the Spanish Fort area of Texas. They were also located near the Sabine River where Lake Tawakoni was later established and along the Brazos River from the area of present Lake Whitney to below the city of Waco. A large complex also existed for many years on the outskirts of the community of Tehuacana in Limestone County. Other sites sometimes occupied were on branches of the Trinity River near the forks of the Brazos River in present Young County, and on the Wichita River at Wichita Falls.

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What is Next for the Hill College Press?

A forthcoming work of Hill College Press, planned for completion in 2009, is a book called *Sunrise! Governor Bill Daniel and the Second Liberation of Guam* by David B. Gracy II, a well-known Texas author. It is the story of the administration of governmental affairs on Guam by Daniel after he was appointed governor of the territory by President John F. Kennedy. The work is based on personal contacts with Daniel and others who were involved at the time, as well as the writings of participants and public records. Gracy holds the Governor Bill Daniel chair in Archival Enterprise in the School of Information at the University of Texas at Austin. Daniel's wife was Vara Faye Martin, a native of Hillsboro, Tex., and for whom the performing arts facility on the Hill College campus in Hillsboro is named. Bill Daniel's brother, Price Daniel, was governor of Texas, 1957-1963.

Other Happenings at the Museum

Celebrating National Indian Heritage Month at THM

November is National American Indian Heritage Month. In celebration of this month, and as a complement to Dr. Elam's new book on the Wichita Tribe in North Central Texas, the museum will display Native American artifacts and photographs in its temporary gallery. There will be a members-only opening for this exhibit on Nov. 5, at 6 p.m., at the museum. The exhibit will be open to the public Nov. 6 - Dec. 12.

Holiday Shopping at THM

With the holidays quickly approaching, please stop by our THM Gift Shop where you can be sure to find a little something for anyone on your list. You will find mugs, stuffed animals, old time toys, bingo games, dog tags, and picture frames, not to mention books on cooking, historical Texas courthouses, military engagements, and even some books for kids. All visitors will receive a 15% discount on all items, starting Nov. 3 through Dec. 12, 2008. Museum members will receive 15% off in addition to their standard 10% discount.

THM Gift Shop

Fall Cleaning Underway at the HRC

Time and dust are flying in the library as preparation for a massive maneuver of book shifting and shelf rearrangement is underway. When this war against misplaced books is over, orderliness will once again reign supreme, and the library will be an accessible and beautiful arrangement of tomes of military history.

On a side note, the Center has received some interesting copies and originals of Civil War letters. Everyone is invited to come out to visit and browse.

29th Annual THM Symposium

The 2009 symposium will focus on Texas and Texans during World War II. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Archie McDonald, regents professor of history, Stephen F. Austin State University and executive director, East Texas Historical Association; other speakers as follows: Dr. Kelly E. Crager, Head, Oral History Project, The Vietnam Archives at Texas Tech University; Bob Bowman, author, journalist, publisher and public speaker of Lufkin, Tex.; Dr. Joe Cheavens, History Professor at Hill College; David B. Gracy, Governor Bill Daniel chair in Archival Enterprise in the School of Information at the University of Texas at Austin. The symposium will be held on Sat., April 4, 2009. More information regarding the symposium will be available in the next newsletter.

Renovation is Complete

The Texas Heritage Museum recently completed renovation in its Weapons Gallery. Thanks to the hard work of our Maintenance Manager Frank Williams, we now have many of our guns back on display and behind a protective plexiglass enclosure. The main focus of this gallery is World War I and large weapons, but we hope to continue working on updating display cases in this section to reflect other Texas conflicts as needed.

Newly Renovated Weapons Gallery

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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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New Numbers

Hill College will be receiving a new phone system including new phone numbers starting mid-November. Please check our web site for our new contact information.

In the Know

Did you know that 908 people visited the museum this past quarter, and 53 people used the Historical Research Center?