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LASTING LEGACIES NEWSLETTER

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Letter From the Dean

Dear Friends of the Texas Heritage Museum,

We are delighted to announce that our 2022 annual Membership Drive is in progress. If you have not received a renewal letter from us, please use the back of this newsletter to fill out your membership form and mail it or drop it by the museum.

I am exicited to announce that in the fall of 2021, Texas Heritage Museum replaced the museum theater seating and lap desks for safer COVID-19 seating that can be cleaned and disinfected for our students between Hill College classes. Over the past five years, from 2015 through 2020, the museum had over 17,000 student visits using the museum theater taking Hill College courses.

The 54 new museum theater chairs have a black panel, and the seats are made with a black vinyl material that looks like leather suede which all can be easily wiped down and disinfected. The chairs all have an oversized tablet that swings up for the students.

I am delighted to announce the new spring temporary art exhibit curated by Tom Sale, Art Instructor, Hill College entitled "Texas Heritage Museum Art Medium Collection Exhibit". This exhibit will run through the end of March.

Please come out and visit the museum and gift shop this spring!

With kindest regards,

John Versluis

John Versluis, Dean

John Versluis

Above: Old Museum Theater Seating
Below: New Museum Theater Seating

“Earth Angels” Art Exhibit Featured Fall 2021 Semester

This art exhibit was on temporary display in the Hill College Texas Heritage Museum (THM) featuring four large figures representing earth, air, fire, and water.

The figures, titled “Earth Angels,” are unique because North Texas artist, Julia Schloss, made them from a collection of salvaged materials.

“Julia Schloss is known as the recycling queen,” said Hill College art instructor Tom Sale. “Her unusual method of piecing together found objects is different than anything we have shown at Hill College.”

The exhibit also featured four smaller figures that are made of natural elements Schloss found on daily walks.

“She says this collecting helps her connect to nature,” said Sale. “Also, she explained that she has a huge studio full of these found objects and occasionally needs to create some of these pieces to make room for more.”

Hill College art appreciation students viewed the exhibit during the fall semester, which was being used by art teachers to encourage conversations about art and recycling. During the exhibit’s opening reception on October 12th, Schloss was able to speak with students about her creative process with 32 in attendance.

“This is a great exhibit for both young and old,” Tom Sale said. “It’s visually dense with lots of things to look at hidden in the works. The artist’s methods and philosophy of thinking about our ecology are refreshing, and it will open our students’ eyes to new ways of thinking and creating.”

Top: Tom Sale, Hill College Art Instructor, and Julia Schloss, featured artist of the exhibit.
Bottom: Dr. Boehm, President of Hill College, and Julia Schloss, featured artist of the exhibit.

Speegleville, Texas, Patchwork Quilt Top 1890’s, Recent Donation

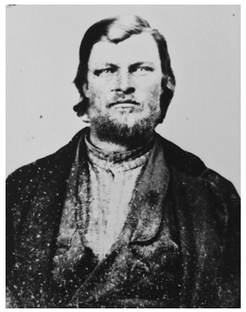

Photo of Philip Bible Speegle, age 33, in 1866.

This quilt top was made by Mary Jane Lake Hickerson Speegle, who was the 4th wife of Private Philip Bible Speegle, for their daughter Susie Speegle. The quilt was donated by Vicki Parker from Houston, Texas. This quilt is on display in our recent donations exhibit.

Philip Bible Speegle, born on September 23, 1833, in Winchester, Tennessee, was the son of Israel Washington Speegle and Susana Ryan Bible. He married four times and had seven sons and seven daughters.

Speegle joined the Confederate Army, 15th Regiment, Texas Infantry Company I, and entered service in Waco, Texas, on March 22, 1862, and mustered out of service in April 1865.

On September 18, 1890, Mary Speegle became the 4th and last surviving wife of Philip Bible Speegle, who preceded her in death by 2 years. Mary and Philip had one child together, Susanna “Susie” Speegle, who married J.W. Calaway on August 19, 1911. Philip passed away on June 11, 1920, in Waco, Texas, having lived a long life of 86 years. Mary passed away on October 15, 1922, at the age of 67. They were both buried in the Speegleville Cemetery, which had to be moved to Chapel Hill Memorial Park Cemetery in Waco, Texas, in the 1960’s when their land was made into an extension of Lake Waco by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Photo of the quilt top made by Mary Jane Lake Hickerson Speegle.

Colonel Wallace B. Scales uniform grouping repatriated back to Texas from North Carolina

In April of 2021, Charlie Knight, Curator of Military History at the North Carolina Museum of History, contacted us regarding our interest in acquiring Colonel Wallace Scales’ uniform grouping since there was not a strong North Carolina connection. His uniform grouping was donated by his wife after moving back to North Carolina after his passing. We worked with Charlie for eight months as the uniform grouping had to be approved by 3 different levels: museum level, department level, and finally the North Carolina Historical Commission. Colonel Wallace Scales’ uniform grouping arrived back in the State of Texas on November 16, 2021. Part of Colonel Scales’ uniform grouping is on display in our recent donations exhibit.

Born in Paris, Texas, on December 5, 1875, he received his early education in the Paris schools, and was given his appointment to West Point from Congressman D. B. Culbertson.

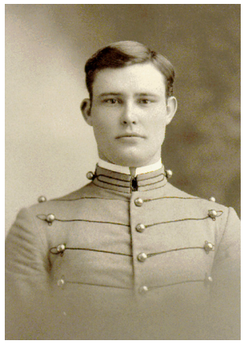

Photo of Wallace Bryan Scales 1895, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York

Wallace Bryan Scales graduated in the 1898 class at the United States Military Academy, and was first an Infantry officer and then transferred to the Cavalry.

As a Cadet, Scales won a prize as the best all-around athlete in 1895 and was a dedicated member of the football team.

He saw action in the Far East as a member of the China Relief Expedition, in the Philippines against the Insurrectionists and the Moros, and in Mexico with General Pershing in the Punitive Expedition.

During World War I, he worked at the Newport News Point of Entry during 1918-19, and during 1928-33 was the Chief of Staff of the 77th Division of the Organized Reserves. He then commanded the 5th Cavalry from 1933-35, when he passed away at Fort Clark, Texas, on March 8, 1935, at age 59. He is buried in the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

Colonel Wallace Bryan Scales, memorial in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

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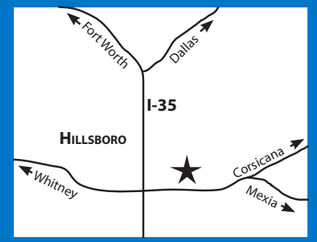

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