

TEXAS ROOM DISPATCH

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The Monday, April 25th, 2022, Meeting Returns to the Julia Ideson Building at 7:00 pm

The Julia Ideson Building, Houston Public Library, first-floor auditorium,
500 McKinney Avenue in Downtown Houston

The 7:00 pm event is also available as a Zoom Meeting for those unable to attend in-person. To join the Zoom meeting on April 25th, click on the following URL:

<https://bit.ly/FTXR-Slaughter04-25-22>

George Slaughter to Speak at April 25th Meeting



George Slaughter

Join the FTxR on January 31st, 2022, at 6:30 pm for "An Evening with Spring Branch Neighborhood Historian George Slaughter." FTxR President Mister McKinney will interview our guest on the history of this vibrant community which dates to 1840 when German emigrants arrived to settle in the area. George Slaughter, a graduate of Stephen F. Austin University, is author of *Spring Branch*, available through Arcadia Publishing.

PARKING

Currently, the Houston Public Library Underground Parking Garage under the Jones Building (entrance on Lamar Avenue) closes at 5:45 pm on Mondays and will therefore **not be available** for the FTxR General Meeting on the evening of April 25th.

However, parking is available in the Smith Garage located at 1100 Smith Street at Lamar Avenue next to Pappas restaurant. The garage entrance is on Smith Street. A flat parking fee of \$10.00 is charged after 5:00 pm. According to the Smith Garage website, security is provided.

Free parking is also available on nearby streets after 6:00 pm.

Attendees at the Julia Ideson Building need to enter from the main entrance across the plaza from the Jones Library. Security is available on the Ideson Building premises.

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www.friendsofthetexasroom.org



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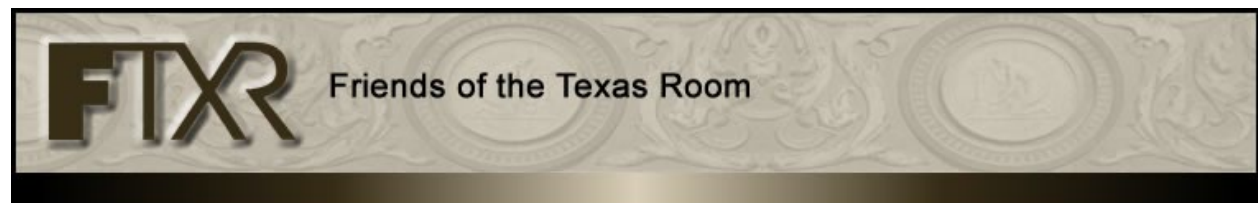
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MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 31st, 2022, GENERAL MEETING

President Mister McKinney called the January 31st meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He began the evening’s business by introducing the 2022 FTxR officers and directors and thanking them for their time, expertise, and passion for supporting the Friends of the Texas Room. He also introduced and provided some background on FTxR’s two new Board members: Rebecca Harris and George Slaughter. He also thanked outgoing Board members Cathy McCully and Charles Maynard.

Mister McKinney next gave a preview of the 2022 speakers and highlighted some of the FTxR projects and contributions for the Houston Metropolitan Research Center. He also asked that the Minutes of the October 25th, 2021, Annual Meeting be read and approved. Members voted by unanimous consent, and the motion to accept the October 25th Minutes was seconded.

Mister McKinney next introduced the recipients of the 2021 Julia Ideson Award: Co-authors Sandra Lord and Debe Branning for their book *The Ghosts of Houston’s Market Square Park*.

Next, Mister McKinney introduced the evening's speaker Michael Bludworth who spoke on Houston's Early Aviation History. After Mr. Bludworth answered questions from attendees, Mister McKinney brought the evening to a close.

2022 FTxR MEETING SPEAKERS



January 31st: Michael Bludworth on Houston's Early Aviation History

April 25th: George Slaughter on the History of Spring Branch

July 25th: Donald Hayes on the History of Pearland

October 24th: Jeff Lindemann on Mid-Nineteenth Century German Emigrants' Journey from Downtown Bremen, Germany, to Downtown Houston, Texas

SANDRA LORD AND DEBE BRANNING RECEIVE THE 2021 FTxR JULIA IDESON AWARD FOR *THE GHOSTS OF MARKET SQUARE PARK*

After graduating from Smith College in Massachusetts, Sandra Lord adopted Houston as her new home and founded Discover Houston Tours, the city's first and longest continually operating public guided tour company. To date, Discover Houston Tours has conducted nearly 5,000 tours for 61,000 visitors from around the world. Co-founder of the Professional Tour Guide Association of Houston, Lord has published over 100 articles on Houston history and has researched and designed over 100 itineraries for historical and cultural walking and bus tours. With co-author Debe Branning, Lord recently published *The Ghosts of Houston's Market Square Park*. In addition to her writing, she now owns and operates Houston Walks.



NEWS FROM THE TEXAS ROOM

By Emily Scott

HMRC Returns to In-Person Programming by Terrin Rivera



After nearly two years, we are happy to announce that we are returning to in-person programming and extending our open hours!

With the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, HMRC had to get creative with its programs! When closed buildings,

quarantining, and social distancing became the new normal for the daily life of Houstonians, holding in-person programs was no longer an option.

Photo of Texas Room by Joel Draut

We learned new skills and began offering programs virtually. Social media posts, YouTube videos, and Zoom presentations allowed us to continue safely connecting with our patrons.

This year, we have already shared 17 programs, presentations, outreaches, social media posts, and informational videos and have 11 more planned for the months of May and June. Stay tuned for our upcoming in-person programs: Exploring Space City! on April 21st, a special book club collaboration at the Central building on April 22nd, and a special tour of the Julia Ideson Building and showcase of the rare books room in June!

And don't forget our new, extended hours that began March 15th! The Texas Room will now be open an extra hour each day. On Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday we will be open from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Thursdays will now be our evening research hours so we will be open from 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

We are so happy to be able to see our patrons in person again and look forward to seeing you all soon!

HMRC Programming



May

Date TBD – Archives Watch Party: Festivals

HMRC is continuing our program series "Archives Watch Party." Each month, archivists curate a selection of films from the HMRC collections around a certain topic. This month's topic will be "Festivals." The watch parties can be viewed on

Facebook and YouTube.

Date TBD – HMRC Instagram Takeover: Microfilm

For one day each month, HMRC will "take over" the Houston Public Library

Instagram account to post videos and photos offering a behind the scenes look at our collections. This month's takeover will be the use of microfilm in research. This can be viewed on the HPL Instagram page "Stories."

June

June 9 at 5:30 PM – HMRC Presents: Rare Books Room Showcase

HMRC will showcase rare, interesting, and unique items from the Rare Books Room/HMRC Vault. This event will offer exclusive, insider access to materials that are normally restricted for preservation purposes. This is a rare opportunity for our customers to see, touch, and learn about some of the most precious treasures in our collection.

June 15 at 12:00 PM – HMRC Presents: Tour of the Julia Ideson Building

Join us for a tour of the historic Julia Ideson Building. Formerly Houston Public Library's "Central" Branch, the Julia Ideson Building is a beautiful Spanish Renaissance Revival-style building in the heart of downtown. Learn about the history and use of the building, the renovations and additions, as well as the significance of its art and architecture.

July

Date TBD – Archives Watch Party: NASA

HMRC is continuing our program series, "Archives Watch Party."

Each month, archivists curate a selection of films from the HMRC collections around a certain topic. This month's topic will be "NASA." The watch parties can be viewed on Facebook and YouTube.

July 5th at 12:00 PM – Adult Summer Camp – Virtual Edition: HMRC presents DIY Oral History

In this presentation, HMRC will give an overview of the practice of oral history from idea to finished product. This includes project planning and implementation, interviewing, equipment and technology, legal and ethical concerns, budget, and preservation.

July 12th at 12:00 PM – Adult Summer Camp – Virtual Edition: HMRC presents Texas and Local History Collection for Genealogists

In this presentation, HMRC will show how the TLHC can be used to contextualize the event that took place in the lives of your Texan ancestors. The TLHC consists of books, periodicals, maps, and vertical files that can be used in the Texas Room.

July 19th at 12:00 PM – Adult Summer Camp – Virtual Edition: HMRC presents Creative Women

In this presentation, HMRC will highlight the creative works of numerous Houston women. Covering topics from art, music and design, attendees will get an overview of just a few of the remarkable women represented in HMRC's archival collections.

July 21st at 5:00 PM – HMRC Presents: Meldrum Room Open House

Houston's first permanent library, a Carnegie funded building, was built in 1904. Norman and Minnie (nee Sweet) donated funds to create a children's room in honor of their eight-year-old daughter, Norma, who died of scarlet fever in 1899. What began as an active children's library is now a retrospective research collection for the study of children's literature from the 1800s to the 1970s. The room is normally locked and only opened for prescheduled tours. This program will consist of a slide show about the collection and permission to (carefully) pull books from the shelves.

Please note, this program is not suitable for children under 12. Many of the books in the collection are fragile and need to be handled with care.

Come early to view the exhibit of Caldecott winners exhibit on the 2nd floor.

<https://eusa.org/exhibition/caldecott/>

July 26th at 12:00 PM – Adult Summer Camp – Virtual Edition: HMRC presents Houston True Crime

In this presentation, HMRC will give an overview of Houston True Crime research. This will include a spotlight on a few infamous true crime cases in Houston as well as a look at the HMRC resources that patrons have used when researching true crime cases.

FTxR 2021 Membership Benefits

Photograph Reproductions

Each 2021 member of the Friends of the Texas Room is allowed up to five photographic reproductions at half-price this year. Send your requests to:
Photo.Reference@houstontx.gov

Texas Room Hours

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 10:00 – 5:00
Wednesday: 10:00 – 5:00
Thursday: 12:00 – 7:00
Friday: 10:00 – 5:00

Saturday: 10:00 – 5:00

Sunday: Closed

WHAT OUR FRIENDS ARE DOING

Please contact Jeff Lindemann, editor of the *Texas Room Dispatch* (lindemann@SBCglobal.net), with information about your volunteer service at the HMRC and about projects you are working on that utilize HMRC resources.

FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM POLICIES

The FTxR policies relate to the Houston Metropolitan Research Center which includes the Collections of the Archives and Manuscripts Department, the Texas and Local History Department, and the Special Collections Department of the Houston Public Library.

A. Contributions

From time to time, the Friends of the Texas Room will purchase and contribute to the Houston Metropolitan Research Center of the Houston Public Library items that will enrich and enhance the above-named collections and ensure their preservation.

All such contributions will be purchased by the Friends directly and then given to the Library with specific stipulations as to how such contributions are to be used by the Library to enhance and ensure the preservation of the HMRC collections.

The Friends will give no money directly to the Library.

The Friends will not buy expendable supplies for the Library.

The Friends will not fund Library personnel.

B. Relationship to Administration and Staff

The Friends of the Texas Room is not to be involved in the administrative or employee actions of the Center, except that the Friends can question policies which, in its opinion, negatively impact the ability of the Center to provide service to the public.

CULTURAL MATCHING GIFTS

Are you or your spouse working for or retired from a corporation which makes cultural matching grants or volunteer involvement awards if you give to or do volunteer work for a cultural institution?

Will your employer match your gifts to cultural institutions that qualify under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code?

The Friends of the Texas Room has such a qualification. Send your corporation's cultural matching funds form with your check for membership in FTxR. If you volunteer your time as an officer of FTxR or in the Texas Room or HMRC, keep track of your hours and turn them in to your corporation so that the FTxR may obtain a grant from

your corporation's program. This is "found money" for FTxR and can be used towards making a difference to the Texas Room and HMRC.

FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM: WHO WE ARE

Mission: The Friends of the Texas Room seeks to support the collections of the Texas and Local History Department, the Archives and Manuscripts Department, and the Special Collections Department of the Houston Metropolitan Research Center of the Houston Public Library.

2022 Board of Directors (Officers and Directors):

President: Mister McKinney

Vice President: Susan Teich

Secretary: Open Position

Treasurer: Frank Jones

Directors: Jim Bailey, Nancy Burch, Anthony Cavender (Julia Ideson Award Chair), J.J. Gonzalez (Membership Chair), Carol Haddock, Rebecca Harris, Jeff Lindemann (*Texas Room Dispatch* and Website Editor), and George Slaughter.

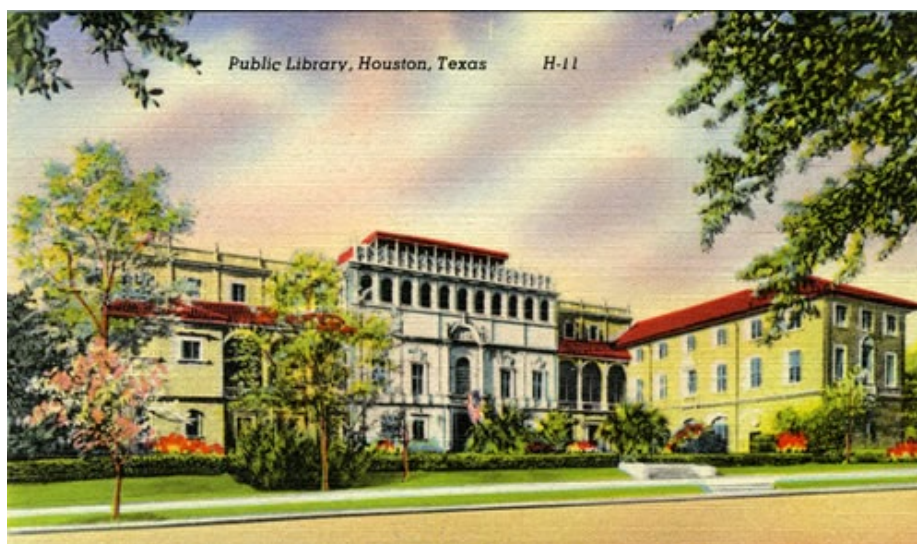
HOW TO CONTACT THE FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM

Membership applications, dues, donations, and mail for Board Members should be sent to the following address:

Friends of the Texas Room
P. O. Box 27827
Houston, Texas 77227-7827

HOW TO CONTACT THE *TEXAS ROOM DISPATCH*

Submissions and comments for the *Texas Room Dispatch* should be emailed to the editor, Jeff Lindemann, at lindemann@SBCglobal.net.



FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM
2022 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Membership Year: 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022

Mail with dues to:

P.O. BOX 27827 HOUSTON, TEXAS 77227-7827

Or apply and pay with PAYPAL online at: www.friendsofthetexasroom.org

DATE: _____

Check applicable: _____ RENEWING APPLICATION _____ NEW APPLICATION

FIRST PERSON: _____ SECOND PERSON AT SAME ADDRESS (if applicable): _____

first name, middle, last name

first name, middle, last name

MAILING ADDRESS (include street or P.O.): _____

CITY/TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP +4: _____

TELEPHONE, FAX, EMAIL

FIRST PERSON:

SECOND PERSON (if different)

HOME: _____

HOME: _____

OFFICE: _____

OFFICE: _____

FAX: _____

FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

E-MAIL: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (please check category)

_____ Benefactor \$500

_____ Patron \$250

_____ Sponsor \$100

_____ Donor \$50

_____ Family \$30

_____ Individual \$20

_____ Senior \$10

_____ Student \$10

NOTE: Friends of the Texas Room is a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization operating under IRS Code 501(c) (3). Membership and additional contributions over and above membership are tax deductible to the extent of the law. Is your gift eligible as a “matching gift” from an employer or other entity? If so, please give the name and include the appropriate form.

Additional contribution: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (Membership plus contribution): \$ _____

VOLUNTEER INTERESTS: Please check below to volunteer for FTR activities or library services:

___ **COLLECTIONS VOLUNTEER:** Be trained and increase your own knowledge about research techniques.

___ **NEWSLETTER:** Writing articles about materials in the collections or reporting on related activities.

___ **MEMBERSHIP:** Maintain up-to-date membership list and send out renewal notices.

___ **HOSPITALITY:** Meeting room preparations, greeting people, refreshments when needed, etc.

___ **PROGRAMS:** Help develop programs or special seminars or workshops.

___ **PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Developing posters, displays, news releases, handouts, etc.

___ **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

___ **OTHER:** _____

2022 Call For Entries



Julia Ideson

Award

**Houston Public Library
Friends of the Texas
Room**

Deadline: May 1, 2022

This is a call for entries for the annual Julia Ideson Award sponsored by the Friends of the Texas Room at the Houston Public Library. The award commemorates the Houston Public Library's first director, Julia Bedford Ideson (1885-1945), and it recognizes distinguished projects that document Houston and Texas history and culture.

THE RESOURCES OF THE LIBRARY'S TEXAS ROOM/HOUSTON METROPOLITAN RESEARCH CENTER MUST BE USED, TO A SIGNIFICANT EXTENT, IN THE CREATION OF THE ENTRY.

In 2022, the call for entries is for published books documenting Houston and Texas history and culture.

The Julia Ideson Award and a prize of \$500.00 will be presented to the winner by the Friends of the Texas Room at its annual meeting on October 31st, 2022. For additional information, visit www.friendsofthetexasroom.org or contact Anthony B. Cavender at Anthony.cavender@pillsburylaw.com (713-276-7656).

Eligibility: A book based scholarly research completed within the past five years (2014-2019) documenting local Houston and/or Texas history and culture USING THE RESOURCES OF THE HOUSTON METROPOLITAN RESEARCH CENTER SIGNIFICANTLY, BUT NOT NECESSARILY EXCLUSIVELY.

2022 Entries: As described above.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH EACH ENTRY:

1. Name, address, telephone number and e-mail of the person submitting the entry/nomination.
2. Name, address, telephone number and e-mail of the person(s) or organization responsible for the project, if not the nominator.
3. Briefly describe the entry.
4. LIST THE SPECIFIC RESOURCES OF THE TEXAS ROOM / HMRC USED IN THE PROJECT AND HOW SUCH RESOURCES WERE UTILIZED.
5. Explain how the project contributes to a better understanding of local or Texas history/culture.
6. Submit **three copies** of the entry.

Submission:

Entries must be submitted in the name of the person(s) or organization responsible for executing the project. Submitting an entry constitutes agreement to the terms of eligibility and also serves as agreement that the Friends of the Texas Room may publicize the award and accompanying details about the recipient(s). **All physical entries become the property of the Houston Metropolitan Research Center.**

Send entries to:

Friends of the Texas Room
P.O. Box 27827
Houston, TX 77227-7827

Previous Recipients of the Julia Ideson Award:

- 2021 Sandra Lord and Debe Branning, authors of *Ghosts of Market Square Park* (The History Press, 2020).
- 2020 No award.
- 2019 No award.
- 2018 Dr. Edwin C. Breeden's thesis, *Educational Politics and the Making of School Desegregation Policy in Houston, Texas*.
- 2017 Tyina Steptoe, author of *Houston Bound: Culture and Color in a Jim Crow City* (University of California Press, 2017).
- 2016 Jim Bailey & Kimberly B. Lykins, Texas Foundation for the Arts, *Post Oak Boulevard, A Texas Legacy*, (2016).
- 2015 Barrie Scardino Bradley, author of *Houston's Hermann Park: A Century of Community* (Texas A & M University Press, 2014).
- 2014 No award.
- 2013 Dr. Brian Behnken, author of *Fighting Their Own Battles: Mexican Americans, African Americans, and the Struggle for Civil Rights in Texas* (Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina Press, 2011).
- 2012 Michael Vance, *HAM Slices, vol. 2: Vignettes of Houston History* (Produced by Houston Arts and Media, 2012).
- 2011 Steven R. Strom, author of *Houston Lost and Unbuilt* (University of Texas Press, 2010).
- 2010 Suzanne Turner and Joanne Seale Wilson, co-authors of *Houston's Silent Garden: Glenwood Cemetery, 1871-2009* (Texas A & M University Press, 2009).
- 2009 Michael R. Boston Jr., author of *Labor, Civil Rights and the Hughes Tool Company* (Texas A & M University Press, 2005).