

TEXAS ROOM DISPATCH

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Monday, January 30th, 2023, Meeting

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the FTxR Officers and Board of Directors have decided to conduct our 2023 quarterly Monday meetings virtually at 7:00 pm using the ZOOM platform. Those wishing to attend the meeting live, are welcome to join President Mister McKinney at the Houston Heritage Society's Tea Room located at 1100 Bagby Street. Free Heritage Society parking is available across Allan Parkway in the Heritage Clay Street Parking Lot and Heritage Clay Street garage. Whether participating on-line or live, members and guests may attend the business meeting conducted by President Mister McKinney, watch the speaker's presentation, and ask questions. To join the 7:00 ZOOM meeting on January 30th, click on the following URL:

<https://bit.ly/FTXR-Abboud1-30-23>

2023 Officers and Directors

At the October 24th meeting, FTxR members voted on the 2023 Board which is comprised of both the Officers and Directors.

President: Mister McKinney (One year remaining on Board – Term expires Oct. 2023)
Vice President: Susan Teich (One year remaining on Board – Term expires Oct. 2023)
Secretary: Open Position (New two-year term on Board – Term expires Oct. 2024)
Treasurer: Frank Jones (New two-year term on Board – Term expires Oct. 2024)
Director: Jim Bailey (One year remaining on the Board – Term expires Oct. 2023)
Director: Nancy Burch (One year remaining on Board – Term expires Oct. 2023)
Director: Anthony Cavender (New two-year on Board – Term expires Oct. 2024)
Director: J.J. Gonzalez (One year remaining on Board – Term expires Oct. 2023)
Director: Carol Haddock (One year remaining on Board – Term expires Oct. 2023)
Director: Rebecca Harris (One year remaining on Board – Term expires Oct. 2023)
Director: Jeff Lindemann (One year remaining on Board – Term expires Oct. 2023)
Director: George Slaughter (One year remaining on Board – Term expires Oct. 2023)

Mike Abboud to Speak at January 30th Meeting



Join the FTxR on January 30th, 2023, at 7:00 pm, for an evening with Historic Houston Retail's founder Mike Abboud and President Mister McKinney who will interview him. Mr. Abboud, a 7th grade history teacher, has created a robust website on Houston's Historic Retail. On his website, Mr. Abboud presents sections on the history of Houston's department stores, electronics stores, furniture stores, grocery stores, restaurants, and malls. He also includes a "Retail Museum"

where viewers may explore matchbooks, ashtrays, badges, buttons, name tags, and pins related to Houston's retail history. Mr. Abboud conducted much of research in the Houston Metropolitan Research Center's Texas Room. FTxR members, as well as the public, may join the January 2023 Zoom meeting by using the following link:



<https://bit.ly/FTXR-Abboud1-30-23>

MINUTES OF THE JULY 25th, 2022, ANNUAL MEETING

President Mister McKinney called the October 24th, 2023, Annual 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.

After highlighting some of the FTxR projects and contributions for the Houston Metropolitan Research Center, he asked that the Minutes of the July 25th General Meeting (printed in the *Texas Room Dispatch*) be read and approved. Members voted to accept the Minutes by unanimous consent, and the motion to accept the Minutes was seconded and recorded.

Next, Mister McKinney introduced the evening's speaker Jeff Lindemann. In a presentation entitled "From Bremen to Houston: Mid-Nineteenth Century German Emigration to Texas. Lindemann, a fifth-generation German-Texan, wove a tale of two journeys: that of his ancestors' journey forward through their time to Houston and his own journey back through time to Bremen. A retired college English professor of 43 years, Lindemann shared his experiences exploring research centers in Texas and Germany, travelling through communist East Germany in 1987 in search of Lindemann family records, and in writing, compiling, and publishing his family history book *The Lindemann Family History: Three Generations in Texas*. He donated copies to the Clayton Branch Library in Houston and to the Lutheran Church in the village of Worpen, Germany.

2023 FTxR QUARTERLY MEETING DATES AND SPEAKERS



January 30th General Meeting: Michael Abboud

April 24th General Meeting: TBA

July 31st General Meeting: TBA

October 23rd Annual Meeting: TBA

NEWS FROM THE TEXAS ROOM

By Letrice Davis



Photo of Texas Room by Joel Draut

The Houston Metropolitan Research Center is pleased to announce two new staff members. Letrice Davis is the new Manager of the HMRC. She comes to us from Louisiana and holds a MLIS degree from the University of North Texas. Mikhaila McCray started as the Hispanic Collection Archivist this September as well. We are excited to welcome both ladies to our stellar team.

The Houston History Research Center is pleased to announce the promotion of Ginger Berni to our Archivist II position in Architecture. She was previously the Processing Archivist I and brings with her a wealth of experience from both the HHRC and her

many years with The Heritage Society. We would also like to welcome Elizabeth Lira who joined us as our new Library Service Specialist in Digitization. She is currently pursuing her master's in library science and comes to us from the Jungman Neighborhood Library.

Collection News

The HMRC has recently

1. Accepted several additions to MSS 0496 Graham B. Luhn Papers, consisting mainly of architecture drawings,
2. Received Karl Young Park scrapbooks and architecture drawings donation,
3. Accepted addition to RG 1393 Children's Prison Arts Project,
4. Received documents from Noel Freeman of COH Public Works regarding the 1920s construction of the cistern on Buffalo Bayou, and
5. Received documents from Chase Untermeyer as addition to collection MSS 1421.

Programs and Events Update

February

Rare Books Room Showcase – 2/16/23 at 5:45 PM in the Texas Room

Each month, one of the HPL History Research Centers – the African American History Research Center, the Family History Research Center, and the Houston History Research Center will share information about collections that are housed within the walls of each location. This presentation will showcase rare, interesting, and unique items from the Rare Books Room/HHRC 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.

March

Archives Watch Party: Women's Moments – Date TBD

HHRC 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 on women! The watch parties can be viewed on Facebook and YouTube.

***Building a Texas-Sized Memorial: The San Jacinto Monument - 3/2/23 at 2:00 PM
via Microsoft Teams***



At 567 feet tall, the San Jacinto Monument is a shining example of Art Deco style and is an engineering marvel designed by Houston architect, Alfred Finn with support and inspiration from businessman Jesse H. Jones. This program will examine original architectural drawings, photographs and correspondence between Finn and Jones in preparation for the Texas Centennial celebration in 1936. Join us and learn what it took to build this enduring Texas-sized memorial.

April

Celebrate National Gardening Month: The Braeswood Garden Club – Date TBD

Join the Houston History Research Center this year in celebrating National Gardening Month. In this presentation, we will look at our Braeswood Garden Club Scrapbooks Collection. This presentation can be viewed on Facebook and YouTube.

Preservation 101 – 4/28/23 at 2:00 PM via Microsoft Teams

Every year at the end of April, Preservation Week is celebrated across the country. The purpose of Preservation Week is to promote the work that librarians do to preserve the materials in their collections, and to educate the public on how to preserve their own collections. Preservation 101 is an introductory look at preserving home collections. This program will cover environmental hazards for book and paper materials as well as tips and tricks for storing and handling collections.

You can register for these programs at: [Special Collections Upcoming Library Events](#)

Please follow us on the HPL social channels, using #HPLHMRC or #HoustonHistoryResearchCenter

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/houstonlibrary>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/houstonpubliclibrary/>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/houstonlibrary>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/houstonlibrary>

FTxR 2023 Membership Benefits
Photograph Reproductions

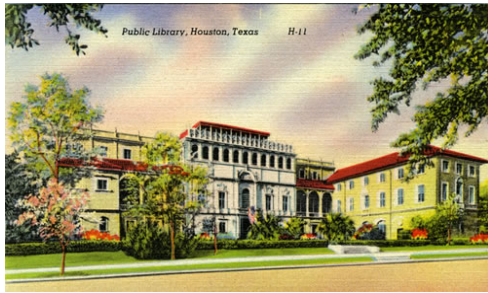
Each 2023 member of the Friends of the Texas Room is allowed up to five photographic reproductions at half-price this year. Send your requests to:

Photo.Reference@houstontx.gov

Behind-the-Scenes Tour of the Archives

FTxR members may arrange a tour of the seldom-seen HMRC archives that house an amazing collection of historic documents related to Houston and Texas history.

Texas Room Hours



Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Thursday: 12:00 noon – 7:00 pm

Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

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, will not buy expendable supplies for the Library, or 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.

2023 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, TX 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.

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: _____

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SECOND PERSON (if different)

HOME: _____

HOME: _____

OFFICE: _____

OFFICE: _____

FAX: _____

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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:** _____

2023 Call For Entries



Julia Ideson

Award

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

Deadline: May 1, 2023

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 2023, 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 2023. 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 (2017-2022) documenting local Houston and/or Texas history and culture USING THE RESOURCES OF THE HOUSTON METROPOLITAN RESEARCH CENTER SIGNIFICANTLY, BUT NOT NECESSARILY EXCLUSIVELY.

2023 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