

# THE TEXAS ROOM DISPATCH

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**Monday, October 30th, 2017, Meeting**

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

**6:00 – 6:30 Reception**  
**6:30 Program**

## PROGRAM

**Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Carol Vance, former District Attorney of Harris County from 1966 to 1979,  
will be speak on the topic

"Fighting Crime in Houston During the 1960s and '70s."

## ELECTION OF FTxR BOARD MEMBERS

### FTxR Nominees to the Board of Directors 2018

President: Dorothy Knox Houghton (one year remaining)

Vice President: Susan Teich (new two-year term)\*

Secretary: Charles Maynard (one year remaining)

Treasurer: Frank Jones (one year remaining)

Director: Carol Haddock (new two year term)\*

Director: Jeff Lindemann (one year remaining)

Director Nancy Burch (new two-year term)\*

Director: Cathy McCully (one year remaining)

Director: Tony Cavender (one year remaining)

Director: Randall McKinney II (one year remaining)

Director: George Werner (one year remaining)

\*Candidates for Election to the Board

## PRESENTATION OF THE 2017 JULIA IDESON AWARD

to **Dr. Tyina Steptoe** for *Houston Bound: Culture and Color in a Jim Crow City*  
and

**Honorable Mention to**

**Dr. Dan M. Worrall** for *Pleasant Bend: Upper Buffalo Bayou and the San Felipe Trail in the 19th Century*.

Free parking, with validation at the meeting, is available in the garage under the Jones Building accessed from Lamar Avenue. Parking is also available in the Smith Garage located at 1100 Smith Street next to the Pappas restaurant. The garage entrance is on Smith Street. A flat parking fee of \$5.00 is charged after 5:00 pm.

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

All attendees need to enter the Julia Ideson Building from the main entrance across the plaza from the Central Library.

**VISIT THE FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM WEBSITE!**

[www.friendsofthetexasroom.org](http://www.friendsofthetexasroom.org)

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**MINUTES OF THE July 31<sup>st</sup> 2017, GENERAL MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Dorothy Knox Houghton.

Minutes of the prior quarterly meeting were presented and approved.

President Houghton next introduced the evening's speaker, Randy Tibbits. Mr. Tibbits spoke on an exhibit by the Negro Art Guild which opened on August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Ideson Building. The exhibit was sponsored by the Houston Artists Group.

The meeting concluded around 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Maynard, Secretary

**NEWS FROM THE TEXAS ROOM**

By Laney Chavez, HMRC Manager

McKinney Entrance to the Julia Ideson Building, Photo by Joel Draut



Since 2006, American Archives Month has given the profession an opportunity to tell (or remind) people that items that are important to them are being preserved, cataloged, cared for, and made accessible by archivists.

### **National Archives**

This year the National Archives is celebrating American Archives Month with the theme, "Archives Across America." The Pieces of History blog will feature a series of guest blogs from staff around the country and staff will also join #AskAnArchivist Day October 4 on Twitter. Each Tuesday will include mini #AskAnArchivist sessions on Twitter from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. On October 25<sup>th</sup>, the National Archives will host a live Virtual Genealogy Fair via webcast on YouTube, which offers advice on family history research in federal records. Follow the National Archives on Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, and Instagram to find more information and to share your favorite archives story.

### **Texas State Library and Archive Commission**

Archives Month in Texas aims to celebrate the value of Texas' historical records, to publicize the many ways these records enrich our lives, to recognize those who maintain our communities' historical records, and to increase public awareness of the importance of preserving historical treasures and making them available for use by present and future generations. This year, Texas Archives Month commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America's entry into the First World War and recognizes the efforts of archivists, archival institutions, and volunteers who collect, preserve, and provide access to this rich documentary history through a growing number of online, digital collections. Images available online can be found at the Portal to Texas History <https://texashistory.unt.edu/> and the Texas Digital Archive <https://tsl.access.preservica.com/>.

This October the Houston Metropolitan Research Center will once again join archival repositories across the nation to raise awareness about the value of archives and archivists and promote the preservation of our country's documentary heritage. Here are the remaining programs we have for month:

#### **Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>; 6:30 pm-7:30 pm; Heights Library Meeting Room**

Preserving School Memories: Storing and Maintaining School Memorabilia – The Houston Metropolitan Research Center invites you to participate in a program about preserving your memorabilia at the Heights Branch as a part of our Archives Month festivities. Memorabilia comes in many different forms – trophies, letterman jackets, ribbons, etc. – and provides a unique challenge to preserve it for future generations. This program will discuss common types of school

memorabilia and ways to preserve them. Examples will be shown from our school memorabilia collections. This talk is part of a series of presentations put on by the Houston Metropolitan Research Center to celebrate Archives Month 2017.

**Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>; 6:30 pm-7:30 pm; Heights Library Meeting Room**

Preservation 101 – The Houston Metropolitan Research Center invites you to join us in celebrating Archives Month 2017 with a Preservation 101 program at the Heights Neighborhood Library. This talk will cover preservation fundamentals, how and why the library preserves its collections, and give some ideas that might be useful in your own home. Learn best practices and tips for storage and handling of family documents and photos. This talk is part of a series of presentations put on by the Houston Metropolitan Research Center to celebrate Archives Month 2017.

## **Programs and Events**

***Planned, Organized, and Established: Houston Artist Cooperatives in the 1930s- August 12<sup>th</sup> - November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017; JIB 2<sup>nd</sup> floor exhibit gallery***

An exhibit featuring the work of Houston artist communities in the 1930s. The exhibition is the first-time paintings from the Houston Artists Gallery and the Negro Art Guild unite in one gallery.

**Preserving School Memories: Storing and Maintaining School Memorabilia- Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 pm at Heights Neighborhood Library (HMRC staff- Elizabeth Mayer; Samantha Bruer)**

On Wednesday October 18th, the Houston Metropolitan Research Center invites you to participate in a program about preserving your memorabilia at the Heights Neighborhood Library as a part of our Archives Month festivities. Memorabilia comes in many different forms – trophies, letterman jackets, ribbons, etc. – and provides a unique challenge to preserve it for future generations. This program will discuss common types of school memorabilia and ways to preserve them. Examples will be shown from our school memorabilia collections. This talk is part of a series of presentations put on by the Houston Metropolitan Research Center to celebrate Archives Month 2017.

**Preservation 101- Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30 pm at Heights Neighborhood Library (HMRC staff- Emily Scott; Mika Selley)**

On Wednesday, October 25, the Houston Metropolitan Research Center invites you to join us in celebrating Archives Month 2017 with a Preservation 101 program at the Heights Neighborhood Library. This talk will cover preservation fundamentals, how and why the library preserves its collections, and give some ideas that might be useful in your own home. Learn best practices and tips for storage and handling of family documents and photos. This talk is part of a series of presentations put on by the Houston Metropolitan Research Center to celebrate Archives Month 2017.

**Julia Ideson Building Tour- November 4<sup>th</sup>, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and January 6<sup>th</sup>; 11:00 am**

Join us on the first Saturday of every month 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 (Plateresque)-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. Free one-hour tours of the Ideson Building begin at 11 a.m. at the reception desk in the lobby. Tours are available on a first come basis and are limited to 20 people. If you would like to schedule a tour for a group of 10 or more, please contact 832-393-1662.

**Texas Room Orientation- October 21<sup>st</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup>, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 11am**

On the third Saturday of every month, HMRC will offer a Texas Room orientation. In our monthly orientation, patrons can learn about the variety of resources available through the Texas Room and the types of collections and materials available through HMRC. Find out how to get started with your research and ways to get the most out of your research. No reservations required. Please allow time for signing in and checking personal items.

***Where's the book on my house? How to research a historic property- Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 11:00 am-1:00 pm in the JIB Meldrum Room***

The Houston Metropolitan Research Center's Architectural Archivist will present on the basics of how to research a historic property. This will include how to date buildings, find original residents, and which local organizations can help. Highlighting HMRC's value to building research, this event will also include an Architectural Orientation to the Texas Room to introduce the public to our collections and how to access them through the reference desk. This program goes beyond our monthly Texas Room Orientation to focus primarily on HMRC's architectural collections. Customers will learn about

architectural drawings, archival collections, books, and other materials that are useful in historic building research. Parking is available under the Central Library building, with entry on Lamar Street. For questions, please contact Samantha Bruer at [samantha.bruer@houstontx.gov](mailto:samantha.bruer@houstontx.gov) or 832-393-1376.

## **2017 Membership Benefits**

### **Photograph Reproductions**

Each 2017 member of the Friends of the Texas Room is allowed up to five photographic reproductions at half-price this year. Image sizes available at half-price are:

- 5x7 print (\$12.50 normally costs \$6.25)
- 8x10 print (\$18.00 normally costs \$9.00)

Please note: Requests for the five half-price photograph reproductions need to be directed to me at [Laney.Chavez@houstontx.gov](mailto:Laney.Chavez@houstontx.gov) for tracking purposes and to ensure the Photo Lab processes the payment correctly.

### **Volunteers**

HMRC can use volunteers who want to help going through archival collections box by box to determine what is in them. HMRC can also use volunteers who want to help create lesson plans incorporating primary sources from HMRC's collections. HMRC is also still seeking talented individuals to serve as tour guides and volunteer educators to ensure that all visitors to the HMRC and Julia Ideson Building have an enriched experience.

We are looking for docents who are:

- Passionate and Curious about Texas and Houston history.
- Committed to engaging the visitors to the Houston Metropolitan Research Center and the Julia Ideson Building in a rewarding and educational experience.
- Well-prepared for diverse questions and expressions of interest regarding the history of the Julia Ideson Building and HMRC's various collections.

Duties will include but are not limited to:

- Walking tours of the Julia Ideson Building and grounds
- Orientations to the Texas Room, Reading Room, and/or Exhibit Hall
- Instruction on history topics
- Guided informational visits to exhibits and installations

If any of these opportunities interest you, please contact Laney Chavez ([Laney.Chavez@houstontx.gov](mailto:Laney.Chavez@houstontx.gov)) to discuss further.

## **NEW HOURS!**

### **Texas Room Hours**

#### **The Texas Room hours are:**

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 – 6:00

Wednesday: 10:00 – 6:00

Thursday: 12:00 – 8:00

Friday: 10:00 – 5:00

Saturday: 10:00 – 5:00

Sunday: Closed

### **FTxR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

- Quarterly issues of the *Texas Room Dispatch*.
- Quarterly meetings featuring outstanding speakers on local history.
- Preservation consultation sessions with the HMRC staff members on preserving family documents and memorabilia. Sessions are conducted twice a year on Fridays when the Texas Room is normally closed.
- Research Lock-Ins twice a year on a Friday. HMRC staff members will provide one-on-one research consultation to FTxR members.
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### **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.

**2017 Board of Directors:**

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Directors: Nancy Burch, Anthony Cavender, Carol Haddock, Jeff Lindemann, Catherine McCulley, Randy McKinney II, and George Werner

**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](mailto:lindemann@SBCglobal.net) or sent to his home address:

Jeff Lindemann, Editor  
*Texas Room Dispatch*  
3405 Roseland, Houston, Texas 77006

**FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM  
2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Membership Year: 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018

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:** \_\_\_\_\_