

THE TEXAS ROOM DISPATCH
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April 27th MEETING
6:30 Reception
7:00 Program

PROGRAM:
Julia Ideson Building
Restoration/Archival Wing
by Phoebe Tudor and Barry Moore

MUSEUM OF PRINTING HISTORY
1324 W. CLAY

The Museum of Printing History is located at 1324 W. Clay Street between Waugh Drive and Montrose, one block south of West Dallas. Free parking is available in the lot across the street or in the small lot on the left, adjacent to the Museum building.

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www.friendsofthetexasroom.org

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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Friends,

The HMRC staff is ready to train new volunteers for the second phase of the collections inventory process. The task is not difficult, the staff support is excellent, and the volunteer gains a fascinating insight into the JIB collections. If you or a friend have a few hours a week to devote to this project, please call the HMRC Manager, Kemo Curry, at (832) 393-1662 or e-mail her at: kemo.curry@cityofhouston.net.

The DVD of our documentary, "In Search of Houston's History," is now available for sale. To place your order, go to our website www.friendsofthetexasroom.org, print out the order form, write your check payable to "Friends of the Texas Room" (\$30 per copy), and mail the form and check to us at P. O. Box 27827, Houston, Texas 77227-7827. The proceeds of each sale will benefit the HMRC.

I especially want to thank our treasurer, Cathy Fitch, for handling the financial side of the DVD sales and Alice Conlon for mailing out the orders. In particular, I want to thank Michael Conlon for advising us on the legal aspects of this new venture.

We now have the challenge of identifying businesses interested in buying the DVD for resale. (For tax reasons we cannot consign it.) If you know of any such opportunities, please contact us at our new e-mail address: contact@friendsofthetexasroom.org.

We are most grateful to Jeff Lindemann and Joyce Evans for setting up our e-mail and to Susan Teich for monitoring it.

Please remember that June 1st is the deadline for nominations for the 2009 Julia Ideson Award. There is no limit to the number of times that any one project can be nominated, so we encourage nominees who did not win last year to try again.

I look forward to seeing you at the general meeting on April 27th to hear the update on the JIB restoration.

Dorothy Knox Houghton

REMINDER ABOUT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Don't miss out! The Friends of the Texas Room is an active organization. The Friends' hour-long documentary, "In Search of Houston's History," has recently appeared on television and is now for sale, the first annual Julia Ideson Award was given last October, and we have enjoyed wonderful speakers at our meetings. Your support has made all of this possible. **If we don't hear from you soon, we will have to drop your name from our mailing list.** Membership forms are attached to this edition of *The Dispatch* and are available on our website.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26TH, 2009, GENERAL MEETING

The Friends of the Texas Room met at the Museum of Printing History, 1324 W. Clay St., on July 28, 2008, and after a brief reception and refreshments the President Dorothy Knox Houghton called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. She then introduced the speaker, David Welling, winner of the first annual Friends of the Texas Room--Julia Ideson Award for his book, *Cinema Houston: From Nickelodeon to Megaplex*. Welling gave an informative presentation about his research and background for his award winning book.

Following Welling's presentation, President Dorothy Knox Houghton asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the October 27, 2008 meeting as printed in the January 2009 "Dispatch" newsletter. Motion was made and approved.

Treasurer Cathy Fitch reported a balance of \$4,049.67 in the checking account, \$10,522.72 in the savings account and \$20,000 transferred from checking to a CD, for a total of \$34,572.39. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

Dorothy Knox Houghton reported on several items including the January 12, 2009, Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new wing of the Julia Ideson Building; DVD production of the Documentary (sales price \$30.00 each) and the need for a Marketing Director; FTxR would be receiving a "Good Brick Award" from the Greater Houston Preservation Alliance on February 6, 2009 at the Cornerstone Dinner; and completion of Phase I of the Inventory of books in the Texas Room. She also noted that Sims McCutchan had copies of the revised Julia Ideson Award Nomination Form for 2009.

The following announcements were made: Barbara Eaves announced that the next San Jacinto Symposium would be held at the University of Houston, April 18, 2009. There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
William Kellar

NEWS FROM THE TEXAS ROOM

By Kemo Curry, Manager, HMRC



That's right! Ground was broken for the JIB expansion on January 12th. This photo was made, of course, by the one and only Joel Draut. The construction has been proceeding apace and prospects looks good for completion by the end of the year.

Tim Ronk, HMRC's Exhibit Coordinator, has really hit a groove and since January has mounted: "Telling Our Story: African American Dolls and Quilts", "Let's Go to the Livestock Show", and "Houston in the 1860s". And, coming soon will be an exhibit in honor of the 120th anniversary of The Salvation Army.

Our Collection Development Librarian, Liz Sargent, has developed the marvelous *HMRC Gazette*, an electronic newsletter hosted by NextReads. If you go to <http://www.houstonlibrary.org/> and click on "Join the Mailing List", you will find a listing for Texas and Houston History. Clicking on the Texas and Houston History link will show you the first issue. There are highlighted articles on the Archives, TXR Collection, New Arrivals, HMRC Events, and much more! Please subscribe – you won't be disappointed.

Please note reminder of our upcoming progressive closing timeline:

July 1 – August 31, 2009

Open to the public three days a week: Monday, Thursday, and Saturday
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

September 1 – October 31, 2009

By appointment only, Monday through Friday, not including Saturdays
Some City Directories (bound volumes and microfiche) will be moved to
Clayton to complement their run, providing access to this most heavily used
portion of HMRC's collection.)

November 1, 2009 - Opening

By appointment only, Tuesdays and Thursdays

**FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM SEEKS MARKETING CHAIRPERSON AND
COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS**

Now that the documentary "In Search of Houston's History" is finished, the
Friends of the Texas Room is seeking a volunteer to chair a committee as well as
committee volunteers to market the film. Volunteers should contact President
Dorothy Knox Houghton at her email address:

Dorothy_Houghton@SBCglobal.net .

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. We
like to hear what our Friends are doing!

POLICIES

Policies of the Friends of the Texas Room

Relating 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 FTR. If you volunteer your time as an officer of FTR or in the Texas Room or HMRC, keep track of your hours and turn them in to your corporation so that the FTR may obtain a grant from your corporation's program. This is "found money" for FTR 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.

Board of Directors:

President – Dorothy Knox Houghton

Vice-President – Nancy Burch

Secretary – William Kellar

Treasurer – Cathy Fitch

Directors: Alice Conlon, Mary Jo Coselli, Sharon Dies, and Susan Teich

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@hccs.edu or sent to his home address:

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

FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM

2009 Membership Application

Membership Year: January 1 – December 31

RETURN TO: P.O. BOX 27827 * HOUSTON, TEXAS 77227-7827

FIRST PERSON:

SECOND PERSON AT SAME ADDRESS:

first name middle name last name

first name middle name last name

Mailing Address (include street or P.O.): _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ ZIP +4: _____

TELEPHONE, FAX, OR EMAIL

First Person

2nd 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

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

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.

VOLUNTEER INTERESTS

Please check below if you would like 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.
- Telephone/E-Mail Committee: Contact for meeting cancellations, unscheduled events, or breaking news.
- 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: _____