

## HAYS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Thursday, March 22, 2012

**Buck and Kitty Winn's Home  
Winn Valley Drive  
Wimberley, Texas 78676**



After tours of the Buck and Kitty Winn home by Tinka Winn Eoff, the meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by HCHC Chairman Kate Johnson. A quorum was met with the following members present: Linda Coker, Shelley Henry, Robert Frizzell, Marianne Moore, Madeline Van Brunt, Richard Kidd, Bonnie Eissler, SarahAnn Lowther, Ofelia Vásquez-Philo, Dorothy Gumbert, Betty Harrison, Jeff Jordan, Celeste Zygmont, Lu Hickey, Luanne Cullen, Jim Cullen, and Marie Bassett. Also attending were seven guests. Next meeting will be held on April 26, 2012, 6:00 p.m. at the Stagecoach Inn in Buda with supper at Jardines.

### 1. Announcements:

--Kate reported that El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Association and the Oregon-California Trail Association are hosting a symposium in Austin, Texas on April 26-28, 2012, which will explore the histories of both trails and will discuss developments taking place with each.

--She also said that the Grafik Intervention design project was to be held this evening at the Old Hays County Jail as well as the Cephas House and Old Baptist Church in the Dunbar Historic district with digital projections to light the buildings.

--Kate also reminded the members of Sheriff Cutler, the Hays County Sheriff's Office, and the Buda Police Department will be sponsoring a "Guns-n-Hoses" Blood Drive on March 24, 2012, at the Wimberley Disaster Preparedness Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; March 30, 2012, at the Hays County Sheriff's Office, Training Room B from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; March 31, 2012, Cabela's northern parking lot from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and HEB in Dripping Springs from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Jeff Jordan provided more details of the drive.

--Kate reported that construction will begin to restore the Historic Kyle Depot on April 2, 2012. SpawGlass contractors have been selected to begin work on Phase One by removing the building from its foundation and moving it a short distance.

Then they will shore up the foundation, replace the depot, and board up the windows. Phase Two, restoring the windows, removing the second-floor bedroom, and replacing the roof will take place after funds are raised.

--Marie Bassett—Heritage Circle of Dripping Springs will be making DVDs of the presentation of "From Frontier to Franchise: Early Businesses in Dripping Springs" event that was held Sunday, March 4. The next event, Walk Round Driftwood Cemetery, is tentatively set for Sunday, October 21 from 3p.m -5 p.m.

--Marianne Moore—The Cottage Kitchen luncheons will resume on March 23.

--Ofelia Vásquez-Philo—A celebration to benefit El Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos will take place on Saturday, March 24, with BBQ, Art Sale, and Garage Sale.

--Shelley Henry—San Marcos Heritage weekend, May 5-6, will be held in conjunction with the Tour of Homes sponsored by the San Marcos Heritage Association. Many local sites will be open for tours, such as El Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos ; LBJ Museum; Calaboose; Commemorative Air Force; Courthouse exhibits by HCHC; Merriman Cabin and Cottage Kitchen.

2. Vote on accepting minutes from February 22, 2012--Dorothy Gumbert moved to accept the minutes, and Ofelia Vásquez-Philo seconded the motion. All members voted to accept the minutes.
3. 2012 Most Endangered Places List—Shelley Henry reported about today's Preservation Summit and the announcement of our Historic Moveable Jail on the list. Good contacts were made at the session—one student is interested in helping us and several fundraising ideas were gathered. The location of the Jail Cell will be determined later.
4. World War II History of Hays County Documentary—Richard Kidd said that we are in the middle of the project and that we need a few more interviews which Bonnie Eissler will set up. The documentary will show what Hays County was like at the beginning of the WWII and how farmers, etc. who were sent to South Pacific or Europe were changed by the effects of the war.
5. Historical Marker Committee Report—Betty Harrison reported that the deadline for paying for markers came and fees were paid. We are still waiting for last year's markers to be completed.
6. Old Hays County Jail Report—Kate reported that \$22, 280 for the Old Hays County Jail has been raised. The goal is \$150,000, and we hope to raise those funds in 6 months. The County Road Department will be doing the maintenance on the building and yard.
7. Oral History Committee Report—Bonnie Eissler said that after the interviews, we will be back on the schedule for documentaries.

8. Cemetery Committee Report—Jim Cullen said that, because of rain, there has been more need for maintenance on cemeteries and on equipment. Richard Gomez has been helping to clean up Byrd-Owen-Payne. We do not have to take care of as many cemeteries as we did because of the county's contracts. He also updated the members as to the TxState headstone and its upcoming return to Collin County.
9. Adjourn: Betty Harrison moved that the meeting adjourn; Linda Coker seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Luanne Cullen, HCHC Secretary

Please see the following photos from the meeting.

