

## HAYS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION



**Thursday, March 26, 2015**  
**Jacque Webster & John Rowley**  
**13205 FM 1826**  
**Austin, Texas 78737**

Prior to the March 26, 2015, meeting of the Hays County Historical Commission, Kate Johnson introduced the evening's hosts, Jacque Webster and John Rowley, who described the history of their land, buildings, and sites as well as the story of Peter Wüthrich. A walking tour was offered to visit the Wüthrich cemetery, barn, and house. Two of the guests, Amanda Moon and Betty Burke, were descendants of the Wüthrich family and provided photos and information of the family.

The meeting was called to order by HCHC Chairman Kate Johnson at 6:51 p.m. A quorum was met as the following members were present: Eric Beckers, Linda Coker, Jim Cullen, Luanne Cullen, Cathy Dillon, Robert Frizzell, Eddie Gumbert, Dorothy Gumbert, Betty Harrison, Shelley Henry, Carmen Imel, Mark Jackson, Melody Jaramio, Kate Johnson, Jeff Jordan, Richard Kidd, SarahAnn Lowther, Jerry Moore, Karen Moore, Tricia Randow, Ralph Randow, Ofelia Vásquez-Philo, and Charlie Willis. Eight guests also attended.

1. **Announcements**—Kate said that the next HCHC meeting would be held on April 23 at the home of Don and Jill Woods at the Deer Lake Estates off RM 3237 near Wimberley. She also described the loss of one of our historical markers due to car damage at the San Marcos River near the McGehee crossing on the Old Bastrop Highway. The marker had since been taken and had not been located. The HCHC will be designing a new County Marker.
2. **Vote on accepting minutes from February 28, 2015**—One typo was noted (“Basset” should have been “Bassett”). Jeff Jordan moved to accept the minutes as amended; Jerry Moore seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as amended.
3. **Buck Winn Murals**—Kate reported that the Wimberley Institute of Cultures (WIC) would match a contribution of \$5000 and asked members to donate whatever amount they could toward that contribution. Several possible donors had also been contacted, including the Burdine Johnson Foundation, the Houston

- Community Foundation, and the Willet Foundation. A fundraiser for restoration costs would be held in April with a wine tasting and silent auction.
4. **Oral History Committee Report**—no report was available.
  5. **Historical Marker Committee Report**—Luanne Cullen read the report submitted by Marie Bassett. The last marker applications from 2014 (C. W. Burdett, Indian Mott Skirmish, and First Baptist Church NBC, San Marcos) were ready to be ordered from the foundry. The first 2015 marker request had been received from Claire and Bruce Billingsley for Wimberley's Zach House. They would be providing paperwork for research and would be inviting the Historical Marker Committee for a visit at a later date. Marie's report also mentioned that she and her husband had attended the talk by Dr. Susannah Worth on "Conserving Family Treasures" at the Dripping Springs Library and that the Dripping Springs Heritage Circle would be hosting another cemetery walk at the Fitzhugh Cemetery on Saturday, April 11.
  6. **Courthouse Museum Committee Report**—Linda Coker reported that she had given a tour and a talk about the Courthouse and Old Jail to the Preservation Texas Board of Directors. One board member, Gary Williams from El Paso, had some information about a fountain in El Paso that was similar to the Col. Peter C. Woods' fountain on our Courthouse grounds which might provide a clue to its original color of paint. The Courthouse Museum had been busy hosting visitors, such as during the Corndog Festival, and would be participating in the Wine and Art Weekend. She needed volunteers to help on Friday, April 10, and Saturday, April 11. She described the upcoming Chamber of Commerce event, "6<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Green Home & Living Show," March 27-28, with various speakers to present. May events included the Hays County "Foodstock" and the "Western Swing Festival." She passed around the *Guide to Everything San Marcos* ad and displayed the certificate from the *San Marcos Daily Record* that named the HCHC Museum Gallery as 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up in the Best of Hays, 2014.
  7. **Hispanic Committee Report**—Ofelia Vásquez-Philo reported that the Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos would be presenting a movie on Cesar Chavez on March 27 at 6:00 p.m. A photo exhibit would also be available for viewing. A Cinco de Mayo celebration would be held on May 1 at the Cuauhtemoc Hall on Patton Street in San Marcos at 11:30 a.m. Kate Johnson then presented Ofelia with a framed Tom Bender photograph, *Fiesta*, "in recognition of her public service to Hays County and her dedication to further the history and culture of the Hispanic story."
  8. **General Edward Burleson Documentary**—Richard Kidd said that, because of the windy conditions the night of this meeting, the documentary would not be shown. The documentary's editing was complete, the artwork for the DVD cover was finalized, and all were being duplicated and printed. He said that the Burleson family reunion would be held the first weekend in April in Bastrop, and he, Kate, and Linda Coker would be attending to show the documentary.
  9. **Adjourn**—Jerry Moore moved that the meeting adjourn; Carmen Imel seconded the motion. Motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m. Cathy Dillon reminded everyone of the Heritage Association's Home Tour that would be held May 2-3. Kate presented a copy of the book Clear Springs and



Limestone Ledges and copies of the HCHC documentaries to the hosts. Supper followed. Members were also invited to tour the home and view old photos of the buildings before and after restoration.

Respectfully submitted,  
Luanne P. Cullen, HCHC Secretary  
*(Photos courtesy of Jim Cullen)*



