

New Members: Gerald and Karen Farris, Vernon and Linda Proctor, and Raleigh Mae Stevenson and Amy Stevenson

Honorariums: Chris Wallace in honor of the 2012-13 board
Barbara Terrill in honor of the anniversaries of Bob and Jean Werry and Ben and Bobbie Thomas

Alma Lou Staniford in honor of Dorothy Howell

Donations: Jack Spurlock, Rosemary Robbins, Kaye and Oscar Ward, Joshua and Shirley Chowritmootoo, Margie Stipes, and Lee and Jim Wilcox

Memorials given: Don and Mary Oberlin, Barbara Grogan, Pam and Ken Engman, Jim and Peggy Fulbright, Mary Higbie, Don Miller, Jearlene Miller, and Pete Fernandez

Memorials for: Ed Fulbright, Frances Wicks, Patricia B. Miller, Jackie Mae Townsell, LaRee Nardiello, Douglas R. Grogan, Bob Fernandez, and Lee and EmmaBelle Borah.

Condolences to the families on their recent loss: Ed Fulbright and Frances Wicks

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Santoscoy Installs Officers

The May general meeting served as the time for installation of officers and directors for this year. City Councilman Roy Santoscoy installed the following officers: President, Janice Carroll; President-elect, Patty Landers Caperton; First Vice-President (membership), Doug Fox; Second Vice-President (programs), Kaye Ward; Third Vice-President (projects), Stacey Martin; Recording Secretary, Sandra Cole; Corresponding Secretary, Velma Edwin; Treasurer, Diane Mannon; Historian, Kevin Kendro; and Parliamentarian, Chris Wallace.

New directors welcomed included Kitty Boyle, Chris Dobson, Angie Drake, Anne Pfaff, Vernon Proctor, Bob Bourgeois, and Dan Niemeier.

All of the officers and directors look forward to another exciting year!

La Cima Invites Heritage Society to the Antique Appraisal Evening

The La Cima Heritage Committee has once again invited the Irving Heritage Society to join them for their annual Antique Appraisal evening on Thursday, August 1, 6:30-8:30 pm in the lovely La Cima Club, twenty-six floors above the Mustangs of Las Colinas, located at 5215 N. O'Connor.

While it isn't necessary to bring anything, guests may submit a family treasure or an interesting item and get a market value from the professional appraisers. The cost is \$25.00, all inclusive. Dessert and coffee will be served. Guests are limited to one item per person for appraisal. Garage parking will be validated.

Please bring your treasured antique at 5:30 pm in order to give the appraisers time to review the various items. While they are appraising your article, you might enjoy a light supper in the lounge or dinner in the dining room at the La Cima Club (credit cards only, no cash accepted) and enjoy the great view.

For any additional information, contact Mary Higbie at the Heritage Society, 972-252-3838. We hope that you will be able to join us for a fascinating evening and lots of fun. We have all enjoyed this event in the past and look forward to this one. The most difficult thing is deciding which item to bring to be appraised.

Heritage Society and Library Join for Big Read Program

As part of the 2013 Big Read program, the Irving Public Library and the Irving Heritage Society invite you to join them on Sunday, October 20, at 2:30 pm at the Irving Heritage House, 303 South O'Connor. Milton Cohen, professor of literary studies at UTD, will lead the discussion on Gatsby: Myths and Misconceptions. Tea and tea sandwiches will be served. For more information, call the library events hotline: 972-721-4612.

Heritage Society Receives Wilder Silver Award

The Irving Heritage Society has been presented a silver award in the 34th annual Mitchell A. Wilder Publication Design Awards Competition by the Texas Association of Museums. Created to recognize achievement in graphic design and media production and to encourage quality in public presentations, the Wilder Design Competition drew 36 entries from museums of all sizes, regions, and disciplines throughout the state of Texas.

The Irving Heritage Society entered a video presentation of a dramatization of a tour of the Irving Heritage House titled *Irving Heritage House, A House With A History*. This video was produced in conjunction with Irving Community Television Network in honor of the 2012 100th anniversary of the Heritage House, a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark.

Present to accept the award during the April Texas Association of Museums conference were Heritage Society members Dwane Crain, Shirley Chowritmooroo, Mary Higbie, Kevin Kendro, and Wilder competition coordinator Lacie Ballinger.

Update on Mary's Playhouse

by Patty Landers Caperton

The rebuilding of Mary's Playhouse is progressing well with completion expected sometime this fall. After the original structure was demolished in February, a concrete pad was poured, and construction of the new building began. Slight delays were encountered as windows and a Dutch door had to be special ordered. Next steps in the project include painting the outside of the building, adding decorative shutters, and installing electrical outlets. The interior will then be completed using some of the original knotty pine that was salvaged from the old playhouse.

Located in the backyard area of the Heritage House, the small building was originally a chicken coup but was later converted into a playhouse for the young Schulze daughter, Mary. As she grew up, Mary used the small building for her creative interests in painting and later as a place for meditation.

Mary's Playhouse is being rebuilt through a collaborative project with the City of Irving and has been made possible through the generosity of Mart, Inc. and F & F Concrete. Proceeds from the Treasurers and Oddities sale on September 14 will also help fund the project. When the playhouse is completed, tours will serve to educate children about the history of their community.

Completion of Mary's Playhouse promises to be a wonderful addition to the Heritage House and to the city's Heritage Crossing area.

Heritage Society Items for Sale

In case you missed our art exhibit featuring the work of Pete Fernandez*, the Old Red note cards as well as pen/ink drawings of historic homes and landmarks of Irving are still available at \$5.00 for a package of six cards. It was a limited printing so be sure to reserve a package. Holidays are just around the corner, and these cards not only make lovely gifts but offer a beautiful, thoughtful way to share our heritage.

We also have Irving history books (\$15.00) and Centennial Cookbooks (\$10.00) available for sale. A cookbook might be essential for that special someone going off to college in the fall or for that new bride starting a home. The history book makes a beautiful coffee table display and reminds us of our roots.

All items are available at the Heritage House, or call 972-252-3838. The Irving Heritage Society appreciates your support.

The second printing of the *Irving Heritage House Tea Recipes 1989-1990* is still available. This special publication was part of the 100th anniversary celebration of the Heritage House. The reprinting of the book was made possible through collaboration with Cheryl Oertel and her Business Management and Practicum classes at MacArthur High School, who converted the recipes into digital format.

Call 972-252-3838 for sale information.

*More coverage on Fernandez in insert

Sixth Annual Celebrating Irving: The City and the Man

by Mary Higbie

During the month of April, several different activities were held as part of the sixth Annual Celebrating Irving: The City and the Man. Beginning with a special menu at the Glory House Bistro recognizing Washington Irving's 230th birthday, special exhibits focused on Washington Irving and Jackie Townsell, and a presentation by Dr. Tracy Hoffman on Washington Irving were just some of the events.

This year's Honoring Women of Irving's History focused on the life and community service of Jackie Mae Townsell. Hosted by Cathy Whiteman and assisted by students from the Jackie Townsell Singing Timberwolves and the J. O. Davis Drama Club, plus the Evergreen Baptist Church "Blessed Quietness Mine Ministry," a delightful program was provided to the large audience of family and friends. To receive information about obtaining a video of the program, contact Mary Higbie at 972-252-3838.

The final rounds of the Irving Trivia found four strong teams competing for the honor of hosting the Irving Trivia trophy for a year. The final teams included last year's champions the Henry Holmes Breakfast Forum, the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Irving Museum Advisory Board. The teams bowed to the new champions of the La Cima Heritage Committee, represented by Patty Landers Caperton, Anne Pfaff, Janice Carroll, and Tom Caperton as a last minutes substitute for team member Virginia Meler. A record number of tie breaker questions were required to determine the winning team.

The Celebrating Irving: The City and the Man month long celebration was presented by the Irving Heritage Society, the Irving Independent School District, the Irving Public Library, and the Irving Black Arts Council. The community generously donated to this project. This program was made possible in part with a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. It was funded in part by the City of Irving through the Irving Arts Board.

Seeking Volunteers to be Docents

by Kevin Kendro

The Heritage Park Depot Committee and the Caster Cabin Committee are looking for volunteer docents. The Irving Heritage Society conducts tours of the depot and the cabin in Heritage Park during the July 4th parade events, the Main St. Event, the Christmas Parade, and for groups that occasionally request tours during the year. The duties of the docents are to welcome visitors, relate a brief history of the building(s), and answer questions that may arise. Serving as a docent at the depot or the cabin is a fun and interesting job, especially for those who like meeting people. The time commitment is minimal: three or four hours just three time a year and perhaps a special tour once or twice a year.

Notable:

- * The April fish fry was again a huge success. Many thanks to Marvin Randle and all the volunteers who helped!
- * Heritage House will be open for tours on the first Sundays of August, September, October, November and December. Tours are at 3:00 and 4:00.
- * Remember our website: www.irvingheritage.com
- * Be sure to like us on Facebook !
- * Anytime you wish to become a member of the Heritage Society, please call 972-252-3838.