

Calendar of Events

Society-related events (highlighted in yellow) and other events of historical interest

Current through 2017

The “La Belle: The Ship That Changed History” exhibition continues in the Bob Bullock Museum of Texas History’s first floor Texas History Gallery. The hull of the sunken *La Belle* is open for viewing. <http://www.thestoryoftexas.com/la-belle/the-exhibit>.

The “Mapping Texas” exhibition continues in the Bob Bullock Museum of Texas History. Significant historic maps available through the Texas General Land Office will interest Society members. <https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/visit/exhibits/mapping-texas>.

Jan. 27 - Oct. 8, 2017

The Houston Museum of Natural Science hosts an exhibition of Texas General Land Office maps in “Mapping Texas: From Frontier to the Lone Star State” exhibition. Featuring maps dating from 1513 to 1920, the special exhibition traces more than 400 years of Texas history. The museum is at 5555 Hermann Park Dr., Houston, Texas 77030, (713) 639-4629. The exhibition is in the Hamill Gallery and features maps dating between 1513 and 1920. The works come from the archival collection of the Texas General Land Office, Houston map collectors Frank and Carol Holcomb, the Witte Museum in San Antonio, and the Bryan Museum in Galveston. For more information, <http://www.hmns.org/exhibits/upcoming-exhibitions/mapping-texas-from-frontier-to-the-lone-star-state/>.

Feb. 2 - April 24, 2017

The Museum of the Coastal Bend displays important collections of French, Spanish, Mexican, and Texas artifacts, as well as artifacts from the French warship *La Belle* and the French cannons that once guarded La Salle’s Fort St. Louis. It is located on the campus of Victoria College at 2200 East Red River, Victoria, Texas, at the corner of Ben Jordan and Red River. See <https://www.thebryanmuseum.org/exhibitions-upcoming>.

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The Bryan Museum’s galleries offer artifacts and records from all periods of Texas and Southwestern history. J. P Bryan, Jr., a descendant of Moses Austin and a former Texas State Historical Association President, founded this museum at 1315 21st Street,

Galveston, Texas 77050, phone (409) 632-7685. Its 70,000 items span 12,000 years. <https://www.thebryanmuseum.org/>. Two special exhibitions—"Forgotten Gateway: Coming to America Through Galveston Island" and "The 'Stranger's Disease': Experiencing Yellow Fever in Galveston, 1837-1897"—consider the importance of place in the immigrant experience by tracing the history of Galveston Island from a small Republic of Texas harborage for sailing vessels to the wealthiest city on the Texas coast without shying away from the disease that often made it the final destination for immigrants coming to Texas. <https://www.thebryanmuseum.org/exhibitions-upcoming>

Feb. 15 - May 2017

The Houston Bar Association Teach Texas Committee will conduct Taming Texas judicial civics classes in Houston area seventh-grade history classes.

Feb. 15, 2017

The Star of the Republic Museum at Washington-on-the-Brazos focuses on March 1836 with its exhibition "Legacy of Leadership: The Signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence." The exhibit is at 23200 Park Rd 12, Washington, Texas 77880. <http://www.starmuseum.org/exhibits/#featured>

Feb. 24, 2017

Steven Gonzales of El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Association presents *El Camino Real de los Tejas: Past and Present (Lunch and Learn)* at Mission Dolores State Historic Site. The program will cover the history of the "Royal Road of the Tejas Indians," which runs through Mission Dolores State Historic Site. As part of the City of San Augustine tricentennial celebration, Mission Dolores will hold similar lunchtime programs once a month throughout 2017, addressing topics related to East Texas history. See <http://www.thc.texas.gov/news-events/events/el-camino-real-de-los-tejas-past-and-present-lunch-and-learn>.

10:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
March 2, 2017 (Texas Independence Day)

The Texas Supreme Court Historical Society will conduct its Spring 2017 Board of Trustees and Members Meeting at Baker Botts, One Shell Plaza, 910 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002-4995, 713.229.1234. Trustees should arrive by 10:00 a.m. to attend the Board Meeting, which will begin promptly at 10:15 a.m. and last until 11:30 a.m. The Members' Meeting will follow until 11:45 a.m. Mr. J. P. Bryan, Jr., founder of the Bryan Museum in Galveston, will speak about Texas history. Baker Botts will provide a free catered lunch. Anyone who wishes to attend the lunch should send an RSVP to David Furlow at dafurlow@gmail.com by 5 p.m. on February 28, 2017.

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
March 2, 2017 (Texas
Independence Day)

The Texas Supreme Court Historical Society will join with the Texas State Historical Association in presenting the panel program “Semicolons, Murder and Counterfeit Wills: Texas History through the Law’s Lens” at TSHA’s 2017 Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Downtown Houston, 1200 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002, 713.654.1234.

Judge (Ret.) Mark Davidson will speak on “The “Semicolon Court”: An Honorable Texas Supreme Court,” Bill Kroger of Baker Botts LLP will present “Captain James A. Baker, the Murder of William Marsh Rice, and the Flowering of Rice University,” and Chief Justice (Ret.) Wallace Jefferson of Alexander Dubose Jefferson Townsend will comment on those two papers. Seating may be limited. TSHA registration is available at <https://www.tshasecurepay.com/annual-meeting/registration/>.

Those who wish to attend should send an RSVP email to dafurlow@gmail.com seven days in advance of March 2, 2017.

March 2-4, 2017

The Texas State Historical Association will conduct its 121st annual meeting at the Hyatt Regency Houston Downtown Hotel in Houston, Texas. See <https://tshasecurepay.com/annual-meeting/>.

March 3, 2017

The curators of the Alamo present an educator’s workshop in the Alamo’s Legends of Texas series: “Antonio Lopez de Santa Ana: Misunderstood Patriot or Ruthless Dictator?” This free program will last from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas 78205, (210) 225-1391 ext. 169 or mmcclenny@thealamo.org to register. The Alamo curatorial staff designs all workshops around TEKS curriculum standards and allows educators to earn CPE credit hours. Workshops are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

March 23, 2017

The Museum of the Coastal Bend will present its John W. Stormont lecture, “Mystic Sails, Texas Trails” at 5:30 p.m., featuring authors and speakers Mickey Herskowitz and Bob Davant. The museum is on the campus of Victoria College at 2200 East Red River, Victoria, Texas, at the corner of Ben Jordan and Red River. See <https://www.thebryanmuseum.org/exhibitions-upcoming>.

April 6, 2017

The Civil/Appellate Bench Bar Conference will be held at the Historic 1910 Courthouse in Houston. See <https://www.hba.org/cle/>.

April 26-28, 2017

The University of Texas Law School Center for Women in Law conducts the 2017 Women's Power Summit on Law and Leadership. Speakers, including publisher Tina Brown, Senator Olympia Snowe, writer Gloria Steinem, and U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues (2009–2013) Melanie Vermeer will discuss the history and future prospects of women in the practice of law. The conference will take place at the Center for Women in Law, 727 East Dean Keeton Street, Austin, Texas 78705, 512.471.4632. See <https://law.utexas.edu/cwil-power-summit/>.

April 27-28, 2017

The Texas Supreme Court Historical Society and the State Bar of Texas will present their 2017 *History of Jurisprudence and Practice Before the Supreme Court* courses at the Texas Law Center, 1414 Colorado, Austin, Texas 78701, (512) 427-1463. A special rate of \$189.00 per night is available at the Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol at 512-478-1111. <http://www.texasbarcle.com/materials/Programs/3412/Brochure.pdf>.

June 12, 2017

Democrats of Harris County will conduct its annual Juneteenth Day CLE program at the Hotel ZaZa, 5701 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77005 from 11:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., including a reenactment of the Texas Supreme Court's All Woman Court in the 1925 *Johnson v. Darr* case.

June 22-24, 2017

The State Bar of Texas will conduct its Annual Meeting at the Hilton Anatole Hotel at 2201 North Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, Texas, 75207, 214.748.1200. https://texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Annual_Meeting_Home&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=30096.

Aug. 5, 2017

The Alamo presents an educator's workshop in the Alamo's Legends of Texas series: "From Mission to Shrine 1519-1836: An Overview of the Spanish Missions and the Texas Revolution." This free program will last from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas 78205, (210) 225-1391 ext. 169 or mmcclenny@thealamo.org to register.

Aug. 12, 2017

The Alamo presents an educator's workshop in the Alamo's Legends of Texas series: "Prominent Texas Women: Unsung Heroes of Texas." This free program will last from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas 78205, (210) 225-1391 ext. 169 or mmcclenny@thealamo.org to register.

Sept. 8, 2017

The Texas Supreme Court Historical Society holds its Annual John Hemphill Dinner at the Grand Ballroom of the Four Seasons Hotel, 98 San Jacinto Blvd, Austin, Texas 78701, with a special 6:00 p.m. Invitation-Only Reception with the dinner speaker, Chief Judge Diane P. Wood of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, followed by a 6:30 p.m. general reception and dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 16, 2017

The Texas General Land Office will conduct its *Save Texas History Symposium* at the Commons Learning Center on UT Austin's J.J. Pickle Research Campus in far north Austin. The Society is a sponsor of the event.