



The Rendezvous celebration was a hit!

On December 10, we celebrated the holidays and the homes tour with a glorious party at the convention center. Over 200 people came out to party the night away.

The Rendezvous gala is one of our most successful fundraisers of the year, with most of our profits coming from generous donations and sponsorships. We are incredibly grateful to our sponsors listed on the following page. These donors helped to make this event a success. Without their support, we'd have to have more fundraising events throughout the year, which takes away from the critical mission-serving functions our staff can do.

Rendezvous is a all-hands on deck event, and we'd like to thank our Board committee members Sharah Johnson, Sherri Gilmore, Jennifer Leisure, and Doris Kershaw. They planned Rendezvous between June and



December to make everything possible, with countless meetings and decisions along the way. An additional thanks go to Kathy

Danielson and her staff at the convention center, whose patience and grace made the process of planning more manageable. ★

Holiday Homes Tour 2021 is a Wrap!

After canceling our in-person homes tour in 2020, we had a strong showing of support this year despite a global pandemic. People were eager to get out and see the beautifully decorated homes of our downtown area. We offered six properties for viewing, which consisted of five houses and one church. Each home had unique characteristics that made it a fun and festive stop along the tour.

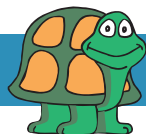
An extra special thank you goes to our homeowners who make this all possible. Our homeowners were: Dani and Gary Moss, Chris and Sue Toth, Ron and Sandy Barclay, Cam and Lisa Chavez, Calvary Episcopal Church, Holly Fritz.

We also had a great turnout of docents who helped lead visitors through each home and spoke of distinctive architecture and histories. There was a total of 72 docents working two different shifts. We rely on volunteers to make our holiday homes tour a success every year, and we can't thank them enough.

There was a brisk and beautiful day on December 11 for the homes tour, and visitors were eager to explore downtown. Upon the conclusion of the homes tour, the Lost Pines Lighted Christmas



Parade occurred, and many people enjoyed the parade too. Our participation in the Lost Pines Christmas benefits many people. We served about 450 people in our six properties this year and are grateful to those who supported us. ★



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(As of Jan. 3, 2022)

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Society Thanks Cemetery Tour Volunteers

The Bastrop County Historical Society's inaugural Historic Fairview Cemetery Walking Tour was held on Saturday, October 23rd.

Thanks to an extraordinary group of volunteers, the event was a resounding success.

If you haven't already seen the article and photos in the Bastrop Advertiser/ American Statesman, please take time to

check it out. The Society extends a sincere thank you to the following volunteers whose contribution of time and energy was integral to the event's success:

Robbie Sanders, Sandra Chipley, Lee Ann Calaway, Kenneth Kesselus, Richard Kesselus, Dianne Mills, Jack Lewis, Gil Green, Lisa Holcomb, Jimmy Crouch, Gary Moss, Bill Mizell, Joe Newman, Rebecca Ramirez, David Bragg, Sherri Gilmore, Mary Lucas, Judy Seymore, Chuck Kellogg, Jacob Kellogg, Colin Guerra, Jennifer Leisure, Nicole DeGuzman, Barbara Vana, Kaye Sapikas, Sharah Johnson, Terry Hagerty, and the King's Highway Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). ★



BCHS would like to thank...

Sharah Johnson for the tasty Halloween decorated cookies for staff and volunteers to enjoy.

Adela Jones, Jan Stringer, Sherri Gilmore, Jennifer Leisure, and Judy Enis for preparing Rendezvous invitation and sponsor mailing.

Dianna Greenwood and Mary McMurrey for getting the Museum Gift Shop ready for Christmas shoppers.

Joan Armstrong, Nicole DeGuzman, Susan & Jim Green, Carol Kysar, Candiss

Lawrence, Jennifer Leisure, and Gloria & Win Perkins for loaning keepsake ornaments and their personal histories for the Museum Christmas tree display in the Visitor Center lobby.

Win Perkins for the Army uniform and soldier's kit used in the WWI special exhibit.

Debbi Goertz and Jennifer Leisure for taking homes tour ticket sales packets to tour site prior to tour.

Sherri Gilmore for the delicious cookies she brought for staff and volunteers to enjoy for the holidays.

Thank you, **Visitor Center Volunteers**, for volunteering as Greeters at the Visitor Center and special events, including: the Main Event First Friday events, BCHS Mailings for Newsletter, Veterans Weekend Car Show, Bastrop Candy Lane activities, Holiday Homes Tour, Rendezvous and Christmas Parade. ★

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Donation from Bastrop Area Cruisers

The annual Veterans Car Show was on November 12 and 13 in downtown Bastrop. The Museum and Visitor Center was open for the car show, and we saw a record number of visitors for a single day. The Visitor Center served 560 people on Saturday alone! We also served as the headquarters for the car show judges as they camped out from sun-up to sun-down in our special exhibit room with important behind-the-scenes work.



Thanks to the Bastrop Area Cruisers, a financial donation was made that allows 120 Veterans and Active-duty Military personnel free admission to the museum. Our WWII and Camp Swift permanent exhibits remain a popular topic for visitors and a meaningful one for Military personnel. Thanks to Michal Hubbard, we had a special exhibit about WWI from October – December. Additionally, there was a “Missing Man” table in the lobby during Veterans Day and the car show. A special thanks go to our newest docent, Josh Thomas, who volunteered during the car show to educate visitors about Camp Swift and the various aspects of military life in Bastrop County during WWII and beyond. ★

Museum Acquisitions

Sherri Gilmore – Supplemental Abstracts and tax receipts for the property located at 1102 Pecan.

Elmer Goertz – Oral interview

Ken Kesselus – Southwestern Historical Quarterly Oct. 2021 featuring Edna Collins murals at Camp Swift

Judge Paul and Barb Pape – Early 1900s clothing and World War II canteen

Tom and Nancy Scott – Assorted papers from Nancy Scott BCHS Board service, home tour, special events, capital campaign fundraising events, six garage sales

Trey Smith – Inventory of the County Archives of Texas – No. 11 Bastrop County, 1941 ★

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Board Election January 27th

The following members of the Bastrop County Historical Society are up for election to the Board of Trustees: Bob Malerk, Treasurer; Barbara Clemons, at large; Judy Enis, at large. Write-in nominations will be accepted on the night of the quarterly meeting, where members will vote on the slate of nominees.

January 2022 VIRTUAL Quarterly Meeting

Due to the rise in local Covid cases, we have shifted our quarterly meeting to an all-virtual one this month. We hope to see you all in person once it is safe to do so. In the meantime, please log in to the meeting so that we can see your smiling faces on Thursday, January 27 at 6:30 pm. Of course, you don't need to turn your camera on if you'd prefer to be in your PJ's! We won't judge- it's a pandemic, after all.

At the start of our quarterly meeting, we will have a very brief business meeting from 6:30-6:35 pm, where members will elect the slate of new Board of Trustee positions. We have three local candidates with a long history of engagement with the museum and have agreed to serve as Trustees in this critical position. If you can only attend a few minutes of the meeting, we greatly appreciate your help reaching a quorum and look forward to you logging in or calling in at 6:15 pm to chat with friends before we start the meeting.



Upon the conclusion of the brief business meeting, please stick around for "2021: a Year in Review" presented by our Director, Nicole DeGuzman. Nicole will give a presentation on the significant accomplishments of 2021 that

were made possible by our members.

Please enter the below address into your web browser at 6:15 pm, Thursday, January 27. Your web browser is the bar at the top of a web page. ★

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27 AT 6:30 P.M. [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/BCHSMEET](https://tinyurl.com/BCHSMEET)

If you prefer to call in, the phone number is: 346-248-7799. Meeting number: 827 9710 5942. Passcode: 563470.

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