



Nueces County Historical Society

Nueces County Courthouse of 1914
1123 North Mesquite
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401



JULY, 1986

"NOSTALGIA ALONG THE NUECES" BUS TOUR

The Nueces County Historical Society will sponsor the "Nostalgia Along the Nueces" bus tour on Saturday, August 2, 1986. The tour will include:

-A visit to the Violet Museum, housed in the Old St. Anthony's Catholic Church building. The historic church was known at the time of its construction as the most beautiful church in the Diocese of Corpus Christi, and it still is a lovely structure. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. David and Barbara Kircher will be the hosts.

-A visit to the c. 1880 Nuecestown School and Ault-Atkinson House at Hilltop Community Center. The Nuecestown School is the oldest school standing in Nueces County. It served the long-gone community of Nuecestown that was established c. 1852 by the Corpus Christi founder, Henry Lawrence Kinney. Sally Robeau will be the hostess.

-A visit to Fort Lipantitlan State Park, which is the site of the old Spanish and later Mexican Fort Lipantitlan. Mr. Claude D'Unger will be on hand to present a brief history of the old fort.

-Lunch at Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murphy's restored 1875 original John Wade Homestead. Iced tea and ice cream will be served.

-A tour of the reconstructed Old San Patricio County Courthouse in San Patricio. The historic McKeown House will also be open. Members of the San Patricio Restoration Society will host the tours.

-A tour of the McGloin House at Round Lake. Built in 1855, the old house is the oldest and only home of a Texas empressario remaining in the State of Texas. There will also be interpretation of the archaeological dig there. Hannah Haegelin and members of the Corpus Christi Area Heritage Society will be the hosts.

The buses will leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. on August 2 from the Old Courthouse parking lot. The price of \$15.00 covers transportation, beverages, dessert, and admission to the tour destinations. Please bring a sack lunch. R.S.V.P. Peggy Bickham, 241-4605 or Thomas Murphy (8:30 a.m. through 4:30p.m., Monday through Friday only) at 888-0556. Reservation deadline is August 1.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THIS EXCITING TOUR!

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CALENDAR

July 22	Tuesday 9:30	Joint Planning Committee of "Texas Treasures: A Panoply of Ships and Gowns" Corpus Christi Museum Classroom.
August 2	Saturday	"Nostalgia Along the Nueces" Bus Tour. Departs from the 1914 Nueces County Courthouse.
September 2	Tuesday 7:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting: "Postcards of Historic Corpus Christi." Anita Eisenhauer, Bobby Haegelin, Valentino Medina, Jim Stever Corpus Christi Museum

CORPUS CHRISTI MUSEUM BENEFIT

Jay Jacks, a New York Designer, will present his fall 1986 collection of women's sportswear in addition to his "Empressario Line." The gowns of the "Empressario Line" have been recreated from designs popular among Texas Ladies during the 1830's-1840's. There will also be several new gowns designed especially for the Corpus Christi Show.

The fashion show will be titled "Texas Treasures: A Panoply of Ships and Gowns." It will be held Thursday, October 16, 1986 at 8:00 p.m. at the Corpus Christi Museum. The ticket price is \$25.00 per person. The program will consist of the fashion show by Jay Jacks, light hors d'ouvres, and a raffle. The raffle tickets will be \$1.00 each.

The proceeds from this event will benefit the housing of the Spanish Shipwreck Collection at the Corpus Christi Museum. The event is sponsored by the Nueces County Historical Society and the Corpus Christi Museum Auxiliary.

There is a need for volunteers to solicit raffle items and donations for the event. We would like to have between 8-10 raffle items. We will need volunteers also to work on the various committees. Call Kay White (289-6759) for more information.

All contributions are tax-deductable. All contributions \$100+ will be printed on the program. All raffle items will be printed on the program. Please send your tax-deductable donation to:

Texas Treasures
A Panoply of Ships and Gowns
P.O. Box 2156
Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Following is a list of the committees established for this project. Please select as many committees as you would like to work on. Call Kay White for more information.

Advisory Committee
Printing Committee
Public Relations Committee
Raffle Sales Committee
Invitations Committee
Program Committee
Entertainment Committee
Refreshments Committee
Decoration Committee

Cecil Burney is the Honorary Chairman of this exciting event. Cecil Burney, a prominent attorney, is chairman of the Corpus Christi Museum Advisory Board and a long-time member of the Nueces County Historical Society. Through his efforts along with other community leaders, the Texas Antiquities Committee selected the Corpus Christi Museum as a repository of the mid-1500's Spanish Shipwreck Treasure.

The recent failure of a \$1.3 million bond issue by the voters of Corpus Christi to house the artifacts makes this project one that deserves community support.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

As the City of Corpus Christi considers art for the new City Hall and the Corpus Christi Central Library, the Nueces County Historical Society requests that the theme of the artwork selected be representative of the culture, history, commerce, or environment indigenous to our area. We further request that models may be viewed by the public before final selection is approved by the Corpus Christi City Council.

FRIENDS OF DOC MCGREGOR

The Society has offered its support of the efforts of the Friends of Doc McGregor, who under the guidance of Dr. Terrence Barragy, a Texas A&I University history professor who resides in Corpus Christi, will attempt to preserve the vast, important photographic collection housed now at the Corpus Christi Museum. Please contact Dr. Barragy at 854-6857 and offer to help identify photos and assist in the archival procedures needed to stop the deterioration of our priceless heritage - your monetary support will also be appreciated.

BAYVIEW CEMETERY MAINTENENCE

Boy Scouts working on their Eagle Scout Merit Badges must do community work in order to be awarded the honor. The Society has allocated \$50 for work to be done by Mark Scavo to repair tombstones and build concrete steps in Bayview Cemetery, a Historically-Culturally zoned property which is a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark and is significant because it was the first United States military cemetery in Texas.

MEMBERSHIP

Dues are now payable for 1986-1987. Please check the enclosed list for your name and make corrections on the form as you mail the dues to our membership vice president, Charles Davis.

SYMPATHY

Condolences to Ray Garcia on the recent death of his wife, Olivia, and to Jim and Jackie Rome on the tragic loss of their youngest son, Brad.

AAUW RECEPTION

"A Taste of History and Art" is the title of a dinner/auction to be held at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, August 8, 1986, by the American Association of University Women, at Holiday Inn/Emerald Beach. An auction will be held of art (which accompanies a history of Corpus Christi by decades) in the AAUW book, "The Texas Riviera is Cooking." A cash bar will be held at 6:30 p.m., when the art and books will be on display.

REGULAR MEETING

The 1986-1987 season's first meeting will be held Tuesday, September 2, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. "Postcards of Historic Corpus Christi" will be the topic of the program by Anita Eisenhauer, Bobby Haegelin, Valentino Medina, and Jim Steever. All Society members are invited to bring their postcards to show at the meeting. The meeting will be held in the Junior League Room of the Corpus Christi Museum.