

NUECES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

“Remembering Margaret Walberg”

Panel Discussion: Anita Eisenhauer, Jim Rome, Mike Westergren

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

7:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, 430 S. Carancahua Street, Corpus Christi

Margaret Walberg was born September 10, 1931. She graduated from the University of Texas at the age of 19. She married Wesley Walberg on July 28, 1951. They had two sons. She was a charter member of the Key Study Club. One of her passions was the Old Nueces County Courthouse which she fought to have restored. She served the community as President of the Art Center of Corpus Christi, Auxiliary to the Art Museum of South Texas, Friends of the Courthouse, Inc., and the Nueces County Historical Society, and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Oriental Cultures. She received two preservation awards from the Texas Historical Commission for her efforts in preserving the 1914 Nueces County Courthouse and for submitting the nomination of the Broadway Bluff Improvement to the National Register of Historic Places. She also initiated the concept of, and secured the funding for the historical and environmental sculptures in the Sculpture Garden of the Nueces County Courthouse. Margaret passed away on January 1, 2015. The presentation will be a panel discussion with three persons that knew Margaret and her accomplishments.

The Friends of Old Bayview Cemetery Association held their first general meeting on January 6, 2018, at La Retama Library. The next meeting will be held March 10, 10:00 a.m. at La Retama Library. Exciting things are happening with Old Bayview Cemetery. On February 8-9, the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training will be conducting a workshop at Old Bayview. The workshop will include:

- Before the storm/disaster preparedness plans
- Safety in cemeteries and after disaster reentry
- Condition surveys and setting priorities
- Vegetation hazards before the storm
- Emergency stabilization of markers
- Stone monument cleaning
- Monument resetting
- Adhesive stone repair

If you are interested in attending the workshop, check out <https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/events/texas-disaster-response-workshop-for-historic-cemeteries-corpus-christi/>

The City Parks and Recreation department along with the Corpus Christi Visitor Bureau has been working with *Friends of Old Bayview* in planning 2018's *Voices of South Texas-Old Bayview Cemetery Comes Alive*. Activities will be held the first weekend of November and will include Heritage Park, the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History along with an attachment to Art Walk. The Old Bayview Cemetery Walk will be held Saturday, November 3, 2018.

For more information about Friends of Old Bayview, please contact Karen Howden.

Please make plans to attend the March 10 meeting.

The Texas Heritage Trails Program is based around 10 scenic driving trails created in 1968 by Governor John Connally and the Texas Highway Department (now the Texas Department of Transportation) as a marketing tool. The trails were established in conjunction with the HermisFair, an international exposition that commemorated the 250th anniversary of the founding of San Antonio. In 1997 the State Legislature charged the Texas Historical Commission to create a statewide heritage program. The THC responded with a program based on local, regional, and state partnerships, centered on the 10 scenic driving trails. These trails serve as the nucleus of 10 heritage regions, and include heritage tourism attractions and communities both on and off the trail.

The program began with the establishment of the Texas Forts Trail Region in 1998. Other heritage regions made a formal application to the program, demonstrating knowledge of area attractions and broad support from organizations and local government. The suite of heritage regions was completed in 2005 with the additions of the Texas Pecos and Hill Country Trail Regions.

The Texas Heritage Trails include the Brazos Trail, Forest Trail, Forts Trail, Hill Country Trail, Independence Trail, Lakes Trail, Mountain Trail, Pecos Trail, Plains Trail, and the Tropical Trail. The Tropical Trail encompasses the counties of Aransas, Brooks, Cameron, Dimmit, Duval, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Webb, Willacy, and Zapata.

Each month the Tropical Trail holds a partner event in the region. The only cost to the attendees is the \$15 lunch. The group has the opportunity to visit areas of the region that most tourists only read about or are not aware of its existence. If you would like to be on the email list to receive information about the partner events, please contact Nancy Deviney, Executive Director, at nancydeviney@yahoo.com.

NCHS Mission Statement-The Nueces County Historical Society is a 501©3 multi-cultural organization which encourages a deeper understanding and appreciation for the rich history of Nueces County, the Coastal Bend of Texas, and the United States of America, by members and guests of all ages. It accomplishes this through hosting regularly scheduled presentations with interesting speakers, sponsoring special events, and leading preservation efforts for the area sites of historical significance.

The Nueces County Historical Society meets the first Tuesday of the months of September-April. An Annual Local History Awards Banquet is held in May. Members and interested guests are encouraged to attend enjoy a wide-range of speakers and programs focused on the rich local history of Nueces County.

Check us out: www.nuecescountyhistoricalsociety.org or on Facebook

Upcoming Events:

February 6-NCHS Meeting, 7:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Corpus Christi

February 20-Texas Tropical Trail Region Partner Event, Portland

March 2-"A Toast to Texas", Nueces County Courthouse, 1:30 p.m.

March 6-NCHS Meeting, 7:00 p.m., TAMU-CC, Corpus Christi (more info later)

March 20-Texas Tropical Trail Region Partner Event, Corpus Christi

April 3 -NCHS Meeting, 7:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Corpus Christi

April 17-Texas Tropical Trail Region Partner Event, TBA

May 1 -NCHS Banquet, Emerald Beach Hotel

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Shirley Thornton of Flour Bluff presented an excellent program on “Barnstorming Bernie” at the January meeting. Bernie Coffman Arnold was the first female pilot to fly out of Meacham Field in Fort Worth. She later moved to Corpus Christi, then to Flour Bluff where she operated A&H Bait Stand.

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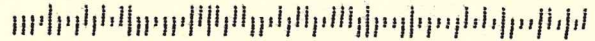


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