

February 2025

NUECES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

Speaker: Gaby Hadyka

“Hidden in Plain View ~ A Secret Story of Quilts and the Underground Railroad”

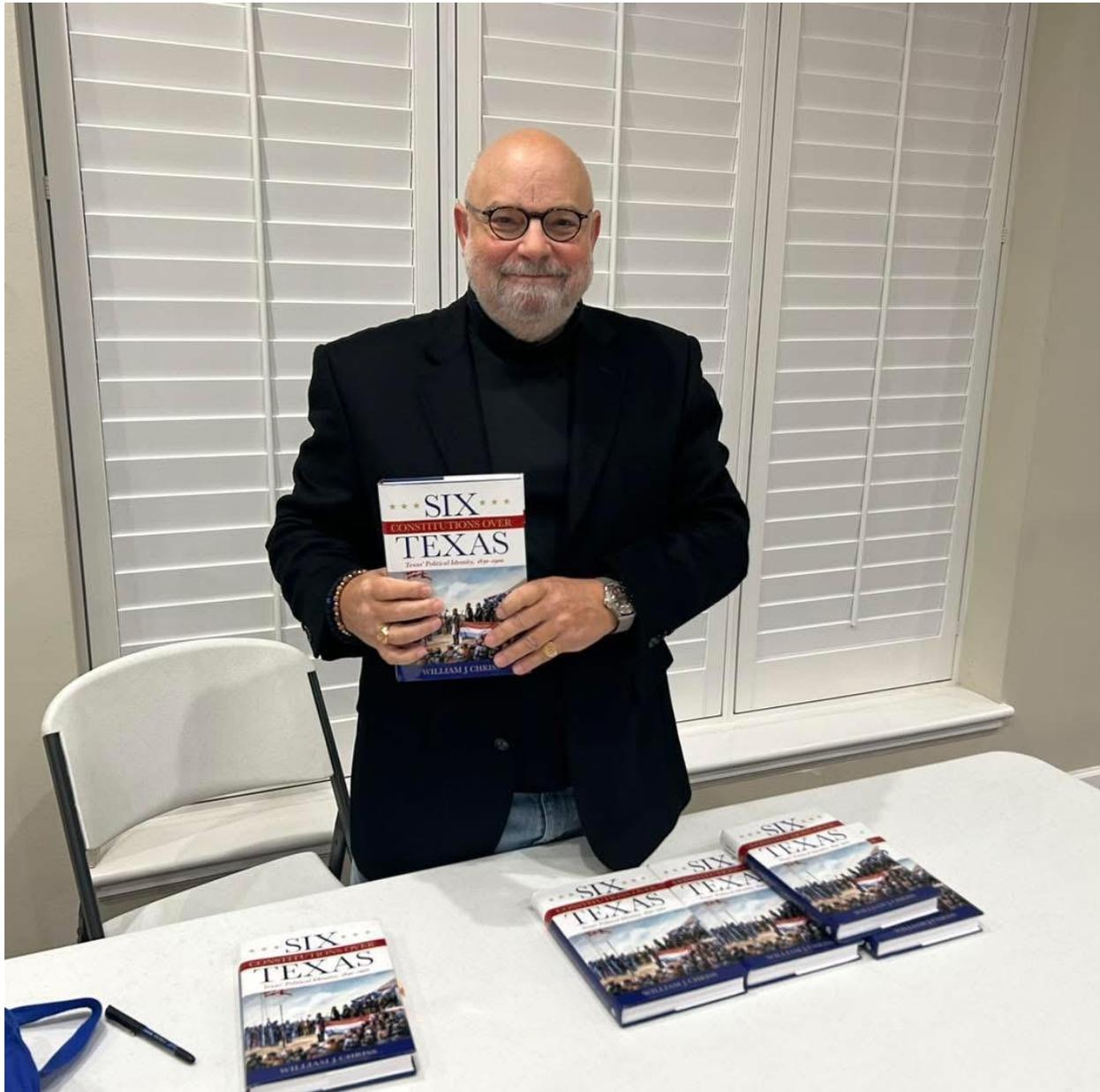
Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

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



Gabrielle Smith Hadyka "Gaby" lives in Corpus Christi. She has two sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren. Gaby retired from First Data. After her husband passed away, she went to work as the office manager for a personal training and nutrition facility.

Gaby grew up in several places as her father was in the Navy. Her husband was in the Air Force, stationed with the Army Special Forces. She attended Texas A&M-College Station, received a BS at CCSU and MBA at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. She is a member of 23 lineage societies holding office and chairs in many of them: DAR Magazine, South Central Division Vice Chair; TXDAR DAR Good Citizens, Chair; Honorary Regent Corpus Christi Chapter NSDAR; Corpus Christi Chapter, Corresponding Secretary; Past State Librarian, Past State Registrar and Past State Recording Secretary; Texas Hill Country Chapter XXXVI CDA, Registrar; Texas Hood's Brigade, Corresponding Secretary; Old Bayview Chapter USD 1812, Registrar; Texas Society SDA, State Chaplain and Past National President, South Texas Chapter SDA, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor, NSDCH. Being involved in genealogy has instilled an interest in all aspects of our state and national history.



William "Bill" Chriss is an attorney, historian, and a political scientist who has taught American history, Texas history, constitutional law, and political theory at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. He is the author of "Six Constitutions over Texas." At our January meeting, he shared information about his book which examines how Anglo Texans went about creating their political identity over three quarters of a century and the impact of those decisions.

NEW DATE!



Memorial Classroom Building
Grand Opening
A Kickoff to DMC's 90th Anniversary

February
Thursday **6** **10:00 AM**
2025

Outside the Memorial Classroom Building located
on the corner of Baldwin Blvd. and Ayers St.

Join us to celebrate the renovation of DMC's
oldest building and witness the unveiling of the
Texas Historical Commission marker, signifying
its designation as a historical site.



DEL MAR COLLEGE

JAN	01/06	Walter E. Wilson Civil War Blockade Running in the Western Gulf
	01/13	Donald S. Frazier, Ph.D Gunboats in South Louisiana (vs. Texas)
	01/20	Jim Moloney The First Football Game
	01/27	Susie Black The History of the Texas Maritime Museum
FEB	02/03	Leah Nguyen Oliva Growing Up with Boat People
	02/10	David Kroski The Town of Copano
	02/17	Janie Collier White Danish Watermen of the Texas Coastal Bend
	02/24	Carroll Brincefield Indianola Becomes A German Entry Point
MAR	03/03	Pam Stranahan Voices from the Past: The Making of Aransas County
	03/17	Jason Bradshaw Top Texas Treasures
	03/24	Donna Lee Nyzio 250 Years: America in Paint
	03/31	Wayne Carney The Battle of Sund Strait

**Winter Lecture Series 2025
Returns January 6th**
MONDAYS FROM 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
FREE ADMISSION & REFRESHMENTS

Learn more at TexasMaritimeMuseum.org



DID YOU KNOW?

Where in Texas can visitors see a preserved horned frog that is rumored to have survived 31 years in a time capsule?

The answer is: Eastland! There was a time capsule encased in the cornerstone of the Eastland County courthouse in 1897 and was opened in 1928. A live horned frog was discovered inside. "Old Rip", as he came to be known, quickly became a national sensation, even making a trip to the White House to meet President Calvin Coolidge.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 4-NCHS Meeting, Speaker will be Gaby Hadyka

February 6-Marker Dedication at Del Mar, 10 a.m.

February 18-Texas Tropical Trail in Rockport/will visit the Smithsonian Exhibit in the Community Center

February 22-"Rededication" of Calallen historical marker that was damaged, 10:00 a.m., 13505 I-37 Access Road in northwest Corpus Christi.

March 2-"Toast to Texas" at 3700 Ocean Drive, 1:00 p.m., Speaker will be Joe Fox portraying Henry Smith.

March 4-NCHS meeting, Speaker will be Bette Ash.

March 24 & 25-Texas Tropical Trail will celebrate 20 years in the Texas Historical Commission's Heritage Trails Program. The event will be held in Sarita and Kingsville. There will be limited seating for this event. Contact Penny Pillack at ppillack@aol.com or 361-813-3732 to register.

May 6-Daniel E. Kilgore Local History Award Banquet

February 2025

**** Contact the Executive Director, for more info or to get on the mailing list, at info@texastropicaltrail.com.**

The Nueces County Historical Society meets the first Tuesday of the months of September-April. An annual Local History Awards Banquet is held on the first Tuesday in May. Our annual banquet will be held May 6 at Holiday Inn-Airport.

Find us on Facebook or on the web at www.nuecescountyhistoricalsociety.org.

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.

2024-2026 Officers and Board of Trustees:

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IT IS NOW TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR DUES FOR 2024-2025.

**The Nueces County Historical Society
NCHS Membership Year: September 2024 to August 2025**

Name _____

Address _____

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Please select Membership Category:

<input type="checkbox"/> Military Veteran	No Charge (Present DD 214 or military ID)
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Nueces County Historical Society

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OR BRING TO THE NEXT MEETING...