Women Featured at San Jacinto Dinner

Two prominent Texas women will be celebrated at this year’s San Jacinto Dinner on Tuesday, April 22. This event will recognize Helen Kleberg Groves, a descendent of San Jacinto veteran Robert Justus Kleberg, and of Richard King, the founder of the King Ranch. Mrs. Groves is also the president of the Robert J. Kleberg, Jr. and Helen C. Kleberg Foundation.

Kay Bailey Hutchison will speak about her new book Unflinching Courage: Pioneering Women Who Shaped Texas. The former U. S. Senator has a wealth of knowledge on Texas history and the impact of women who contributed to the growth of the state. Her talk will be a fitting accompaniment to our honoree.

By supporting the annual San Jacinto Dinner, guests at the event have given essential funds that have ensured that the Museum continues to thrive. Limited seating is still available; contact the museum for more information.

Festival Sparks Fun with Reenactment

This year marks the 178th anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto, and in honor of the event, reenactors from around the state will come together to present the most popular reenactment in the southwest United States. The Battle of San Jacinto with its booming cannons and cracking musket fire, thundering hooves and battle cries will resound once again across the San Jacinto Battleground on Saturday, April 26, 2014, at 3 p.m.

The reenactment is the highlight of the day-long San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Reenactment. Filled with fun for people of all ages, the admission-free festival runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with entertainment, artisans, food, kid’s crafts, games and fun set amidst living history. For an entertainment schedule and parking information, visit www.sanjacinto-museum.org.

Archeological Treasures from Goliad on Exhibit

Diamonds and emeralds set in precious metals. Decorative beads made of glass, coral, stone and metal. Pottery sherds and weaponry from the wide range of cultures that have occupied Texas placed side by side. These are some of the spectacular artifacts that are currently on display in the lobby of the museum in an exhibit entitled The Carabajal Collection: A Glimpse of Goliad. This 400 item display represents a small percentage of an archeological collection that has been unearthed on private land near Presidio la Bahia in Goliad. Rarely on view to the public, the selection of items was made by 14-year-old Jimmy Carabajal. Jimmy is one of the amateur archeologists who, along with the rest of his family, volunteers, family friends, students, and professionals have been excavating the Carabajal family land for years. As our Guest Curator, he and his father went Continued on page 3, see GOLIAD
Fun Run a Winning Event

Saturday, March 8, started as a cool and cloudy day, but with no rain, making it good conditions for the 3rd annual San Jacinto Texas Independence Fun Run/Walk. 322 people registered for the 5K event, with 30 kids in the 1K race. All participants in the 1K were winners and received medals. Overall race winner was Jason Harville; female winner was Brittanie Gonzalez, leading the women for the second year in a row. 5K race results and times can be viewed at http://www.runhoustonstiming.net.

During the awards ceremony a Lifetime Membership in the San Jacinto Museum was given to George Peckham, who was surprised and gratified. Peckham and his company Office Systems of Texas has been a supporter of the museum for over a decade, supplying with printers and copiers without cost to the museum, participating and serving as lead sponsor in the Fun Run for each of its three years, attending events like the Special Evening with Texas History, and encouraging friends and business associates to join as members. It is thanks to Peckham and other supporters that the museum remains vibrant.

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Museum Remembers Events of 75 Years Ago

This April marks the 75th anniversary of the opening of the San Jacinto Monument and the San Jacinto Museum of History, a two-day event on April 20 and 21, 1939, with seven sessions held in three locations.

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Two forthcoming exhibits will take a look at the museum’s past. The first, a digital exhibit, will take a closer look at the opening of the Museum and the Monument, and will open at www.sanjacinto-museum.org mid-April. Celebrating 75 will open in the museum in early July, and will look at the history of the museum from its conception to the present day through artifacts, documents, and photographs.

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Through the wealth of their collection and selected some of his favorite artifacts, along with relics that spoke to two major themes that can be found in his holdings: religious and military life.

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See photos from the dig at www.sanjacinto-museum.org

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Ceremony, Symposium Celebrate San Jacinto

The official state ceremony commemorating the 178th anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto will take place on Monday, April 21, at 11:00 a.m. The event is free and open to the public, and takes place on the steps of the San Jacinto Monument. Ron Stone Jr. will serve as master of ceremonies, and the keynote speaker will be Dr. Bill O’Neal, appointed Texas State Historian in 2012. Scholarships will be awarded to winners of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and Sons of the Republic of Texas Texas History Essay contests. The event will conclude with the laying of a memorial wreath and a salute by the Texas Army.

Preceding the Ceremony by a week, the 2014 Battle of San Jacinto Symposium will take a look at the Tejano side of the Texas Revolution. Noted speakers will be Dr. Raúl Ramos on the San Antonio Tejanos, Dr. Francis Galan on the East Texas Tejanos, Dr. Craig H. Roell on the Tejanos of Victoria-Goliad, Dr. J. Frank de la Teja on Antonio Menchaca at San Antonio, Dr. Omar S. Valerio-Jiménez on the Revolution and the Lower Valley, and Dr. James E. Crisp on Juan Seguin and the Texas Revolution in Public Memory. The event will take place at the Ripley House on Saturday, April 12, and runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Further information and reservations are available at www.sanjacintoconservancy.org.