

# Texian Footnotes

A publication for Fort Bend County Museum Association Members

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## This month in History

August 30, 1836 – Augustus and John Allen ran an advertisement in the Telegraph and Texas Register to attract settlers to the new "Town of Houston."

Aug. 6, 1959 - Borden's Ice Cream \$.79/half gallon at Sugar Land Shopping Center Supermarket.

## In the Headlines

We are making the news! Our local papers, the Herald, former Ft. Bend Sun, and Ft. Bend Star have published a variety of stories lately on happenings at the Museum. Our summer programs even made front page of the Ft. Bend Section of the Houston Chronicle on July 26!

## Kevin and Diana Milligan

Congratulations to our member book winners for August!

Kevin and Diana, we look forward to seeing you as a volunteer with the Association and at upcoming events such as Texian Market Days. With your membership you receive free tickets! Thank you Milligans for your membership and continued support.

As the winner this month, they have a choice of one of three histories of Fort Bend County: Albert and Mamie George: The Legend and the Legacy, Wharton's History of Fort Bend County, or A Pictorial History of West Fort Bend County. Please call Mitzi at 281-342-1256 to claim your prize.

## Fiestas Patrias

September 15, noon - 6pm

This free family event commemorates the day when Father Hidalgo y Costillo's cry for liberty--el Grito de Dolores--called for an end to Spanish tyranny in Mexico and started the movement for Mexican independence. In 1825 the 16th of September--Diez y Seis de Septiembre--was declared the national Independence Day, and is still celebrated all over Mexico and in Hispanic communities in the U.S. Music, food & craft booths, watermelon and jalapeno eating contest, a car show, children's activities & the Fiestas Patrias Queen coronation. Time: Noon to 6pm. Cost: Free. Location: Fort Bend Museum 500 Houston Richmond, Texas 77469. For more information, call Delores Moore at 281-342-6478.

## Upcoming Events

### Museum

Aug. 20 - 10am - noon Volunteer Orientation

Sept. 15- Fiestas Patrias noon - 6pm

Sept. 17 - 10am - noon Volunteer Orientation

### Ranch

Aug. 4 - 9am - noon Volunteer Orientation

Sept. 1 & 6 - 9am - noon Volunteer Orientation

## Volunteering

In an effort to keep local history alive, the FBCMA is seeking new volunteers to assist with education and local preservation efforts. Volunteers can choose to attend one of several orientations at either the Museum or the Ranch. Call Mitzi Jackson 281-342-1256 for more details.

Training for Museum **Junior Docents** will continue throughout the fall. Check our website for dates and more info. [www.fortbendmuseum.org](http://www.fortbendmuseum.org)

## A Look Ahead

Texian Market Days is on the horizon - October 26 for School field trips and October 27 for the general public. Entertainment includes volunteer re-enactors, hands-on programs, arts & crafts vendors, food vendors, children's activities and family-friendly live entertainment. Time: 9am-5pm. Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 children (5 to 15).

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