

# Texian Footnotes

A publication for Fort Bend County Museum Association Members

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## This month in History

July 14, 1805 – Birthday of “the mother of Houston” Charlotte Allen, who, along with her brothers, bought land along Buffalo Bayou to establish the town in 1836.

July 15, 1824 - John Foster receives land grant.

July 19, 1885 - First Baptist Church, Richmond, organized in home of John M. Moore.

July 22, 1895 - City of Fruitland (Orchard) advertised.

## Upcoming Events

Museum  
July 17-20 Summer Programs

Ranch  
Reading of the Jones Family Land Grant, George Ranch’s Birthday - Saturday, July 7th

## Robert and Nancy Bartosh

Congratulations to our member book winner for July!

Robert and Nancy are active members of the Association, taking the time to attend the Lone Star Stomp, and volunteering for the Candlelight Tours and Texian Market Days. Thank you Bartoshes 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.

## Summer Programs

The Museum is offering a week of summer programs, July 17-20, designed for children ages 8-14. Programs include archeology, frontier survival and domestic life. Sign up for one or more programs today by calling Claire at the Museum at 281-342-6478. Cost is \$6/program for general public and \$5/program for members.

## Docent’s Corner

It’s the lazy, hazy days of summer, but not for the Docents! We’ve had a busy summer with a beautiful celebration for the 40th birthday of the museum, a successful garage sale at the Moore home, a workshop for items to be sold at our Candlelight Tours in December, and two decorated tables for the birthday girl, Billie Wendt, at Safari Texas. Next on the agenda is another workshop on June 30 from 10-12, then join us at our meeting at the Moore home on July 14th. We will meet on the porch where we will have mini-orientation programs of the gallery, spinning, chores of the past, and a final workshop. Plan on getting to know us up-close while providing some valuable volunteer time as well as having fun!

## SFA’s Desk won’t be here long!

This is the perfect time to visit the museum. Stephen F. Austin’s desk, c. 1824, is on display until mid-August, along with new exhibits that tell the bigger story of Ft. Bend County, including its Rural Towns and a more detailed history of Sugar Land.

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