

APR—MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER

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Evening meetings at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Monday • Monthly luncheons are typically on the 4th Monday of the month.

April 8, 2014

Dear Friends & Members,

All are excited about the upcoming *Tour of Homes*. Mary Helen Schaeffer and her legions of volunteers have been hard at work preparing for the tour, our major fund raiser.

Thanks go to Peggy and Dick East, Clayton Hardy, and Eileen Guthrie for their making the March luncheon so enjoyable with their culinary talents. Chad Daniels, Executive Director of the museum at Camp Shelby, gave a great talk on the museum and history of Camp Shelby which will soon be celebrating its centennial. Chad's talk inspired some of us to consider a road trip up to Camp Shelby. If you are interested in joining such a trip, please let me or Virgil Harris know.

Virgil has some exciting programs lined up for us in April and at the May luncheon. (Due to the *Tour of Homes* there will be no May evening meeting.)

Details on the *Tour* and other upcoming events are below.

—Tom Shellnut, & the Board of Trustees

Upcoming Events

Monday, April 14, 7 p.m. Larry Rogers of the Pass Christian Theatre Project (which has scheduled five plays over the next year) will speak about the project and the first play "Scenic Drive," a murder mystery set to be performed in June.

Monday, April 28, 12 noon. Heidi Battle will bring her high school history class to the luncheon. The class has entered a history competition, and several students who have qualified to participate in a national competition at the University of Maryland will preview their presentation. We should all be very proud of

Pass Christian Historical Society's Tour of Homes • Sunday, May 4, 2014 • 2-5 p.m.

Homes may be toured in any order, and tickets may be purchased at any home beginning at 2 p.m.



201 East Scenic Home of the Pass Christian Historical Society. The Pass Christian Historical Society will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the day of tour for those wanting to make advance ticket purchases, join or renew memberships, or purchase other items including "Daily Devotions" tour materials. After 2 p.m., tickets may only be purchased at one of the homes on tour.



819 East Scenic Home of Joanne M. Hines. (Great north-south view!) This is a reconstruction of a home lost to Katrina that has been rebuilt to category 5 storm standards. There is much to enjoy in the house and patio. Our favorite is a large picture window that magically lets you see the activity at the point of a bullet. *This will be offered here.*



833 East Scenic Home of Michael and Janet McEnry. The current home was built in 1988 and expanded after Katrina. Notice the white sea shells hanging from the tree as you enter the grounds. The extensive gardens are the work of Janet & landscape architect Tammy Davis of Hattiesburg, and are superb.



710 Second Street Home of Bill and Eileen Peters. There's a lot to love about this home, and newly started back lot, but this home is something special. In fact it is a new home with unique historical signficance, incorporating an 18th century and an 19th century style behind the facade at 708 East Scenic.



828 East Scenic "Garden House" that has 1000 sq. ft. and is a very fine by Pickett McClain. In 1938 it became known locally as the "mush-eater house" after the home was hit and the chert of a pair of mud was left behind. (Whether it's a term or a term of East Scenic it was what this home must have looked like prior to being destroyed.)



1608 East Beach (Hwy 90) Home of Lynn Greenwood. (Driving in back.) A 1905 red-wood structure built on the site of a home built in 1892. From the Gulf of Mexico, this is a beautiful sight. Modern improvements. Excellent wide wrap-around porch and sea island that wrap. Large grounds, thick trees, shrubs, etc. \$500,000+.

our high school—more information about this competition appears on the reverse. (Reservations are required. See box below.)

Sunday, May 4, Tour of Homes. Volunteers and food contributions are needed. See below for a list of principal contacts as well as information about a new Patron Package.

Monday, May 12. Due to the *Tour* there will be **no regular meeting.**

Monday, May 19, 12 noon. (One week earlier than normal.) Richard Ward will give a talk on a 1919 movie filmed in Pass Christian (over by what would become Japonica) as well as show some footage of Teddy Roosevelt's visit to the barrier islands (filmed apparently during TRs visit to the Pass in 1915). The program is entitled "Hollywood visits the Pass." (Reservations are required, see box below.)

Tour of Homes Information

Chair—Mary Helen Schaeffer

Refreshments (Tea House)—Ann Burger, Roy May, Kitsie Roth.

We are looking for donations of finger food. Please contact Kitsie (kitsier@aol.com) if you can donate. *Food should be brought in a disposable container, and dropped off at 519 East Scenic between 12 noon and 2 p.m., on Tour Day.*

House Captains—Bootie Farnsworth, Chair

- Joy Burke — Gildersleeve home, 1001 East Beach.
- Clayton Hardy — Bailey home, 829 East Scenic.
- Becky Orfila — Petagna home, 710 East Second.

Luncheon Reservations: A \$10 (\$12 non-members) admission fee, which includes lunch, is payable at the door. Please email president@passhistory.org to reserve a spot, or call 228-452-7254 (feel free to leave a message).

- Barbara Woelke — McElroy home, 533 East Scenic
- Lucy Harris — Hines home, 519 East Scenic.

If you would like to be a docent at this year's Tour, please contact Bootie at 547-5420 or eloise.farnsworth@yahoo.com. Volunteers who wish to attend the Tour before or after their shift will be able to buy a ticket at the discounted rate of \$20.

Publicity — Wilma Rizzardi, Bonnie St. Paul.

If you can help us by dropping off brochures or posters at your business or at businesses you frequent, please contact Bonnie at 222-3165 or brawlins2@yahoo.com.

Patron Tour Package

Part of the funds comes from our advertisers and sponsors of the tour. This year, we have a new category of sponsors: the Patron Package. For \$100, individual sponsors will have a listing in the tour program, receive two tickets to the tour, and receive your choice of one of the Individual Home Plaques by Clay Creations (\$10 value while supplies last — see below for more information)

The sale price of these amenities is \$70. Your participation in our patron package will help your society and give you a good reason to enjoy a wonderful afternoon “doing” the tour on Sunday, May 4.

Business Sponsorships of the Tour

If your business would like to participate as a sponsor, we have an array of sponsorships available. Sponsorships include an advertisement in our Tour program, as well as tickets for the Tour.

Order Your 2014 Clay Creations Tour Plaque



We are adding to our Clay Creations Tour of Homes collection with three new plaques, and are accepting pre-orders:

- Combined home plaque featuring 519 East Scenic (Hines), 633 East Scenic (McElroy) and 1001 East Beach (Gildersleeve). See photo above. \$40.
- 829 East Scenic (Carlisle Place) tour plaque. \$10.
- 710 East Second Street (Petagna) tour plaque. \$10.

Please contact the Society at 452-7254 or info@passhistory.org to order a plaque.

More on Pass High History Competition

“On Saturday February 22, Pass High School freshmen competed at the state level of the National History Day (NHD) Competition. This yearly competition brings together more than half a million students across the nation and in Department of Defense Dependent Schools world wide. The studies choose a topic related to each year’s theme and create a project. Project categories include exhibit boards, documentaries, historical papers, websites and performances. This process requires months of extensive research using both primary and secondary sources, the culmination of which is a project that is entered into the National History Day Competition, first at the school level, and then at the state level. At these competitions, the projects are evaluated by judges comprised of educators, historians, and well-read lovers of history.

In its inaugural attempt, Pass Christian High School demonstrated a commitment to excellence. Fourteen students hailing from the high school competed at the state level at USM in Hattiesburg, and out of those fourteen students, six qualified to represent Mississippi at the national level in June at the University of Maryland. Gnyata Patel, Jennifer Hoang and Emily Pavolini worked as a trio to compose a website entitled “Justice for Cambodia: the Responsibility to Fight for Their Rights” and placed first in the Senior Group Website category. Alexis Davis placed first in the Individual Historical Paper category with her essay, *The Responsibility of the Nazi Party for the Revocation of Handicapped Rights*. Julia Battles produced a documentary file entitled *Judenrate: Responsibility for Administering Jewish Rights in the Ghettos*. She also placed first in the Senior Individual Documentary category. Alena Vu created an exhibit board called the “Berlin Wall: Rights of the Berliners and the Responsibilities of the Divided Government.” She placed third and will attend as an alternate. As a school, Pass Christian High earned second place for Outstanding School, Senior Division for the state. And, as a teacher, Ms. Heide Battles, the NHD coach for Pass High, won the Outstanding Teacher, Senior Division for the state. Additionally, she was awarded \$500 and is the Mississippi nominee for the Patricia Behring Teacher Award, and award that comes with a \$10,000 prize. — *Kaitlyn Null, Pass Christian High School.*

Arrowhead Collection

An interesting arrowhead collection is on display at the Society Building. The arrowheads were collected along the Wolf River and are on loan from John Walrod.