

NOV/DEC 2012 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.

November 5, 2012

Dear Friends & Members

Next Monday is our monthly meeting and also when we elect three of our nine board members. (And you thought that the elections were over!) Later in the month is our monthly luncheon and on December 5th is our Christmas party. Details below.

There will be not a monthly meeting or luncheon in December, so this will be our last newsletter of the year, although later in the month we will be sending out invitations to our Christmas Party.

With the Christmas party and new year fast upon us, we hope that you will take a moment to renew your membership now. A explanation of membership renewal options is included as part of the letter.

—Tom Shellnut, & the Board of Trustees

Nov. Dec Events

Monthly Meeting-Monday Nov. 12, at 7 p.m.

Jane Shambra, who is in charge of the genealogy department at the Harrison County Library System, is our speaker Monday night.

Election of Board Members: In accordance with our by-laws the membership will also be electing on Monday three of our nine board members each for a three-year term. The following members were nominated at the October Meeting: **Virgil Harris, Mary Helen Schaeffer, Gayla Schmitt and Amy Wood.** Robin Rafferty was also nominated, but has to our great regret withdrawn his nomination.

November 26th Luncheon

Linda VanZandt, director of the Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage at The University of Southern Mississippi will give a talk on "Pass Time:

Oral History and Reimagining Community in the 21st Century."

Oral History Training Session after Luncheon

We will also hold a training session for the oral history project after Ms. VanZandt's talk on Nov. 26. If you are interested in becoming an interviewer for the project, **please join us from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** that day at the Historical Society.

Wednesday December 5 Christmas Party

We hope everyone can join us for this year's Christmas Party, which will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the Historical Society building. We are hosting the Community Christmas Tree Display this year, so you will get to enjoy seeing all the trees created by organizations, schools and businesses in our town. This is a good time to renew your membership for 2013 -- and bring a friend to join too. But still better renew now!

A Note from Christmas Party Food Chairman Susan Thompson:

Thanks to all our outstanding cooks and chefs who made our Holiday Party such a success last year!! Once again we are calling on you! We need your talents to make our annual Holiday Party a success! Last years' fare was outstanding and I am confident that we will have a similar response this year! We are in need of appetizers, sandwiches and sweets, so pull out your cookbooks and make something marvelous!! Please let me know as soon as possible what you can contribute. Contact me at susuthom@gmail.com or phone me at 228-806-6046. Let's make this truly an evening to remember!
Susan Thompson, Food Chairman

Thank You to Virgil & Jack

We hope you will join us in thanking **Virgil Harris**, who has organized so many wonderful programs this year. It takes a lot of work to find such interesting speakers every month, twice a month. We can't wait to see what he has planned for 2013!

We also want to thank **Jack Kelly** for his many years of service to the Society as a Board Member. He has brought a number of wonderful exhibits to the Society, a huge task that brought many visitors to the Society and really helped us as we moved into our new building. Thank you, Jack, for everything you've done for the Society!

January Programs & Mardi Gras Planning

Jan. 14 Membership Meeting: David Preziosi, Ten Most Endangered Sites in Mississippi.

Jan. 28 Luncheon: Stacy Speas on Ship Island.

We are putting together plans for a Mardi Gras party during the Pass Parade at the Society building. If you are interested in helping with the planning of this event, please contact Evelina at 228-363-1973 or info@passhistory.org.

Building Volunteers Needed

We are also in *desperate need of volunteers to help us keep the building open* during our regular hours: Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you can volunteer, please call Evelina at 228-363-1973 or email info@passhistory.org.

Membership Renewal

While our Christmas party is our main membership renewal event, we hope you will renew your membership now. A membership form appears on the reverse, but if you wish, simply mail in your renewal check with any address updates to the Society's P.O. box.

Pass Christian Historical Society

2013 Membership Opportunities & Benefits

Individual Membership: \$20 per year

- Pass Christian Historical Society newsletter
- Discounts on books and other items for sale
- Discounts on admission to events
- Advance notice of meetings, exhibits, programs and social gatherings
- Invitation to members-only parties and events

Family Membership: \$30

Individual membership benefits for two adults in one household

Student Membership: \$5

With Student ID, all benefits of individual membership

Contributing Member: \$60

- Individual membership benefits for one adult
- Recognition in newsletter once a year
- Recognition on a sign that will be placed in the Historical Society lobby in 2013
- One ticket to the 2013 Tour of Homes

Sustaining Member: \$100

- Individual membership benefits for two adults in one household
- Recognition in newsletter once a year
- Recognition on a sign that will be placed in the Historical Society lobby in 2013
- Two tickets to the 2013 Tour of Homes

Patron: \$500

- Individual membership benefits for one household
- Recognition in newsletter once a year
- Recognition on a sign that will be placed in the Historical Society lobby in 2013
- Two tickets to the 2013 Tour of Homes
- An engraved 4"x8" brick

Benefactor: \$1,000

- Individual membership benefits for one household
- Recognition in newsletter once a year
- Prominent recognition on a sign to be placed in the Historical Society lobby in 2013
- Four tickets to the 2013 Tour of Homes
- An engraved 8"x8" brick

*Thank you for becoming a member of the Pass Christian Historical Society! The society relies on the support of its members, and we thank you for continuing to support our effort to preserve our past for future generations. Please fill out the information below and return to: **Pass Christian Historical Society, P.O. Box 58 Pass Christian, MS 39571***

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please check here if you would prefer to receive the monthly newsletter via email only: _____

Membership Level:

- _____ Individual (\$20)
- _____ Family (\$30)
- _____ Student (\$5)
- _____ Contributing (\$60)
- _____ Sustaining (\$100)
- _____ Patron (\$500)
- _____ Benefactor (\$1,000)

The Society also relies on the generosity of its volunteers. Please indicate the areas in which you are interested in volunteering:

- _____ Historical Preservation
- _____ Events & Programs
- _____ Docents & Building Volunteers
- _____ Newsletter & Publicity
- _____ Fundraising
- _____ Membership
- _____ Other: _____