

OCT. 2013 NEWSLETTER

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228 452-7254 • info@passhistory.org • Building typically open: Thursday-Friday-Saturday, 10-2 p.m.
Evening meetings at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Monday • Monthly luncheons are typically on the 4th Monday of the month.

October 6, 2013

Dear Friends & Members,

When Tropical Storm Karen threatened us, a cadre of board members rallied to prepare for potential water intrusion to our building. Joy Burke, Patrick Burke and Ed Macdiarmid worked to “waterproof” the doors leading to the loggia. They used visqueen, sand bags and tape. As it worked out these precautionary measures were not tested, but we were ready thanks to the efforts of Joy, Patrick and Ed.

Our call for volunteers has paid off: Sharon Greer will be working with Bruce Stinson, our archivist, on archives. If you would like to help in this vital area of the society, please let Bruce or Sharon know. Secondly, an IT (information technology) committee is forming. Charged with formulating efficient use of the internet and computers to manage the society’s records, files, and web site, the committee is busy formulating plans and procedures. Bodie Michell, Eileen Guthrie, Rebecca Smith, Becky Orfila, Steve Mearns and Sharon Greer will be involved in the committee and ask for any assistance you can offer.

We still need volunteers as docents. If you can devote only two hours a week or every two weeks, please let us know. We need help Thursday afternoon and Saturdays so we can keep the building open for visitors or other members. What some volunteers have done is partner with another member so they can alternate week to week. Also, should one have another engagement, the partner/buddy can fill in. We need your help.

Mark October 26 for our Trash or Treasure event at the building. Cynthia Hammond and her committees have worked to put together our second “Antique Road Show”-type event. The last one was a decided success, and we look for greater participation and more proceeds for this one. The list of appraisers has been expanded as have the hours, 9:00 to 2:00. The Gazebo Gazette ran an article on the “T or T” in its October 4 issue which should bring in many participants. Check your attic or



Mark your calendar! This year’s Christmas Party is at the home of Margaret Loesch (625 East Scenic Drive) Monday, December 9th - 6-8:30 p.m. Volunteers needed.
Rendering of Margaret’s home by Ron Dailey

shelves for those items you’ve wondered about and bring them in for information on their value and other facts. Remember, these appraisals are informal and are not certified. If you wish to pursue a formal appraisal or a sale of your item, talk to your appraiser during Trash or Treasure.

If you have any suggestions or comments about improving the society, or wish to offer praise, please let us hear from you at president@passhistory.org.

—Tom Shellnut, & the Board of Trustees

Upcoming Events

October 14 Membership meeting at 7 p.m. Bodie Michell will discuss “A Day in the Life of a Bar Pilot.” His presentation will relate the history of the Bar Association and will include some details of his father’s role and life in the Association. Also, nominees for the Board of Directors will be presented.

Monday, Oct. 21: Monthly Luncheon, 12 p.m. (Note: October’s lunch-

eon is a week earlier than our normal luncheon date.)

Ms. Amy McLaughlin, who is an appraiser for the upcoming Trash or Treasures program, will speak at this meeting and provide insight into how appraisals are done. She will also tell us of some of her experiences in this business. Reservations require. A \$10 (\$12 non mem-

2nd TRASH or TREASURE

Saturday, 26 October 2013

9:00 – 2:00

\$20 first item, \$10 for 2nd & 3rd
(Limit 3 items)

More appraisers

Antique weapons (unloaded)

Start looking for your treasures
NOW!!!!

See passhistory.org for more info.

bers) admission fee which includes lunch is payable at the door.

Saturday, October 26: “Trash or Treasure?” 9am-2pm

Trash or Treasure? a roadshow-style event, returns to the Historical Society this fall! \$20 for the first item, \$10 for each additional item, with a 3 item limit. Please plan to transport your object from your car to the appraisal event as event volunteers will not be able to handle patrons' items.

Appraisers:

John Abajian: Member of the International Society of Appraisers.

Becky Daniels: CAGA-certified, RSD Appraisals/Big Marks Trading Post and Auction, Bay St. Louis, MS

Betty Haynie: Certified member of the International Society of Appraisers, CAPP, proprietor of Betty Haynie Antiques and Fine Art, Fairhope, AL

Amy McLaughlin: CAGA-certified appraiser, AML Appraisals, Long Beach, MS

Desiree Tait: Owner of Antiques at the Loop and High Cotton, Mobile, AL.

Ruth Moore Winston: Certified member of the International Society of Appraisers, Independent Appraiser of Residential Contents, CAPP.

Scott Naugle: Insurance Specialist, BancorpSouth Insurance Services, Chief Administrative Officer.

Please note that these are not official appraisals, but may provide a better understanding of your family heirlooms or garage-sale finds, plus whether you should take the time and effort to get your item formally appraised. We thank Pattie Ryan and Barbara Woelke for serving as co chairs for this event.

November 11 Membership meeting at 7 pm. Bertram Hayes-Davis

will return to tell us about the Christmas Program that will be held at Beauvoir. This is the meeting when three members will be elected to the Board of Trustees. (A list of current officers and trustees appears below in this newsletter.)

Christmas Party December 9 6-8:30 pm.

Mark your calendars! Calling all members (and lapsed members) to our Christmas Party at the home of Margaret Loesch. We will need members to help with donating food, setup, hosting, bars and more. Please let Amy Wood know (call or text 228-216-7649) if you to want to CHAIR any of these areas. Sign up sheets to bring your party food favorites will be available at meetings. It will be a festive way to start the holiday season!. (As always dues for the coming year are payable at the door.)

DeBow's Review, October 1847

“The Watering-Places of Louisiana”

First to Pass Christian, the nearest point to New Orleans, and consequently the most accessible and desirable for those city gentlemen who cannot leave the city for any length of time.

Here you can get splendid accommodations at the elegant house of our friend Montgomery— successor to Ward— here, too, you have a tolerable good bath, and good fish and oysters, though it is a long stretch of white beach to the sea.

There are a good many private residences and villas here, and many staid and solemn people, who are perfectly satisfied to sit in their balconies, to smoke their Victorias, nurse their appetites, and play

out in their imagination numerous little fishing parties.

Boat excursions, lovely storms, snow-capped billows, boats capsized, bold swimming, sharks pursuing, and—but the tragic sequel drives the imagination off into other spheres, and the approaching season, with all its uncertainties—its cotton, sugar and breadstuff operations—the next steamer's news—the crops, the cotton-worm, potato rot, etc., compose the staple of our city denizen's reflections, as he looks out upon the ocean from his villa's balcony and views the broad sea, a fit emblem of the uncertainties of trade and commerce. —*Transcribed by M. James Stevens*

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