



# Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society Fall Meeting

**Location:** Galveston, Texas  
**Date:** November 6-7, 2009  
**Conference fee:** \$25.00 per person

**Lodging and travel:** Tremont House, a Wyndham Historic hotel is located at 2300 Ship's Mechanic Row in the heart of the Strand area of Galveston Island. The room rate is \$129.00 for a single/double, \$149.00 for a triple/quad. **Reserve by Oct. 7 to guarantee this rate.** Each chapter is responsible for their own lodging and transportation. See below for details.

## Itinerary:

### Friday, Nov. 6

#### *Meal and Program*

*Location: The Roof Garden is located at 2214 Strand, Galveston. This facility sits atop of the historic Jules Lauve Building. The buffet style meal will be catered by DiBella's Italian Restaurant. This restaurant was voted by the citizens of Galveston as the "best restaurant" for the last 5 years.*

*Following the dinner the chapters will conduct their business meeting including chapter reports.*

*Program: The topic of the program will be on the "Wild and Woolly Days of Galveston". The time period focused on in the program is post WWII and the 1950's.*

Roof Garden, 2214 Strand, Galveston, Texas, 5:30 p.m.

The Roof Garden sits atop of the Historic Jules Lauve building. It overlooks the Strand which was once known as the Wall Street of the South. You will be allowed to mingle both inside and outside of the facility on the balcony. The historic building on the ground floor was once THE home of the neon sign company which made all the signs used by businesses during the days when Galveston was known for its "wilder" side. Pictures and artifacts from those days are displayed throughout the building. The facility is owned by a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Galveston family. Visit their website at [www.roofgardengalveston.com](http://www.roofgardengalveston.com)

The meal, speaker and meeting should be over by 9:00 – 9:30.

## **Saturday, Nov. 7**

*The members attending the conference will be divided into two groups because of space constraints. The first tour begins at 9:00a.m. The second tour begins at 10:30a.m. At the end of the first tour the two groups will swap to the second tour.*

### **Historic presentation at the Rosenberg Library**

The Rosenberg Library is located at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sealy. The curator of the Texas History Center, Casey Greene will present the artifacts owned by the library to our members. Part of the presentation that you will be allowed to see is Sam Houston's dueling pistols. Mr. Greene, who is a lover of Texas History, is very enthusiastic about being invited to make this presentation to you. The website for the library is [www.rosenberg-library.org](http://www.rosenberg-library.org).

### **Texas Seaport Museum**

The Texas Seaport Museum and Tall Ship Elissa are located at Pier 21, Harborside Drive at 21<sup>st</sup> Street. This tour is self guided where most of the time can be spent on board the Elissa. The Webb Society members will experience the raising of the sails and handling the rigging of the ship. A short video is shown that explains the condition of the Elissa and the process of getting it into the condition that you will see on the tour.

Lunch in Galveston- On your own

For a listing of restaurants, visit [www.galveston.com/cuisine](http://www.galveston.com/cuisine)

Optional Activities: Contact has been made with each of the following optional tours. The fees and times of each tour are correct at this time.

**Ocean Star Drilling Rig:** self guided tour, takes about 1 ½ to 2 hours to complete. It is open both Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon. The cost is \$4.00 per person up to age 18. Age 18+ is 6.00 per person. The entrance fee for sponsors is \$5.00. This facility is sponsored by the Offshore Energy Center and is located at Pier 19 which is at Harborside and 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Bishop's Palace:** Tours are offered on both Friday and Saturday from 12-4. Each tour will last approximately 1 hour. The facility will make special arrangements for groups of 20+. Regular tour price is \$10.00 per person. Group tour price is \$7.00 per person. Bishop's Palace is located at 1402 Broadway.

**Ashton Villa:** The first floor of this facility was heavily damaged by Hurricane Ike. They conduct Saturday tours only. The tours are beginning at 2:00p.m., 3:00p.m. and 4:00p.m. The topic of each tour is entitled "Restoration Progress After Hurricane Ike". The regular tour price is \$9.00. The facility will make special arrangements for group tours as well for groups of 20+ people. The group tour price is \$7.00 per person. Ashton Villa is located at 2328 Broadway.

**Colonel Paddlewheel Boat:** Tours are offered on Saturday only. The tour times are at 1:30 and again at 2:00. The tours last approximately one hour. The fee for the tour is \$9.00 per person. The Colonel is docked at Moody Gardens, One Hope Blvd. The cruise is around Galveston Bay. It is narrated along the way.

**Galveston Harbor Tours:** Tours are offered both Friday and Saturday at 1:30 and 3:00. Each tour will last approximately 1 hour. The tour departs from Pier 22. It is a narrated tour around Galveston Bay. Regular tour fee is \$10.00 per person. For groups of 20+ the fee is \$8.00 per person.

### **Suggested Hotel:**

Tremont House, 2300 Ship's Mechanic Row. This is a European style hotel which is ranked among the top 100 hotels in the United States. The single/double rate is \$129.00 and the triple/quad rate is \$149.00. Individual guest reservations can be made by calling 1-800-996-3426 or by calling the hotel directly at 1-409-753-0300. You must mention that you are a part of the TSHA Webb Historical Society group. **Cut-off date for this rate is Oct. 07.**

To learn more about this hotel and the historic Strand District visit

<http://www.thetremonthouse.com>

### **Learn more:**

Learn more about the Galveston Island experience by visiting the following web sites:

- Handbook of Texas article <http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/GG/hdg1.html>
- Texas Almanac article <http://www.texasalmanac.com/history/highlights/storm/>
- The official website for the City of Galveston is [www.galveston.com](http://www.galveston.com)

## **Optional Attractions and Events**

### Galveston

- Many restaurants—all types of food
  - Walking Tour of Historic Buildings
  - Galveston County Historical Museum
  - Bolivar Ferry
  - Texas History Center at the Rosenberg Library
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- Walk along the beach
  - Mardi Gras Museum
  - Shopping