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## Welcome Back!

Welcome back – to school and to TSHA! The Texas State Historical Association hopes you had a restful and rejuvenating summer. The Webb Society is gearing up for an eventful year and we look forward to your participation. Let us know about the good things happening with your chapter this year.

## Webb Society Fall Meeting November 6-7, 2009, Galveston

Join us in Galveston on Nov. 6-7 to explore the rich heritage of one of Texas's oldest cities. The weekend will include a stay at the Tremont House, a European style hotel located on the Strand. The meeting will take place at the Roof Garden also located on the Strand. The Roof Garden sits atop of the historic Jules Laue building which was once THE neon sign company that made most of the signs for businesses in Galveston during the 50s. The program on Friday will focus on those "wild and wooly" days in Galveston. The Saturday morning experience will provide you a chance to visit the Rosenberg Library Texas History Center. You will be given a personal presentation by the curator of the history center who will share artifacts with the group that most people never see and only dream about. A visit to the Texas Seaport Museum and the tall ship Elissa is also planned. Optional activities will be available on both Friday and Saturday. A complete itinerary and registration form can be found on the TSHA's web site at [www.TSHAonline.org/education/webb](http://www.TSHAonline.org/education/webb). This will truly provide you with an experience to see a side of Galveston that is rarely seen. Don't miss it!

## Chapter Projects and Awards

Each year, Webb Society chapters are encouraged to adopt a project that promotes the preservation of state or local history. Chapter projects encourage teamwork, promote goodwill in communities and are just plain fun! At the Fall Meeting in November, chapters are invited to describe their project and report on its progress. Any project completed by two or more students qualifies. Need ideas? Here are some suggestions:

- Research a local history topic or under told story in your community and work with the County Historical Commission to apply for an official Texas Historical Marker.
- Adopt a neglected cemetery in your area. Work with city or county agencies to develop and implement a preservation plan. Prioritize needs to determine ways your chapter can help out such as properly cleaning stones, repairing fences, addressing landscape issues and other maintenance. (Contact a representative of the Texas Historical Commission for more information about the Texas Historical Marker and Cemetery Preservation programs at [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us).)
- Create a documentary on a historical topic that is important to your chapter. Use oral histories and other primary sources to document a significant event in your community's history.
- Get involved with a regional history fair in your area. Work with the regional coordinator to determine how your chapter can help. (Visit [http://www.tshaonline.org/education/thd/thd\\_coordinators.html](http://www.tshaonline.org/education/thd/thd_coordinators.html) for a complete listing of regional coordinators.) Serve as a judge, assist younger students with their research skills, advise students on historical writing, web site design, performance, exhibit design or documentary development. Write a summary of your experience and describe how history programs can positively impact a community.
- **Remember! One chapter project will be selected to receive the Caldwell Memorial Award, which includes a \$600 prize. The winner will be announced at the spring meeting, March 2010.**

## Call for Historical Papers

Each year the Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society recognizes excellence in historical research and writing with the C.M. Caldwell Memorial Award. Entries for the 2010 award are due by **January 22, 2010**, and award recipients will be announced at the TSHA Annual Meeting March 4-6, 2010 in Dallas. Cash prizes range from \$75-400, and selected papers will be published in the 2011 edition of *Touchstone*. Opportunities for undergraduates to publish are rare. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity!

## Annual Meeting March 26-28 2009, Austin

The Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society Annual Meeting was held March 27 & 28, 2009 at the Palmer Events Center in Austin in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association. The meeting took place on Friday with Patricia Richey of Jacksonville College presiding. Formal Chapter Reports were presented by attending chapters, followed by the review of the year's activities.

Saturday morning's activities began with the *History in Action: The College Classroom in 2009* meeting, presided by Stephen Cure. Papers by: Professor Ronald Traylor of Southeastern Louisiana University, Ryan Treesh, University of Houston-Downtown, and Elizabeth Stockett, Lee College were presented. This session was followed by the presentation of the annual C. M. Caldwell Memorial Awards. Congratulations to our 2009 award recipients: Megan Burns, San Jacinto-South Community College; Amelia Giles, San Jacinto-South Community College; Alan Garcia, Lee College; Clara Ramirez, Northeast Texas Community College; Lori Glaspie, University of Houston-Downtown; Brandon Goodwin, University of Houston-Clear Lake; Autumn Vaughn, University of Houston-Clear Lake; Joseph Middleton, University of Houston-Downtown and Leigh Ann Shelfer, University of Houston-Clear Lake. The Jacksonville College chapter received the Caldwell Chapter Project award.

Congratulations to Garna Christian, chapter sponsor of the University of Houston, who received the 2009 David DeBoe Award.

### 2009 Annual Meeting Photos



***SAVE THE DATE!***

## TSHA and Webb Society Annual Meeting March 5-6, 2010, Marriott Quorum Hotel, Dallas

Mark your calendar and make plans now to attend the annual meeting of the Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Texas State Historical Association. All Webb Society members are invited to attend TSHA sessions and banquet events. Information is posted on the TSHA website Events page at <http://www.tshaonline.org/about/meeting/index.html>.

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