Region 7 Education Service Center & the Texas State Historical Association

Region 7 Texas History Conference
Topic: 1682 to Present
October 2, 2012

Texas State Historical Association
Introduction

The Region 7 Education Service Center and the Texas State Historical Association are proud to present the Region 7 Texas History Workshop, October 2nd, 2012 to be held at the Region 7 Education Service Center. This event, for 4th and 7th Grade Texas history educators, will focus on the history of Texas from 1682 to the present. Teachers will be able to choose from a variety of breakout sessions addressing historical content, geography, economics, civics, teaching strategies, and resources.

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| Oak             | War in East Texas: Regulators vs. Moderators  
Bill O’Neal, State Historian of Texas  
This presentation will provide a description and analysis of the first blood feud in Texas, the Regulator-Moderator War of East Texas. |
| 10:00 a.m.      | Breakout Session #1 |
| Aspen           | From Backwater to Powerhouse: Texas on the National Stage  
Ricky Dobbs, Texas A & M University - Commerce  
From rural southern state to a national player in power politics, Texas’s rise to influence on the national stage tracked its urbanization, industrialization and confrontation with its southern-ness. Its national influence has proved durable ever since, surviving changing political and economic winds. |
| Cypress         | Economics in Texas History  
Susan Doty, Texas Council on Economic Education  
Lesson plans, which show how to integrate economics into the history of Texas, will be demonstrated and provided to middle and high school teachers. |
| Dogwood         | Historical GIS  
Justin Cure, City of Longview  
Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is a system of computer hardware, software, data and people used to manipulate, analyze and visually present information that is tied to a spatial location. We will explore ways to use GIS to teach history and meet geography standards. |
| Elm             | Texas Picture Show: Using Texas Moving Images to Teach History  
Elizabeth Hansen, Texas Archive of the Moving Image  
Film and video have documented Texas history and culture for more than 100 years. When used in the classroom, these moving images are valuable primary source resources bringing Texas, U.S., and World history to life. This session will highlight moving images available via texasarchive.org and provide helpful tips and resources to assist educators in using archival film in the classroom. |
| Mesquite        | Incorporating living history into the classroom and using it as a tool for teaching research  
John and Carol Potter, A Day in 1800’s Texas  
This presentation will show participants how to create a matchbox or trunk collection for the classroom and how to do it on a budget. We will also see how these become an essential way of addressing the objectives of state curriculum and testing. |
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| Aspen      | Oral History from WWII  
*Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez, University of Texas at Austin*  
In this presentation, we will discuss themes and findings from interviews with Latino veterans and civilians of the World War II Generation. The VOICES Oral History Project has produced over 600 videotaped interviews with this generation of people and has developed educational materials, published three books, with three more in various stages of production. We will show video shorts from the project and give out a few books and educational packages. |
| Cypress    | Development of Political Parties in Texas  
*Jan Miller & Jerry Perry, Law-Related Education*  
This session will focus on the origin and evolution of political parties in Texas. Additionally, teachers will receive lessons that will help elementary, middle, and/or high school students understand and analyze the role the citizen and political parties played and continue to play in the political process in Texas. |
| Dogwood    | Primary Sources of the Texas General Land Office/Archive and Records Collection  
*Buck Cole, Texas General Land Office*  
This presentation is an introduction to the primary source documents and maps of the Archives and Records collection and will suggest ways to infuse these one-of-a-kind resources into the social studies curriculum. |
| Dogwood    | Session repeated at 3:05 p.m.  
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| Elm        | The European Experience in Texas Beginning in 1840  
*Evelyn Weinheimer, The Pioneer Museum*  
This presentation will give an overview of the reasons for and the effects on the German settlers in the settlement of Fredericksburg, Texas. During the presentation, access to free resources and lessons on Texas political and economic history will be provided. |
| Mesquite    | The Gonzales Connection  
*Glenda Gordon, Texas History Museum District*  
This presentation will include digital copies of the Public Art produced for the 1936 Centennial, as well as photographs and journal excerpts found in the Gonzales County Archives and the Centennial Gonzales Memorial Museum. Participants will receive a DVD of local resources, that support 7th grade instruction, in the Colonization and Texas Revolution C-Scope Units. |

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Helping Texas history teachers find the resources they need, including:  
Lesson Plans, Staff Development, Online Primary and Secondary Sources, Special Events, Museums and Exhibits, Books and Guides, and Audio-Visual Resources.
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|              | Scott Sosebee, Stephen F. Austin State University                      |
|              | This presentation will briefly examine the internecine squabble between the two competing factions within the state’s Democratic Party from the 1950’s through the 1970’s. |
| 1:15 p.m.    | Breakout Session #3                                                  |
| Aspen        | A Brief History of Agriculture in East Texas                          
|              | Perky Beisel, Stephen F. Austin State University                      |
|              | East Texas is a rural region well known for its natural resources such as forests, rivers, oil, and gas. However, since American settlement in the early nineteenth century, agricultural production has played an important role in the area’s economy and its changing nature has reflected larger trends in regional and U.S. history. This brief overview will link larger social and political events with the agricultural landscape of East Texas. |
| Cypress      | Resources from the Texas Forestry Museum                              
|              | David Young, Texas Forestry Museum                                    |
|              | In this presentation, learn about the resources available for educators, at the Texas Forestry Museum, including several traveling exhibits which can be used independently, with subject matter curriculum or as pre- or post-activities related to a visit to the Museum. |
| Dogwood      | The LBJ Library and Museum: Resources for Teachers                   
|              | Marsha L. Sharp, LBJ Library and Museum                               |
|              | The Lyndon Banes Johnson Library and Museum provides resources for teachers and students, such as primary sources, curriculum, teacher workshops, classroom museum tours, using primary sources for students, and hosts the Cen-Tex History Fair. |
| Elm          | Diverse Cultures in The Portal to Texas History                      
|              | Tara Carlisle, The Portal to Texas History                            |
|              | In response to teachers’ requests for more cultural heritage collections, the Portal recently added hundreds of items that reflect Texas’s diverse heritage. This presentation will highlight photographs of cultural customs and celebrations that represent a range of ethnicities including the Danish, German, Hispanic, Native American, Czechoslovakian, African-American, Polish, Cajun and Japanese. |
| Mesquite      | Bridging the Curriculum Through Art                                  
|              | Nancy Walkup, North Texas Institute for Educators on the Visual Arts and School Arts Magazine |
|              | Art can provide an engaging bridge that makes natural connections between art and other subjects such as social studies and language arts. Learn approaches and techniques that you immediately incorporate into your classroom. |
The Texas Quiz Show is an annual academic competition for middle and elementary school students about all things Texas, conducted in a quiz show format.

- In early March, students compete at the classroom and school level to crown a champion and help select a team that represents the school in the regional competitions.
- Middle school teams vie to see who will become the next Texas Quiz show champions at the state level match held in early May at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in conjunction with Texas History Day.
- Elementary school students are encouraged to write and submit questions that will be part of the 2013 Texas Quiz Show State Championship.
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| Aspen            | History of the Battle of San Jacinto  
*Tom Green*  
This session begins when the Convention was beginning at Washington-on-the-Brazos to declare Texas independence, and tells the audience the movement of both the Texians and the Mexican Army leading up to the battle of San Jacinto. The session is concluded with a thorough discussion of one of the most important battles in history. |
| Cypress          | Elections, Elections and More Elections  
*Jan Miller & Jerry Perry, Low-Related Education*  
This session will focus on the election process in Texas. Teachers will participate in interactive lessons that will help elementary, middle, and/or high school students understand the Texas election process. |
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| Mesquite         | Project Based Learning  
*Steve Cure, Texas State Historical Association*  
Discover a variety of standards-aligned project-based learning opportunities available specifically for Texas history students. Presentation will cover a variety of models, such as National History Day and Texas Quiz Show, and approaches which will increase student interest. |
| 4:00 p.m.        | Final remarks, evaluation turn-in, and visit with vendors (Oak) |

Texas History Day, a yearlong program for students in Grades 6-12, is affiliated with National History Day. Students in the junior division (Grades 6-8) and the senior division (Grades 9-12) prepare projects based on an annual theme and develop critical thinking skills as they:

- Enter projects into local competition in two divisions across five categories.
- Advance, as top winners in Grades 6-12, to the regional and state level contests.
- Compete to represent Texas at the national contest in June at the University of Maryland.
- The program can assist with requirements for students in the Gifted and Talented program and for students pursuing the Distinguished Achievement Program designation.
Region VI Texas History Conference
November 1-2, 2012 - Huntsville
Region VI Education Service Center
Focus: 1836 to 1900
To register for this event, visit the Region VI website

Region X Energizing Texas History Conference
January 24-25, 2013 - Dallas
Old Red Museum
Focus: 1900 to Present
To register for this event, visit the Region X website

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