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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 via Facebook.



Webb Society Fall Meeting October 24-25, 2014

Join us in Mount Pleasant on October 24-25, 2014 to explore the rich heritage of one of Texas' great small towns. We'll kick off the meeting with hands-on activities and dinner at Concord Church. At the conclusion of dinner we will hold the business meeting, and enjoy a presentation by Dr. Walter Buenger. On Saturday morning attendees will make a short drive to Pittsburg to the Northeast Texas Rural Heritage Center, where we will tour both the Depot Museum and the Farmstead Museum. A complete itinerary and registration form can be found on the [TSHA's web site](#). This will truly provide you with an opportunity to discover several little known treasures of Texas. Don't miss it!

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 Awards. Entries for the 2015 awards are due by January 23, 2015, and award recipients will be announced at the TSHA Annual Meeting March 5-7, 2015 in Corpus Christi. Cash prizes range from \$75-400, and selected papers will be published in the 2015 edition of *Touchstone*. Opportunities for undergraduates to publish are rare. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity!

Chapter Project Award

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. 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 2015.

Chapter Records Update

In an attempt to keep our Webb Society records as accurate as possible, we would like to ask each sponsor or chapter president to submit an online [Record Update Form](#). This should take about 5 minutes to complete, and asks for basic contact information for your chapter.

Webb Society Member Forms

To better serve the needs of our Webb Society members statewide, we are asking that each member fill out a [Membership Form](#). In return for submitting your form, you will receive the Webb Society newsletter, Telegraph & Texas Register, directly by email, and you will be listed in the official Webb Society records as a member. If at any time, you need documentation of your participation in Webb Society, we will be able to provide it based on our records. Please have any current or former member of Webb Society complete and submit a form.

Smallwood Scholarship

We are excited to announce a new scholarship opportunity for all Webb Society members and other Texas history graduate and undergraduate students. The Smallwood Scholarship, is a \$500.00 award, sponsored by Abigail Press, to honor the career of Texas historian, Dr. James Smallwood, and to encourage research and writing of Texas history topics. Applications will be [submitted online](#), by January 31st of each year, and will be awarded in conjunction with the Caldwell Memorial Awards Ceremony at the TSHA Annual Meeting. To qualify, students must be enrolled or recently completed a Texas history course, preference will be given to students who have written on a Texas history topic in the past 12 months, and have provided a digital copy of their work.

New TSHA Events App

TSHA is proud to announce the new TSHA Events app. With this free mobile app, users will be able to view schedules, find maps and directions, contact information, and share pictures from all our events. Webb Society members will be able to use the app during the fall and spring meetings. Download the app now on iTunes or Google Play.

Chapter of the Year Awards

Two Webb Society chapters, each year will be awarded a Chapter of the Year Award. This award will honor chapters who show outstanding commitment and outreach within their communities and schools. The first award, Lower Division Chapter of the Year, will be presented to the outstanding chapter from a Junior College or Community College. The second award, Upper Division Chapter of the Year, will be presented to the outstanding chapter from a University or 4 year school. To be eligible for the awards, chapters must submit a chapter report by December 1st, to joneitakelly@tshaonline.org. These reports will also be published in *Touchstone*.

Annual Meeting March 7-8, 2014

The Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society met on March 7-8, 2014 in San Antonio in conjunction with the TSHA Annual Meeting for its Spring Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony. The Business Meeting, chaired by Amy Porter from Texas A & M University – San Antonio, was attended by chapter representatives from Northeast Texas Community College, Lee College, San Jacinto College – South, Texas A&M University – San Antonio, Jacksonville College, Lamar University, McMurry University, and the University of Houston – Downtown. Chapters discussed their past and upcoming activities for the year and enjoyed conversation with one another about their experiences.

At the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, the C. M. and Cora Caldwell Memorial Awards for outstanding research and writing were presented in addition to the David C. DeBoe Memorial Award for outstanding sponsorship of a Webb Society Chapter. Jose Alvarez of the University of Houston-Downtown was the recipient of the 2014 DeBoe Award for his outstanding sponsorship of the chapter at his institution. Chapters who submitted a chapter report were considered for Chapter of the Year awards. Northeast Texas Community College was named College (1-2 year schools) Chapter of the Year, and the Lamar University was named the University (4 year schools) Chapter of the Year.

Of the numerous entries submitted in this year's Caldwell Writing Competition, the following received awards: in the Lower Division, undergraduates with less than 60 hours, First Place went to Adolfo Carrillo, Second Place-Elyse Coleman, Third Place-Kayleah Cumpain and Fourth Place-Philip Rask; in the Upper Division, undergraduates with 60 or more hours, First Place went to Katie Hinton, Second Place-Ashley Dandridge, Third Place-Alejandra Garza, and Fourth Place-Katherine Nicholson; and in the Graduate Division, First Place went to Ava Purkiss and Second Place to Karen Wisley. The Chapter Project Award went to Jacksonville College. All 2014 Junior and Senior Division Caldwell Award entries will be considered for publication in the Society's journal *Touchstone*.

2014 Annual Meeting Photos



SAVE THE DATE!

TSHA and Webb Society Annual Meeting
March 5-7, 2015
Omni Corpus Christi Hotel

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](#).