

League City Historical Society

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Newsletter

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October 27, 2011 Meeting

Come and learn the history of the Packard automobile at our October meeting. For more than forty years, **Bob Supina** has pursued the Packard with undeterred passion and he is renowned as a Packard expert. Thirty years ago, **Bob** bought a 1937 Packard town car in pieces and fully restored it. He considers it a Mona Lisa, since there are no others in existence today. They only made 16, and this is the last one left.



You will learn...

- That the first Packard was produced in 1899
- That the company motto was, "Ask a man who owns one"
- That they cost \$6,000 — 10 times what a 1937 Ford sold for.

Calendar

October 27	LCHS Meeting <i>Speaker Bob Supina</i> West Bay Common School Children's Museum 210 Kansas Street, League City 6:45pm social 7:00pm meeting
October 29	Ghosts of the Past
<i>November 17</i>	<i>LCHS Meeting (not e ~ a week earlier due to the Thanksgiving holiday)</i>
December 3-4	Holiday In The Park
December 10	Historic Homes Tour

from the President...

Ronnie Richards



The League City Historical Society Living History Dinner on October 6th at Butler's Courtyard was a huge success thanks to efforts by Chair Catharin Lewis, her volunteers and our many sponsors and donors. This was the seventh annual Living History Dinner and something we all look forward to each year.

The most active season of the year for the League City Historical Society is upon us. If you are receiving this and not involved, WE NEED YOUR HELP! Call Catharin at the Museum, (281) 554-2994, and let her know you want to volunteer. It could be as little as taking tickets for two hours or providing two dozen eggs for the Civil War Reenactment Camp at the Museum scheduled for October 29th. Volunteers are needed for light duty during the Ghost of The Past Tour that same day at Fairview Cemetery and the Museum.

SAVE THE DATE! Please save the date and pass the word regarding the Historical Homes Tour scheduled December 10th. All of the homes will be decorated for Christmas and several homes on the tour have never been included before.

At the September 29th meeting, a Nominating Committee of four members were elected to nominate new directors for 2012. Please consider letting them know you would be willing to serve on the board next year. It doesn't take that much time and it is very rewarding. Simply send an email to Richard Lewis at Catharin@orbitworld.net.

Alecya Gallaway was the speaker at our last monthly meeting. She brought us some great history about San Leon as a resort for League City residents and also a center for fig farming. At our next regular monthly

meeting Thursday, October 27, Bob Supina will speak on the History of the Great Packard Automobile.

The Society continues to add new members. If you know anyone that might be interested in our organization you can find a membership enrollment form and a place to sign up for our monthly newsletter on our web site at www.leaguecityhistory.org or at the Museum, 210 N Kansas. Friends and family can receive the newsletter without being a member. Please invite guests to our meetings and pass this information along.



We thank Diane Kerkhove and Jeff Hanson for this month's refreshments.



Meeting Minutes

Diane Kerkhove

LCHS September 29 Meeting

President Ronnie Richards welcomed members and guests to the September 29 meeting at the School House Museum.

Susan Pierce and Kathie Nenninger were thanked for providing refreshments for the meeting.

Members were reminded that the Living History Dinner will be held October 6. Entertainment will be the portrayal of Robert E. Lee by an actor. Silent auction items will be needed.

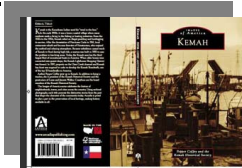
President Richards introduced Alecyia Gallaway, of the University of Houston. She spoke about the Blume family farmers who developed the fig industry, which was damaged by the freeze and a hurricane of 1934. She told about how Clifton-By-The-Sea was a desolate area that was developed for a resort area. A train enabled League City men to communicate to work during the week.

Members were reminded of the Oak Tree Festival October 1. Ludwig Catering will provide fudge for sale.

A committee for nominations was selected: Joanna Dawson, Kathie Nenninger, Nick Cimino and Richard Lewis. They will report their slate of officers at the October meeting.

Kemah Historical Society is now taking orders for the book, *Kemah*, to be released January 9, 2012.

Certificates are available for Christmas gifts. Pre-order your autographed copy of book now for \$20 per copy and save. Go to www.kemahhistoricalsociety.net



MusNews

Catharin Lewis, Director / Curator

Fall is in full swing, but not much cooler. We held a wonderful "Meet the Artist Event" in September and more than 50 people attended throughout the day. Our artist, Nathan Jensen, presented how a book is illustrated using his actual sketches in various stages of production and accompanied by a puppet. It was both entertaining and very informative. The Museum displayed early children's books and gave the history of the illustrators of these books.

We want to welcome two new volunteers to our staff. Eleanor Colburn comes from California and Beverly Beard just joined us from the League City Area. Both ladies will be volunteering three hours a week on different days to help with the daily operations of the museum. We are excited about having more help. We also want to thank Bertha Adams, Barbara Vermillion and Gwen Thompson for their time and talents in making items to sell in our gift shop to help bring in additional funding for the Museum. These ladies volunteer during the week and then go home and make bonnet aprons, doll dresses, and book covers to sell in our gift shop. We really appreciated their efforts.

Museum Classes are keeping us busy and the groups are coming from Houston, New Caney, LaPorte, Richmond, Webster Spring, Missouri City, Bellaire, and League City. We are having Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Senior Citizens, Public and Private Schools and Homeschoolers come for the Museum Classes.

We are getting things ready for the *Ghost Tour*. Please plan to attend on **October 29th from 10 – 5 pm**. There will be lots to see and do and we need your support to come and share in all the festivities. Tickets will be on sale at the Museum. Adults \$10 seniors and Children \$5. Civil War Ghosts will be at the Fairview Cemetery from 1 – 5pm. Other re-enactors will be at the Museum from 10 – 5 and you will want to come and see the Civil War Soldiers, the medical nurse and doctor, the blacksmith, the leather worker and The Victorian Lady.



LCHS President Ronnie Richards, Treasurer Diana Dornak and Vice President Kevin Burke at the League City Garden Club "Strutting Our Stuff" garden tour in League City's Helen's Garden



Historic Homes Tour – Saturday, December 10

Chairmen ~ Diana Dornak and
Nancy Richards

Plans are underway for our annual Historic Homes Tour which will take place December 10.

Tickets are \$13 prior to the event and are available at West Bay Common School where they will take cash or checks. If you want to charge tickets to MasterCard, Visa or Discover, you may call Diana Dornak at 21-316-2122 and she will take the information over the phone and send your tickets to you in the mail. Tickets will be available November 1 at Book Haven, Nana's Attic, Park Avenue Show Place, The Milk Pail, League City Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center and Butler Longhorn Museum.

The day of the tour the tickets will be \$15.

Don't miss this year's tour. It is a wonderful way to begin the holiday season. The 2011 Historic Homes Tour will take place Saturday, December 10.

Six sites will be open for viewing:

- The Station Master's House – League Park
- The T. J. Dick Home – 720 Second St.
- The Snell Kilgore Home – 403 N. Kansas Ave.
- The Friends Church – 923 Third St.
- The Cox McQuirk Home – 1518 E. Walker St.
- West Bay Common School Children's Museum – 210 N. Kansas Ave.

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Ghosts of the Past...

Come meet our Ghosts



**October 29, 2011
Ghost Tour**

Save the Date—November 12, 2011

MEET THE ARTISTS.....

- House of Norwich - Artist/Potter Richard Eastman, Barry Conner, Vickie Neal
- Inshore Sculpture - Jimmy Phillips
- Photographic Artist - Tim Miller
- Artist—Angela Worthington
- Artist—Hana Case
- Book Signing- Ruth Burke & Don Holbrook , authors - Images Of America Seabrook
- Book Signing-Sue Mayfield Geiger, author- Gibbons Street

These talented local artists will be at the Butler Longhorn Museum on November 12, 2011 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Come to the museum to meet them and explore their creative endeavors

Included for your evening pleasure
 Entertainer - Mickey Hobbs
 Annette's Emporium Harborside Jewelry - Don Fullen
 Lux Candles - by Dana Lares - Nana's Attic - Coffee Blends
 Victorian Lady-J'Neen Hendersen and Kim Seshler presenting
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