

**EAST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
SPRING PROGRAM**

HOLIDAY INN SELECT

TYLER, TEXAS

RESERVATIONS BY JANUARY 25, PLEASE

HOLIDAY INN SELECT HOTEL (903) 561-5800

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting

**3:00 P.M.
Orion Room**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2008

REGISTRATION

**8:00 A.M.
Lobby**

**SESSION I-Seveny Five Years of Roses:
The Tyler Rose Industry and Texas Rose Festival**
Ann Lawrence, Presiding
Tyler

**9:00 – 10:15 A.M.
Pegasus Room**

Jennifer Gaston, Tyler Rose Museum
“How to Keep a Rose Festival in Perpetual Bloom:
The Maintenance of an East Texas Tradition”

Jill Ramey, Tyler
“Once a Queen, Always a Queen: Seventy Five Years
of Roses, Royalty, Romance, and References”

H. Brent Pemberton, Texas A&M University, Overton
“Rose Growing as a Field Crop and Agribusiness”

**SESSION II-Women of East Texas, Scandalous
And Otherwise**

9:00-10:15 A.M.

Caroline Crimm, Presiding
Sam Houston State University

Orion Room

John Hanners, Texas A&M University—Commerce
“Mothers Who Kill: The Sensational 1936 Hunt County
Murder Trial of Velma Patterson”

Dee Rinkes-Marshall, Texas A&M University—Commerce

“Velma Patterson: Perspectives on an Alleged Murderess:
Fact, Fiction, and Folklore”

SESSION III- Going to the Source: Archival Resources
At the Pearce Civil War Museum, Navarro College

9:00-10:15 A.M.

Tommy Stringer, Presiding
Room

Phoenix

Navarro College

Julie Holcomb, Navarro College

“East Texans in the Civil War: The Papers of
Samuel A. Goodman and James Rogers Loughridge”

Mary Hayes, Navarro College

“Preservation and Access Issues in the Pearce
Civil War Collection”

Break

10:15 – 10: 45 AM

SESSION IV-The Future of Higher Education

10:45-12:00 P.M.

Cheryl Rogers, Presiding

Pegasus Room

Tyler Junior College

Marshall Schott, University of Houston

“Challenges facing Higher Education and the
Future of East Texas; Urbanization, Diversity,
and Declining Graduation Rates”

Bill Ratliff, Mt. Pleasant, Texas

“Remarks and Analyses”

Pete LaMothe, Eastman Chemical Company

“Really Closing the Gaps: Retraining College Graduates
For Jobs in the Real World; An Industrial Perspective”

SESSION V- People and Personalities of East Texas

10:45 –12:00 P.M.

Jerry L. Summers, Presiding

Orion Room

East Texas Baptist University

Cynthia Devlin, Stephen F. Austin State University

“When is a Southern Lady not a Lady? When She is an Oil Landman!:
The Life of Sue Birdwell Alves”

Kimberly Bush Tomio, Tyler Museum
 “Harry Worthman, Portrait Painter: A Life in Art”

Ron Ellison, Beaumont, Texas
 “William David Beverly, The Only Minister to Pastor
 Crockett Baptist Twice: 1874-1876 and 1884-1886”

SESSION VI-East Texas Pioneers
Charles Grear, Presiding
 Prairie View A&M University

10:45 - 12:00 P.M.
Phoenix Room

Jack K. Selden, Palestine
 “More than Captives: Notable Relatives of Cynthia Ann Parker”

Jeffrey A. Owens, Tyler Junior College
 “Longview before the Oil Boom:
 The Birth and Growth of a Railroad Town”

Gary E. Bryant, University of Houston
 “Was ‘Confederate Rosie’ Ever an East Texan?
 Women’s Entry into the Paid Labor Force in the Civil War”

LUNCH BREAK (No Association Luncheon)

12:00 – 1:30 P.M.

SESSION VII- Civil War and Reconstruction
In East Texas

1:30-2:45 P.M.

Stanley Watson, Presiding
 Tyler Junior College

Pegasus Room

Randall B. Gilbert, Tyler
 “The Unwhipped of Justice: The Conflict Between
 John Bankhead Magruder and the Texas Supreme Court, 1863-1865”

James M. Smallwood, Oklahoma State University, Retired
 “Ben Bickerstaff and the Siege of Sulphur Springs, 1868”

Shannon Cross, Tyler Junior College
 “Resisting Reconstruction in Smith County and the Surrounding
 Area: East Texans vs. the Freedman’s Bureau”

**SESSION VIII- Literary East Texas
P.M.**

1:30-2:45

Jimmy L. Bryan, Jr., Presiding
Lamar University

Orion Room

Linda Gary, Tyler Junior College

“Southern Gentility and Po’ Whitetrash: Culture and
Class in M.E.M. Davis’ *Under the Man Fig*”

Naomie R. Byrum, Tyler Junior College

“Hunting Camps, Designing Women, Good Ol’ Boys, Mama’s Boys,
and Bad, Bad Daddies: East Texas Culture in William Humphrey’s
Home From the Hill”

Joe R. Lansdale, Nacogdoches

“East Texas Made Me Do It: How I Became a Writer”

SESSION IX-Race Relations and Civil Rights

1:30 - 2:45 P.M.

Michael K. Mast, Presiding
Tyler Junior College

Phoenix Room

Yvonne Davis Frear, Sam Houston State University

“Standing Up to Sit Down: Lunch Counter Sit-ins, the NAACP Youth
Council, and the Dallas Civil Rights Movement”

Jared K. Wheeler, Waco

“Prelude to Anarchy? The Longview Race Riot of 1919”

Tinsley E. Silcox, Southern Methodist University

“Preserving the Heritage of African-American Film Makers:
The Restoration and Preservation of the Tyler, Texas, Black Film Collection”

**SESSION X-The World Gone to Hell in a Handbasket, or
Tyler Junior College, Civil Liberties, and the
Federal Courts: Dr. Harry Jenkins and the Infamous
“Hair Case” of 1970, Lansdale vs TJC”**

3:00-4:15 P.M.

David Hudson, Presiding
Tyler

Pegasus Room

A Round Table Discussion
Joe Lansdale, Nacogdoches, Texas
Cassie Bayliss, Tyler, Texas
Jason Waller, Tyler, Texas

Featuring Plaintiffs, Administrators, Faculty, Lawyers, ex-Students,
And Interested Bystanders as they Cuss, Discuss, Reminisce, and
Generally Bury the Hatchet

**SESSION XI-A Way Out West in Dixie:
Debating the Regional Identity of Texas;
Southern or Western?**

**3:00-4:15 P.M.
Orion Room**

Sam W. Haynes, Presiding
University of Texas at Arlington

Ty Cashion, Sam Houston State University

“South, West or Texexceptional? The Regional Identity of Texas”

Randolph B. “Mike” Campbell, North Texas State University

“The Search for a ‘Usable Past’ for Texas:
Looking to the South and the West”

Mark D. Barringer, Stephen F. Austin State University

“Every Place Its Own: Thoughts On Texas Regionalism”

**SESSION XII-The Neglected History of
Cherokee County**

**3:00-4:15 P.M.
Phoenix Room**

Dan K. Utley, Presiding
Texas Historical Commission

Terry Guinn, Jacksonville, Texas

“Vignettes of Cherokee County”

Jane Purtle, Bullard, Texas

“The Cherokee County Oral History Project”

John Ross, Lon Morris College

“Methodist Education in the Piney Woods:
The History of Lon Morris College”

SESSION XIII-Banquet

7:00 P.M.

Ted Lawe, First Vice President
East Texas Historical Association, Presiding

Ballroom III

Jimmy L. Bryan, Jr., Lamar University

*“Manly Tales and Texas Lore: Walter P. Lane and the
Storytelling Traditions of Nineteenth –Century Adventurism”*

Reception following the program at the historic Fitzgerald House, 815 S Broadway, with entertainment provided on the front porch by “Them Texas Boys,” Bobby Owens, Kathryn Owens Blankenship, Klint Austin Blankenship, Travis Barrett Blankenship, and Cole Allen.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2008

Women's History Breakfast	7:30 A.M. North Star Room
REGISTRATION	8:00 A.M. Lobby
SESSION XIV-Historic Preservation and Community Development Ellen Musselman, Presiding Southwest Operating Company	9:00 - 10:15 A.M. Pegasus Room
<p>Brian Davis, Galveston Historical Foundation "Saving the Hopeless House: How to Help Low to Moderate Income Homeowners Save Historic Dwellings; or, Lessons from the Galveston Historical Foundation"</p>	
<p>Jessie M. "Duke" DeWare IV, Jefferson, Texas "Reinventing Historic Communities: The Jefferson Institute of Jefferson, Texas"</p>	
SESSION XV-Restoring the Ancient Order: Churches of Christ and the Restoration Movement in East Texas Kenneth W. Howell, Presiding Prairie View A&M University	9:00 - 10:15 A.M. Orion Room
<p>Barry Pennington, LeTourneau University "The Rationale for Restoration: East Texas Pioneers and the Ideal of Reviving First-Century Christianity"</p>	
<p>Kenneth Peden, Gladewater, Texas "J.D. Tant: Elijah on the Frontier"</p>	
<p>George Clark Dugger, Tyler, Texas "The Great Divide: Issues that Split the Restoration into Churches and Disciples of Christ"</p>	
SESSION XVI-The Impact on a Town When an Industry Shuts Down: De-Industrialization in East Texas D. Clayton Brown, Presiding Texas Christian University	9:00-10:15 A.M. Phoenix Room

Brent McCauley, Kelly Springfield Tire Company, Tyler
 “Shutting Down the Plant: Factors and Issues in
 the Goodyear Closure, Tyler, Texas”

Jan B. McCauley, Tyler Junior College
 “The Texas & Pacific Railroad Shops in Marshall:
 A Moving Target for Taxsploitation?”

Marcus A. Carroll, Tyler, Texas
 “The Last Stitch: Lawsuits and the Closure of the
 Lee Jeans Plant, Sulphur Springs ”

COFFEE BREAK

10:15 - 10:45 A.M.

**SESSION XVII-Remembering Lady Bird:
 12:00 P.M.**

10:45 -

**A Conversation Among Friends, Reminiscences
 And a General Discussion**

David Creech, Presiding

Pegasus Room

Director, SFA Mast Arboretum

Stephen F. Austin State University

Jessie M. “Duke” DeWare, Jefferson, Texas
M’Liss Hindman, Tyler Junior College
Damon Waitt, University of Texas at Austin

**SESSION XVIII-That Old Time Religion:
 12:00 P.M.**

10:45 -

Music of the Frontier Churches

Orion Room

Linda Cross, Presiding

Tyler Junior College

Margaret Rounsavall, Tyler, Texas
 “Shaped Notes and Heartfelt Praises: A History of Sacred
 Harp Singing from Elizabethan Times”

Robert Vaughn and Ensemble of Singers
 “Sounds of The Sacred Harp: Demonstrating
 an East Texas Tradition”

**SESSION XIX-Smith County History, as Recalled
By Members of the Smith County
Historical Society**

Vicki Betts, Presiding
University of Texas at Tyler

10:45 - 12:00 P.M.

Phoenix Room

Andrew Leath, Tyler, Texas
"The Smith County Poor Farm"

Randy Mallory, Tyler, Texas
"When Cotton Was King: Recollections
of Loy Gilbert, A Video Memory"

James Wilkins, Tyler, Texas
"Nuclear Frenzy: The Fall-Out Shelters of
Smith County in the 1950s and 1960s"

SESSION XX-LUNCHEON

Beverly Rowe, President,
East Texas Historical Association, Presiding

12:15 PM
Ballroom III

Archie P. McDonald
"Dan Utley Never Picked Cotton"

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

**Thanks to the Program Committee,
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for their hard work.**