

Daughters Of Revolution Hears Building Presentation

Recently the Smith McMillan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) was invited to the Lost Pines Chapter, NSDAR in Bastrop to hear a speaker from the DAR National Society in Washington, D. C. speak about the three buildings owned by the DAR.

Monica Pesek, National De-

fense/Committee Services Manager, enlightened the audience on DAR Headquarters, a complex occupying an entire city block near the White House and including three buildings, which are Registered National Historic Landmarks. It is the largest group of building in the world owned and operated solely by women

Constitution Hall was built in 1905 for the annual meeting Continental Congress. During the remainder of the year the building is used for many types of events, i.e. entertainment, meetings, concerts, and political meetings. The United States President has held meetings here, Marion Anderson has sung in Constitution Hall six times, and it is the home of the National Symphony.

It is a premier concert hall in Washington, D.C. and is one of the largest of its kind. It is the only building dedicated to the U.S. Constitution. It was placed on the National Historic Register in 1986.

Memorial Continental Hall across from the White House grounds was designated as a Registered National Historic Landmark in 1973 because of its significance in United States history as the site of the nine-National Conference on Limitation of Armaments in 1921-1922.

This building is now the DAR

Library and thirty-one state period rooms, part of the DAR Museum, are maintained by the individual state organizations.

The state period rooms offer a view of life in early America and several rooms represent a specific state at an important time in history. Texas maintains a beautiful room copied from a historic home in Columbus, Texas.

The DAR Library was established in 1896 and has become one of the nation's premier genealogical research centers. It contains over 180,000 volumes and approximately 300,000 files of genealogical information

The Administration Building was built in 1950 and houses the administrative offices of the National Society as well as the DAR Museum.

This museum exists as a department of the National Society

and has as its mission to support the goals of preservation, education, and patriotism by collecting, preserving, exhibiting, and interpreting the material culture and social history of pre-industrial America.

The Chapter members learned many things about the Society, which are sometimes hard to understand since D.C. is so far away and hard to visit on a short vacation.

The members are very proud of what our ancestors did for our country and the later members who have preserved our heritage and history.

The Regent, Mrs. Ella Sheffield, and chapter members of the Lost Pine Chapter in Bastrop were gracious to invite this Chapter to participate in this very interesting and informative meeting.

Obituary



Elvin J. Brom
Elvin "Johnny" Brom, 77, of Eagle Lake passed away Saturday, November 11.

He was born December 15, 1928 in Moulton, the son of Christian and Vlasta Welf Brom.

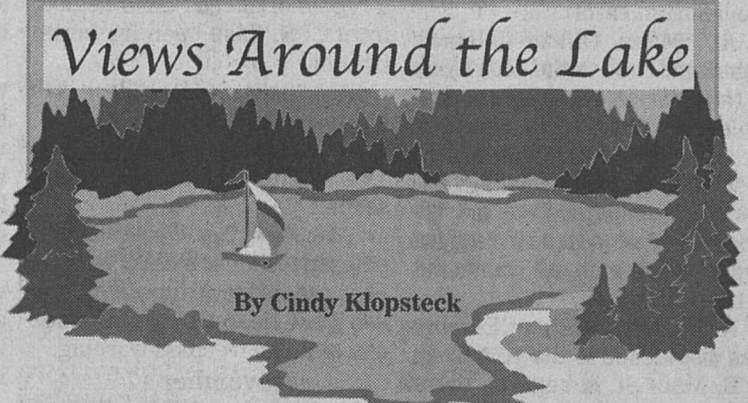
"Johnny" was a self-employed water well driller.

Preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Eugene Brom; survivors include his wife, Ernestine Klipple Brom; daughters, Roxanne Brom of Houston and Camille Brom of Brenham; sons, Tony Brom of Brenham and Clay Brom of Sayulita, Mexico; and sisters, Evelyn Raab of Moulton, Eloise Zissa of Houston and Joyce Berkovsky of El Campo.

Visitation was held at Smith Funeral Home in Moulton.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 14 at 1 p.m. from Smith Funeral Home. Burial followed in Stonewall Cemetery. Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Sympathy was extended to the family in their loss.



By Cindy Klopsteck

"Inner simplicity is learning to live happily in the present moment. Keep in mind that life is a continuous succession of present moments." —Elaine St. James

This time of year can be the true test on whether or not we choose to live in the present moment.

Two weeks ago I was already fretting over a Thanksgiving menu and, before we even get to that holiday, we're pressed with pre-Christmas sales and decorations that have been up since before Halloween. It's tough to keep things simple this time of year.

And isn't it ironic that the day following the national day of giving thanks is considered the biggest shopping day of the year - the unofficial beginning of the Christmas shopping season.

After the quiet tradition of family and home, we get up early Friday morning for the specially-advertised pre-Christmas sales. Ladies, get a thankful of that expensive gas, put on your comfortable walking shoes and pack some headache pain reliever as you grab your credit cards and head for the door. We should learn to keep it simple.

Which is why it's good therapy, especially this time of year, to appreciate living life for the moment - not worrying in advance about the hustle and bustle of the month ahead of us.

And with Thanksgiving upon us, find a little humble humor in being thankful for the simple things.

I'm thankful for:-

- the big container of chocolate chip cookie dough in the freezer I bought from an elementary school boy a month ago.

I wondered about it at the time, but that pre-made dough is a blessing in disguise and will be greatly appreciated during the hungry, busy weeks ahead.

- the local beauty of endless formations of geese flying overhead as this last cold front swept through.

We may get accustomed to seeing these majestic birds in flight over Eagle Lake, but we should appreciate the fact that many a small town does not enjoy

such a view.

-that the last picture I received of my granddaughter at nine months of age already shows a warm playful personality with just a little bit of attitude and spunk in her. God bless her and let her keep that spunk which will serve her well in years to come.

-the few precious trees with beautiful changing colors. I've been told the rare maple and abundant tallow trees are the ones providing the glimpses of fall color in our area.

We may not be as fortunate as the northeast or other areas in having full forests of colored foliage, but we should appreciate the ones we can enjoy.

I'm thankful for a healthy, happy family with which to share the holidays. The past few years, our family has started some simple holiday traditions for old-fashioned, quality entertainment.

It starts with my old Scrabble board welcoming the kids as they start filtering in for the holidays. A spelled out "Happy Thanksgiving" or "Happy Holiday" is crossed with their names or the dogs' names or anything of personal humor or meaning.

Later, when we're all settled in, we'll gather around the table for a good game of Scrabble or cards. When ready to change pace, the girls and I grab the big bucket of crayons and holiday coloring books I have strategically stacked in the corner.

We've been coloring together since they were old enough to hold a crayon instead of eat it, and I hope we'll never stop the simple, enjoyable tradition. When weather permits, it's a game of family croquet in the back yard...being thankful for the simple things.

After all, Christmas itself began with a simple yet magnificent event - the birth of a child.

Even Santa getting all those gifts out to every boy and girl, though seemingly impossible, has a simple magical quality to it.

Enjoy the approaching holiday season, be present to each precious moment...keep it simple.

"Simple peace is seeing a sunset and knowing who to thank."

—Anonymous

Union Pacific Gives Driving Tips

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When traveling, please remember these important safety guidelines to keep your family safe this Thanksgiving:

- Never walk along tracks and only cross tracks at designated pedestrian roadway crossings when on foot.
- Observe and obey all warning signs and signals.
- At a multiple track crossing waiting for a train to pass, watch out for a second train on the other tracks, approaching from either direction, before proceeding.
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Bible Verse of The Week

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light."

— Romans 13:12

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