

Take Some Time In May To Honor Our Servicemen And Women

With the approach of Memorial Day on May 31, take time this month to remember the heroic servicemen and women who gave their lives defending our country.

To pay tribute to those who served, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) encourages travelers to visit the recently reopened National Museum of the Pacific

War, dedicated to telling the real story of the Pacific Theater of World War II.

Located on a six-acre site in Fredericksburg, the museum features the new George H.W. Bush Gallery, Admiral Nimitz Museum, Plaza of Presidents, Veterans' Walk of Honor and Memorial Wall, Japanese Garden of Peace, Pacific Combat Zone, and the Center

for Pacific War Studies.

In remembrance of veterans throughout the state, thematic travel guides dedicated to Texas' involvement in the Civil War and World War II direct heritage travelers to significant historic sites, including Galveston, the site of the 1863 Battle of Galveston that ended Union occupation of

the port.

Climb aboard the USS Lexington in Corpus Christi, the nation's longest-serving aircraft carrier and the last of the World War II-

era Essex Class.

To learn more about the National Museum of the Pacific War visit www.texas-historic-sites.com.

To download or request a

copy of the THC's Texas in World War II and Texas in the Civil War travel guides visit www.thc.state.tx.us or call 866.276.6219.

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Farm Bureau Awards Scholarships

Three Colorado County seniors were the recipients of an \$800 Colorado County Farm Bureau (CCFB) scholarship.

The honorees include Kylee Werland from Columbus High School, Jonathan Treptow from Weimar High School and Falin Braden from Rice High School.

To qualify for the award, the applicant's family must have been a member of CCFB prior to Sept. 1 of his/her senior year with a current membership; and must show at least two years of outstanding achievement in FFA or 4-H activities during their junior or senior years of his/her high school education.

Applicants can choose any field of advanced education above high school level.

Stock Pond Seminar Set May 21

May's New Landowner Program will cover Stock Pond Management.

This program will be held on Friday, May 21, at the St John Lutheran Retreat Center in Bellville.

The program begins at 1:30 p.m. with registration at the site. Aquatic weed control, pond construction, stocking recommendations, management of shoreline and tank dam vegetation, and fertilization will be the topics of discussion.

The standard registration fee of \$10.00 applies for attending the program and anyone interested in attending is asked to contact the Extension Office and let us know you're coming.

Three (3) CEU's will be offered to all pesticide applicators.

Anyone wishing to have pond weeds identified is asked to bring their weeds freshly pulled and in a Mason jar or zip lock bag.

For any additional information please contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Office of Colorado County at (979) 732-2082.

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Beta Sigma Phi Meeting Held

The 79th Founder's Day of Beta Sigma Phi was held at the home of Ernie Sommerlatte Saturday, April 17th.

Walter W. Ross founded Beta Sigma Phi in 1931.

Beta Sigma Phi was started under the name The National What to Read Club with seven members.

Beta Sigma Phi was formed in Abilene, Kansas on April 30, 1931.

The welcome was given by Ernie Sommerlatte, followed by

the Opening Ritual led by JoAnn Gertson president of Xi Pi Psi.

Jenny Rodgers, president of Alpha Delta Phi recited Grace. After grace, a delicious salad luncheon and desserts were enjoyed.

Erin Glueck gave the year History for Alpha Delta Phi and Connie Lange gave the History for Xi Pi Psi. Mary Ann Kaluza led the Founder's Day Pledge and Leslie Carey read the Message from International.

Presentation of Awards -

JoAnn Gertson presented Xi Pi Psi officer pins, Jenny Rodgers presented Alpha Delta Phi pins. Sweetheart of Alpha Delta Phi was Jenny Rodgers and the Girl of the Year was Erin Glueck.

Xi Pi Psi Sweetheart and Girl of the Year was JoAnn Gertson.

President pins and gifts were presented to both presidents.

Presidents gave each member appreciation gifts also.

Ernie Sommerlatte announced the new theme, "New Paths to Friendship Beta Sigma Phi 2010-2011."

Courtney Schuirring closed the Founder's Day celebration with the Closing Ritual.

Month Of May Designated Preservation Month

May is designated as Preservation Month by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, recognizing the country's diverse and irreplaceable heritage.

Many aspects of the preservation movement will be celebrated including historic sites, heritage travel and community revitalization.

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) encourages Texans to commemorate Preservation Month by visiting any of the agency's 19 historic properties that are offering free admission by participating in annual Historic Sites Free Day on Sunday, May 16.

two newest additions into the Main Street network are the communities of Eagle Pass and Wills Point.

For more information on Preservation Month visit www.nationaltrust.org.

To learn more about Historic Sites Free Day, or for a complete listing of the sites, explore the properties by visiting the 19 recently launched web sites at www.texas-historic-sites.com or contact the THC's Historic Sites Division at 512.463.7948.

For additional travel ideas, check out the historic sites blog featuring updated events and information at www.seethesites.blogspot.com. For a complete listing of communities participating in the Official Texas Main Street Program visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

From the historic home of rancher José Antonio Navarro, one of only two native-born Texans to have signed the Texas Declaration of Independence, to the impressive earthen mounds built by the Caddo Indians more than 1,200 years ago, each of the THC's historic properties offer visitors a chance to learn something new about these real places from our state's past.

Another way to participate in Preservation Month is by spending a day supporting the various shops and restaurants in any of the 85 participating Main Street communities throughout Texas.

These cities work toward revitalizing their downtowns. The

Give Your Home An Inexpensive Makeover

Whatever the season or the reason, it's never a bad time to seek out new ideas for reinventing your home.

Because expensive large-scale renovations aren't a viable option for many of us, consider simple changes that can make a major difference in enhancing your house.

And these days, redecorating on a dime may never have been easier.

A few budget-conscious ideas can make a world of difference on the home front.

Painting, installing new fixtures and sprucing up walls are easy and inexpensive ways to give your home -- and your spirits -- a lift.

You can complete such projects on a weekend or even after work, bringing your house in line with the latest design trends.

Simple changes even can increase the value of your home, which is something to consider

in today's competitive real estate market.

Paint a Fresh Coat:
Perhaps no addition is quicker and easier than fresh paint.

Much like any other home design idea, trends evolve over time.

By applying a fresh coat of paint and different colors in different rooms, any home can be given new life.

With dozens of colors readily available at reasonable prices, one afternoon spent painting can make a big difference as seasons and trends change.

New Installations:
The most far-reaching changes can range from new floor tiling to kitchen cabinets and countertops, but there also are more modest and affordable installation options.

Something as simple as new doorknobs, address plaques or even a mailbox can add new energy to a home on a budget.

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