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ROUND TOP AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.



Lots of work has been done this summer at the Wood Annex.
Volunteers are seen here taking a break while donating their time and effort
to improve the historical society's Noak house.

Note from Georgia Tubbs

A group of Round Top Citizens including Herb Diers, Mayor Dave Nagel, Georgia Tubbs, and other interested citizens met in 1992 and formed a Round Top Historical Society for the purpose of establishing a museum to collect and explore early family histories, events, and items to be on display for visitors and school children to view.

After much searching for a location, Lillian Kroll Thomas and Ruby Kroll, local citizens and owners of the Daisy Antique Shop, offered to gift a portion of their land, including the former blacksmith shop building, to the Town of Round Top with the use of the building for the Historical Society Museum.

"Of historical interest", the blacksmith shop building was completely destroyed in 1944 during a severe storm and was replaced with a much smaller building using wood salvaged from the original building. The Society replaced the dirt floor with concrete.

I have enjoyed working with everyone and know things will keep moving forward. I plan to continue to help coordinate data we have collected so that families, historians, students, etc. might be able to locate information by using computer or index file cards.

I will be available to assist anyone wishing to obtain historical information.

The Round Top Area Historical Society

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Dear Members,

I am looking forward to serving you as president this year! We have not only the most fun, but also the hardest working board I've ever seen. The board has undertaken the renovation and building of the Noak home under the direction of Bob Ruman. The maintenance of the grounds, including mowing, has been accomplished by members of the board. We have received grants that have enabled us to buy the material for the Noak home and to complete the Connersville Baptist Church African American Museum. Thanks to the LCRA and The Meadows Foundation the Museum is now open.

We have added a "Wish List" to this newsletter in hopes that you too will appreciate the importance of The Round Top Area Historical Society and will want to be part of donating to this worthwhile project. If you are not a member, please consider joining - we need you and your support.

Thanks to all of you for your volunteer efforts, donations, and interest!

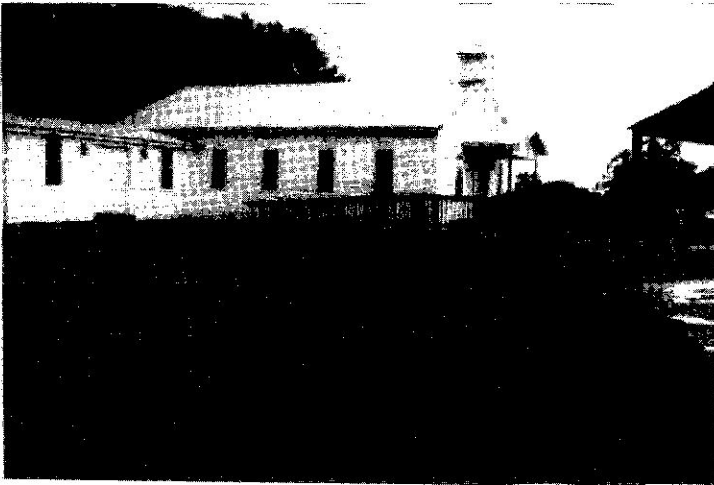
Peggy

2008 WISH LIST

1. Shed to house donated farm equipment/mower \$2000
2. Mower \$3000
3. Four Benches \$500 each
4. Antique Rose Garden + gazebo \$1500

These could be given in part or as a Memoriam in honor of someone. If you have any more ideas, let me know. Again, thank you for ALL of your help!

Progress at the Wood Annex...



Connersville Baptist Church African American Museum



David Collins organizing museum items



Ora Keetley weed eating the annex fence line



The Wood Annex Summer 2008

Memorials

LILLIAN THOMAS

Houston & Janie Belle Marney

LAMBERT SKUBAL, SR.

Melinda Dunk

RUBY KROLL &

LILLIAN THOMAS

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Exxon Mobil Foundation

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Chevron Matching Funds

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Special Gifts

Carl & LaVerne Jaehne

Donations

Emma Lee Turney

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DYD Club

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All of these are needed to sustain the ongoing operations of the Round Top Area Historical Society. Ten percent of the monies received for memberships and donations go into a perpetual endowment fund where the principal remains, but the interest earned annually can be utilized if needed. The Society is grateful for the generous support of the community and graciously accepts these thoughtful expressions. A wonderful way to remember a family member or friend is through a gift in their name.

Please accept my request for membership in the
Round Top Area Historical Society

Friend: \$25
Business Friend: \$75 and above
Contributing: \$100 to \$249
Patron: \$250 and above
Lifetime: \$1000 one time

I wish to present the enclosed gift ☐ to honor
☐ in the memory of _____

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PURPOSE:

- Revisualize the history of Texas and especially the Round Top area.
- Collect and preserve the facts and artifacts of history.
- Illustrate the story of the area by means of exhibits that reflect the early life of the people.
- Extend and disseminate knowledge of our history in the belief that it will encourage and promote patriotism and friendship among all people.

MEMBERSHIP:

Any person, firm, or corporation can request membership with any of the following commitment levels:

FRIEND.....	\$25 Annually
BUSINESS FRIEND.....	\$75 & Above Annually
CONTRIBUTING.....	\$100-\$249 Annually
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LIFETIME.....	\$1000 one-time

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NEWS & UPDATES:

- The Connersville Baptist Church African American Museum is now open. After many years of planning, the museum has become a reality. Thanks to David Collins and the late Herb Diers for pursuing the idea and making the church museum an integral part of our future. Also, thanks to the LCRA and The Meadows Foundation grants.
- Thank you to LaVerne & Carl Jaehne for their generous additional donation toward the pavilion work at the Wood Annex. They have now donated \$85,000.00. The Pavillion will house a commercial kitchen and facilities that will enable its use for educational seminars for schools and universities. In addition, It will be used for other entertainment purposes. Carl and LaVerne are friends of Rose and the late Herb Diers.
- Bob Ruman and other board members are busy restoring the Noak House. If you have any time to spare please consider stopping by and lending a hand. Any help is greatly appreciated!
- The Historical Society's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Wood Annex. We look forward to a large turnout at the meeting this year with a special guest speaker and singers!
- Thank you to the Board Members who have given their time to maintain the grounds at the Annex!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- The Round Top Area Historical Society's **General Meeting** will take place at the Connersville Church Museum on Saturday, September 13th at 10:00. Everyone is invited.
- The 11th annual **Christmas Tour of Homes & Historic Places** will be Saturday, December 6th. Please consider participating as a home tour guide for part of the afternoon. Speak to any board member if you would like to help.
- The 15th annual **Community Garage Sale** will take place on February 2009. Everyone is encouraged to donate tax deductible goods, quality furniture, collectibles, and other items. Please take advantage of our storage container and begin gathering all your garage sale items for the big sale in 2009.

A Note From the Editor:

If you have any historical works or facts or interesting tidbits that you would like to see published in upcoming newsletters, please do not hesitate to send them. Your comments, ideas, and suggestions are always welcome.

Natalie R. Diers
footgirl04@yahoo.com

The Round Top Area Historical Society's General Meeting

**Saturday, September 13, 2008
10:00 AM**

Connersville Baptist Church Museum - Wood Annex - Behind Round Top Post Office

Sit back, enjoy, and hear our greatest living historical treasure, Mr. Dobbins, speak!
He has over 100 years of history!! Gospel singers will sing!!

Back to the simple life-lemonade and cookies will be served.

**All Invited
Don't Miss This Opportunity!!!**

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