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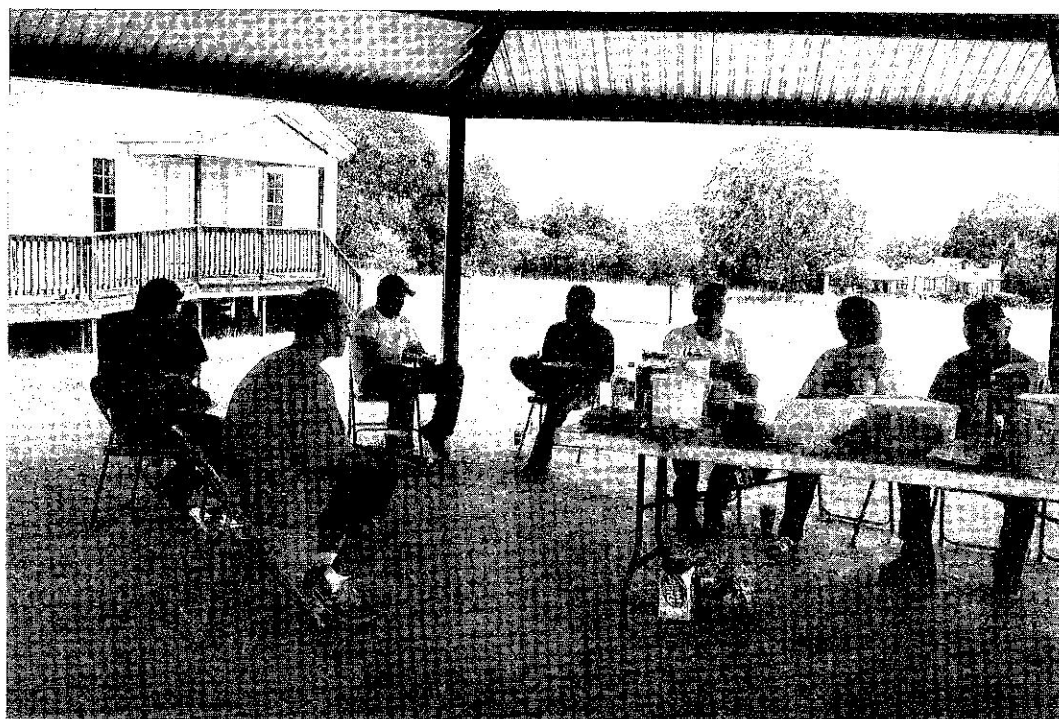
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ROUND TOP AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.



Moving Day, Saturday August 8, 2009



Movers take a break at the pavilion after moving contents of the original historical center to the Noak house at the Wood Annex.

A Note From the President

WE SURVIVED!! the moving of a 20 ft. tree that was placed in the pavilion. After several hours, rope breaking, finally using a pulley the tree was in place. Copying "The Griswold's Family Christmas", over 2000 lights (with many tangled wires) the lights came on to glorify the Wood Annex.

As we moved Santa (over 100 lbs.) to the Museum one of our board members thought she could hold him but as the truck began to move he fell with her in the bed of the truck.

Hastily the night before the Tour of Homes we continued to decorate the museum. A beautifully donated rope bed was set in place. As novices to this we were not skillful in proper roping of the bed. As one of our volunteers made the final touches-the bed collapsed on her!!

However, the next morning, the doors opened to visitors for buying tickets. The museum was all aglow in red and green, tables laden with cookies, sandwiches and the smell of fresh brewed coffee and hot apple cider filled the air.

The visitors left to begin the tour of the lovely decorated homes of the Noak House, John and Martha Crowe's House, The Peck House, Elisa Henderson's Carriage House and the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Also open was the Kraus house, the Primitive African-American Museum, and the log cabin on the grounds of the Wood Annex which will be a part of the Round Top Historical Society.

The beginning of the year we started preparing for the BIG garage sale. The flaps were placed on the pavilion to prepare for the certainty of "strong wind and rain" that would ultimately arrive. We started to accept the treasures for our sale. The tables were set, the boxes removed from storage, unpacking, pricing-and we were ready. At 9:00 the doors opened to a waiting crowd. For two days we bargained and sold. Sunday we repacked, stored and cleaned up.

However, as the last box was removed-we realized we cannot go further with plans for the Historical Center until we have a proper Septic System and bathroom.

Now, we are asking for your help. We are applying for grants but we need donations specifically for this purpose. The estimate is \$10,000 to put in the system. We do need this facility before we are able to continue with the planned projects for this year.

The Society is very grateful to all of you that have supported us as we continue through this journey of work to preserve the History of Round Top and surrounding areas.

We look forward to our combined efforts which will benefit future generations. Your donation towards the installation of the septic system and bathroom will be very much appreciated!

Peggy-President-RTAHS

Saturday, August 8, 2009 was the moving day for contents of the original historical center on Washington Ave to the Noak house at the Wood Annex. Much progress has been made over the past 20 years!

A history note from Georgia Tubbs:

Initial plans for a historical center (museum) started in 1989 when Frances Harris, Carole Nagel, and I were cleaning the town hall for the annual DYD Christmas party. Someone mentioned how nice it would be to have memorabilia of the Round Top area on display...I think the conversation started regarding disappearance of Santa Anna's vest, which was at that time again of interest to a newspaper reporter. Some time later Deloise McGill and I talked to Bobby Banik, son of a local teacher, historian and writer, Mr. John G. Banik, and we started going through his papers, books, school, church, organizations, etc. with Bobby. At this time Bobby mentioned he would like to donate items belonging to his father to the town of Round Top with the understanding they be kept in Round Top. At the next annual Old Round Top School Reunion, Dave Nagel and I got the interest of many former school students and teachers. A \$10.00 donation was made by a former student, Oral Markwardt. Over the next several years we started trying to obtain a building and/or land from various sources without success. I guess I had voiced my frustration to the girls at *The Daisy* and was overheard. Some time later Ms. Lillian called and said she and her sister Ruby had been discussing the situation and wondered if the old blacksmith building would interest us. If so, they wanted to give the building and land to the town of Round Top for the purpose of housing a historical center. The mayor and I accepted their offer as a beginning for preserving and exhibiting the history of the Round Top area.

We've come a long way. Thank you to all that have given your time and donations to preserve the history of the Round Top area. The progress continues.

The Round Top Area Historical Society is served by volunteers and depends upon membership dues, grants, donations, memorials, Christmas Home Tour proceeds, and Annual Garage Sale proceeds for all renovations, construction and maintenance of its historical structures. All citizens of the Round Top area are encouraged to join the historical society and volunteer their efforts so that we may realize our goals in preserving the history of the Round Top Area. The Historical Society's next fund raising event will be the Christmas Home Tour in the first week of December. Please call the historical center or contact any board member if you would like to donate your time as a docent to welcome and greet those on the home tour and share some holiday cheer.

Our Wish List for 2009 and 2010...

- Shed to house donated farm equipment/mower \$2000
- Mower \$3000
- Four Benches \$500 each
- Antique Rose Garden + gazebo \$1500

These could be given in part or as a Memoriam in honor of someone. Thank you to all who have helped the historical society!!

Donations, Gifts, Memberships, and Memorials

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
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- ★ 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.

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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 for organizing and setting up the museum with African-American pictures, documents, and early history of the church and its members!
- ♪ Moving day was a success as all the documents and objects were moved to the Noak house at the Wood Annex. The Historical Center will display Round Top's original fire pumper and tools.
- ♪ The Historical Society's Annual General Meeting will be held at Connersville Baptist Church Museum at the Wood Annex. We look forward to seeing you there!
- ♪ Thank you to the Board Members who have given their time to maintain the grounds at the Annex and to those that volunteered to help move!
- ♪ We were pleased to welcome Ed Ahlrich and Rachel Prescott of Lake Jackson to visit Round Top to see the display of "old photographs" taken by Ed's grandmother Friederike Michalis Recknagel during the period 1893-1915. The photographs were reproduced from glass plates left by his grandmother. These rare photographs were donated to the society by Ed Ahlrich from his collection. The display was located at Klump's restaurant.



Rachel Prescott, Ed Ahlrich, Georgia Tubbs, Peggy Warnock, Wayne Warnock

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- ♪ The Round Top Area Historical Society's **General Meeting** will take place at the Connersville Church Museum on Saturday, September 12th at 10:00. Everyone is invited.
- ♪ The 12th annual **Christmas Tour of Homes & Historic Places** will be Saturday, December 5th. Please consider participating as a home tour guide for part of the afternoon. Speak to any board member if you would like to help.

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.

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The Round Top Area Historical Society's General Meeting

**Saturday, September 12, 2009
10:00 AM**

Connersville Baptist Church Museum at the Wood Annex

Lemonade and cookies will be served

**All Invited!!
General Board Meeting open to all members and guests
Open House after meeting to tour buildings**

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