

THMF Newsletter

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From the director:

First, let's welcome Gordon Findley on board. I first worked with him when he managed the Cailloux Student Center, planning events and coordinating groups. He's going to take on the position of assistant director and event planner for the THMF, starting right up working on the Living History Weekend, September 20-30, 2006. We are adding a gospel music component and a concert on Saturday night with THMF member musicians. Always expanding and growing! The team around THMF is also growing. Tim Ajax, network coordinator for Schreiner University, is a volunteer who has created our database and works on computer systems for us. Janna Soefje is the Schreiner student work/study. Donna Snow Robinson and Tim Wilton are working on grant proposals. 5 K Laser keeps our copier working. Judith Glaze keeps the website working. T We have new board members adding energy to the team, Tobin Tilley, Rob Booth and Denise LeTard. Bob Gray, editor of this magazine, is a freelance writer with the THMF, writing our online newsletter and releases. What more can we ask for?

Our local musician membership is growing. They are listed on our website, www.texasheritagemusic.org. The list includes Terry Penney, Emily Lively, The Weatherford Jackson Band, Mike Kasberg, Sol Patch Band, Mr. Clark Band, Midway Band, Stringdancer Band. We recommend all these people for you future music needs!

Some dates to remember: March 31 Texas Music Coffeehouse featuring the band "Someone Like You," Will Owen Gage, Jay Boy Adams, Ronnie Leatherman and more. The Friday coffeehouse is a part of the Schreiner Recall (homecoming) and will open at 7:00 with an open mike. April 5 is the Spoken Word Coffeehouse at Schreiner. April 12 is our Texas Writers Conference featuring Andy Wilkinson. I first met Andy when he accompanied the late Buck Ramsey to our Living History Day years ago. His CD on the life of Charlie Goodnight (a relative) became a one-man show with Barry Corbin. Andy is a true Renaissance Texan! Come to the workshop on creativity at 3:30 that Wednesday, stay for dinner in the cafeteria and join us again at 7:00. All events are in the Cailloux Student Center. April 13 Rosemary Nissen-Wade (Australia) will read her poetry in the Scarle Phillips Rooms of the Schreiner library at 2:40. Open to the public. Yes, remember, I teach full-time in the English Department at Schreiner University. Check www.schreiner.edu for the calendar.

The THMF is looking for some volunteers to fill specific spots as we plan our next six months: membership chairman, volunteer chairman, office assistant with computer skills, fundraising (sponsorships for the September event) and program assistant. Lots of opportunities to contribute. If you or someone you know would like to be involved at any level, contact me soon. Right now we are sending out letters requesting sponsorship for the educational program on September 29, "Another Way of Learning Using Stories and Songs." Our office is on the Schreiner Campus, building #13 near the Robbins Lewis Pavilion. No regular hours...yet.

Time for applications for our Wayne Kennemer Scholarship fund. Contact Janice Kennemer for the application form. She can be reached by e-mailing kat@maverickbbs.com

A personal note: I gave a talk on women and Texas music at the Texas State Historical Meeting in March and headed to Galveston to speak at the Texas Music Series produced by Don Willette at Texas A&M. I attended South by Southwest this year, documenting the Texas music scene at this wild event that features over 1500 bands in March. I'll be heading to San Miguel de Allende with a group to study from May 9-25 in this treasure of a town. I'll bet I find some music.

I want to invite you to join the music foundation, one way of supporting the projects.

Kathleen