

Inside the Gates



DRT Library

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“No-Bake” Bake Sale successful fundraiser for DRT Library Operating Endowment

Members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas once again responded generously to the most recent organizational fundraiser sponsored by the DRT Library Committee. Over \$14,000 has been received for the library’s operating endowment!



Daughters were asked not to heat their kitchens or dirty their aprons in participating in the library’s “no-bake” bake sale. Instead, they were invited to pick out a recipe from Mrs. Anna Gibbs McKinney’s 19th century recipe book and donate that amount to increase the library’s Operations Endowment Fund. Everyone received a copy of Mrs. McKinney’s gingerbread recipe. (cont. on p. 2)

Publication Note: Beginning with this issue, the online newsletter of the DRT Library will be published in January and July.

Library Hosts 19th Texas History Forum

The February 23rd History Forum features Paula Allen, Dr. Ron Tyler, and James Bevill. Dr. Tyler will speak on bird’s eye views of Texas cities and the online exhibit prepared by the Amon Carter Museum, Fort Worth, <http://www.birdseyeviews.org/>. Paula Allen will compare San Antonio as it was in the 19th century with the city as it is now. James Bevill, Vice President of the Texas Numismatic Association, has been working with Dr. Bruce Winders, Historian and Curator at the Alamo, to create an exhibit about Republic of Texas currency and his presentation is titled “A Paper Trail across the Republic of Texas,” a visual journey through the paper money used by the Republic of Texas (1836-1846) in which he relates the currency to early politics, the location of the capital, and other significant events and key personalities of the period. The registration fee is \$15. A portion of forum expenses will be paid with a generous grant from The Summerfield G. Roberts Foundation. Morning refreshments will be supplied.

Dr. George Schweitzer to conduct Seventh Family History Seminar September 29

Popular guest speaker Dr. George Schweitzer will conduct the library’s seventh Family History Seminar to be held Saturday, September 29, in Alamo Hall, on the grounds of the Alamo, from 9 a.m. to 3:25 p.m.

Dr. Schweitzer engages his audience by using historical re-enactment to teach genealogy. Each lecture is presented in period costume. The September presentations include: *Military Genealogical Research* (done in military uniform); *Tracing Ancestors Back Across the Atlantic* (to Britain, Germany, Ireland, etc., done in European costume); and *Researching in Burned Out Counties* (finding and using alternative records; done in county clerk costume).

Dr. Schweitzer is Alumni Distinguished Professor at the University of Tennessee and holds BA, MS, and PhD degrees in Chemistry, an MA in the History of Religion, a PhD in History of Science, and an ScD (Doctor of Science) in Philosophy of Science. He is Phi Beta Kappa and is listed in Who’s Who in America. He has authored 220 publications including 19 genealogical guidebooks and has lectured to over 200 genealogical and historical societies in the US, Canada, England, and Germany. Professor Schweitzer has traced many of his ancestral lines back to the early 1500s.

Registration for the seminar is \$50, which includes a box lunch. Checks may be sent to the DRT Library Committee, P. O. Box 1401, San Antonio, Texas 78295-1401. As seating is limited, pre-registration is advised. Proceeds in excess of expenses benefit the Herpich Conservation and Restoration Fund of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library.

Fifteen titles nominated for 2006 Naylor Award

Nominations for the June Franklin Naylor Award for the Best Book for Children on Texas history closed January 31, 2007. The fifteen books nominated are: *Miriam "Ma" Ferguson* by Judy Alter; *A Brave Boy & A Good Soldier* by Mary Margaret Amberson; *Tales of the Texas Mermaid: "The Boot"* by Mary Borgia; *Journey to the Alamo* by Melodie A. Cuate; *The Buffalo Soldier* by Sherry Garland; *Sam Houston, Texas Hero* by Susan R. Gregson; *Dark Water Rising* by Marian Hale; *What's so great about . . . Sam Houston* by Susan Sales Harkins and William H. Harkins; *Henry B. Gonzalez, Congressman of the People* by Brenda Haugen; *The Lady in the Blue Cloak: Legends from the Texas Missions* by Eric A. Kimmel; *Hurricane Katrina* by Barb Palser; *What's so great about . . . Davy Crockett* by Russell Robert; *Sophie's War* by Janice Shefelman; *Women of the Confederacy* by Barbara A. Somervill; and *Bridget "Biddy" Mason, From Slave to Businesswoman* by Jean Kinney Williams.

The 2006 committee is composed of Dr. Barbara Immroth, School of Information, University of Texas at Austin, chairman; Dr. Viki Ash, Coordinator of Children's Services, San Antonio Public Library, and Linda Plevak, Library Director, Bulverde/Spring Branch Public Library. All committee members will meet in San Antonio at the DRT Library by the end of February, with a representative of the Naylor family, to select the award winner from the top five choices. The award will be presented in May at the Historical Evening during the Annual Conference of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.



Shown left to right in the photo above are: Texas Library Association President Jana Knezek, Librarian Leslie Stapleton, Bexar Library Association President Shirley Martyn, and Awards Committee Chairman Dennis Medina.

Leslie Stapleton awarded 2006 BLA scholarship

The Awards Committee of the Bexar Library Association chose DRT librarian Leslie Stapleton as the winner of their 2006 Scholarship Award. The presentation was made Thursday, September 21, 2006, at the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, St. Mary's University, San Antonio. Leslie completes her master's degree in library and information science in May at the University of North Texas, Denton, where she has maintained a 4.0 GPA. Dr. Bob Hu, Director of the law library, provided a tour of the facility following the awards presentation and a brief business meeting.

"No-Bake" Bake Sale successful fundraiser – continued from p. 1

Members of the DRT Library Committee and the DRT Library staff are grateful to each of the donors listed below for their generous response to the "no-bake" bake sale. Donors, as of January 24, 2007, include:

Gingerbread (\$500): Jane Fieldcamp, Lori Smithers, Debbie Papp

Velvet Sponge Cake (\$250): Gay Nelle Barton

Dewberry Jelly (\$200): Molly O'Connor Kemp

Mountain Cake (\$100): Sunya A. Alexander-in honor of *Patti Cox*, Bettye Anhaiser, Nancy S. Atkinson, Mrs. J.J. Baker, Katherine Blachly, Erin Bowman, June M. Bristol-Warnech, Meredith M. Brown, Loraine Darling, Tara Eastland, Mrs. Charles L. Garrett, Ruth Y. Hanson, Martha Henderson, Angela Hensley, Carolyn Ericson, Connie Impelman, Rita Tait Jackson, Stella D. Leis, Stephanie K. Loeffler, Vernell Martinez, Karen Matthews, Marti McLain, Chris Milani, Susan W. Morris, Melinda Navarro, LeGrande and Cassandra Northcutt Donor Advised Fund, Rita S. Orchard, Margaret Palm, Dixie Patterson, Nelda Patteson, Annetta Wells Payne, Caroline Prince, Sylvia Reeves, Pamela S. Rhoads, Lauretta M. Rinehart, Floyd Stephens, Jr., Sue Trammell Whitfield, Sharon Wolff.

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In Memoriam

Past President General **Billie Crosby Averitte**, August 1, 2006

Past President General **Mary Jane Pond Addison**, October 24, 2006

Past President General **Thelma Burnett Maresh**, on her death at the age of 101, January 17, 2007

Focus on DRT Library Funds

The library has many different funds established over the years to provide for the collections owned by the DRT Library. An individual, chapter, or business may donate to any of these accounts in honor or in memory of people, events, or organizations. Donations made to all funds, with the exception of the acquisition fund, are added to the principal on the account and are not spent; they are restricted. Donor restricted funds remain permanently restricted; funds restricted by the Library Committee may be released for use by the committee at their discretion.

Most DRT members are familiar with our Acquisition fund as it is derived from various sources—chapter contributions, memorials, honorary contributions, general donations, and the library's spring history forum proceeds. These funds are used to purchase material about the history of Texas, and gift plates are attached to purchases made. Some chapters support the periodical collection by annually donating the cost of a yearly periodical subscription to this fund.

The Meta Emily Vibrock Creppon Trust was established in November, 1982, by Mrs. Creppon's daughters, Jessie Lee Klanke, Gussie Lee Obenhaus, Ruby Lee Inge, and Beatrice Kosler, in Mrs. Creppon's memory. Mrs. Klanke, the organizing president of the Miss Ima Hogg Chapter, DRT, Houston, and one of the creators of this trust, passed away in December, 2001, and the Miss Ima Hogg Chapter chose to send a generous donation to the this trust in her memory. All donations designated for this fund are added to the principal and may not be spent. The Library Committee invests the principal and, as the interest from the fund accrues, the interest may be used for the publication of factual material in book form about any phase of Texas history, life, or accomplishments of its people.

The Lavinia Griffith Memorial Fund was established in 1994 by contributions from two foundations, The Summerlee Foundation and The Summerfield G. Roberts Foundation, as a memorial to Lavinia Griffith, a member of their Board of Trustees and active member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Interest accrued by this fund benefits and enhances the library's collections, services, and staff.

The Herpich Restoration and Conservation Fund was established in 1997 by District VI members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas in honor of former Library Director Cathy Herpich. Interest accrued from the principal is to be used for art restoration or paper conservation. Profit from the library's fall history forum and summer family history seminar is deposited to the principal on this account. Any donation received is added to the principal.

The Duplication Fund contains money received from library patrons for duplicating services. Duplicating services consist of either photocopy of documents or reproduction of photographic images. The duplication account provides for the upkeep and supplies of the photocopy machine, funds conservation treatment of art and photo collections, purchases new acquisitions for the photograph and art collections, and funds the exhibit and display of collections.

Mrs. Clara Elisabeth Bates Nisbet established the Kate Harding Bates Parker Endowment Fund in memory of her sister Kate Harding Bates Parker. The Library Committee invests the principal and interest generated is then used in general operations of the library. Profits from various fundraisers, such as the sale of the DRT Library pin and donations resulting from the No-Bake Bake Sale or Phantom Dinner, are deposited to this account. Several large donations, which have been designated for library operations and have provided much needed support, have been received recently from DRT members.

Contributions to the Children of the Republic of Texas Memorial Fund are to be used only for the acquisition of Texas art objects and historic Texas maps. Erin Patrick, Walter S. McMahan, and other former CRT members established the Children of the Republic of Texas Memorial Fund at the DRT Library at the Alamo in 1989. They had just returned from memorial services for friend and brother Newton McMahan, an artist, and decided the best way to remember each other and their good times in the CRT was to establish a memorial fund, one to which everyone could contribute through other memorials to fellow CRT members, friends, relatives, or as general donations. The Children of the Republic of Texas and supporters of the CRT have continued to make donations to this fund through the years.

In December 1983, the L.E. Bruni Charitable Trust established the Bruni Texana Book Fund. Accrued interest is to be used only for the acquisition of books or manuscripts dealing with the history of Texas, particularly the history of the missions of San Antonio.

Mrs. Bruce Nell Gooler, the 1993-95 DRT Library Committee Chairman, established the Staff Development Fund in honor of DRT Library employees. The principal, interest, or income from the fund may be used by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library Committee for the recognition and support of the staff of the DRT Library. The use of

the funds shall include, but are not restricted to, the recognition of employee anniversaries, birthdays, retirements, and illnesses. The funds may also be used for staff development projects such as in-house staff training programs.

Receipt of funds from former Library Committee member Dorothy May Ehlinger Peshorn's estate established the Dorothy May Ehlinger Peshorn Fund in March 2003. The 2001-2003 Library Committee voted that ninety-five percent of the total received be placed in a restricted, interest-bearing account. Five percent of all interest accrued is added to the restricted corpus. The account may be used to purchase books, documents, and/or equipment as needed by the library. The Library Committee recently approved the release of funds in support of equipment purchase for the library's Novec 1230 fire suppression system. Purchases are plated as gifts of the Dorothy May Ehlinger Peshorn Fund.

The June Franklin Naylor Fund was established in 2004 by Mrs. Naylor's daughter Valerie Riefenstahl and her husband Ed to support an annual award for the best book for children on Texas history. Initially funded by the family of Mrs. Naylor and sponsored by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library, the fund was augmented in 2006 with donations from DRT chapters in response to a chapter and district challenge presented by Library Committee Chairman Laura Beavers. The Naylor Award is given annually to the author/illustrator of the most distinguished book for children and young adults, grades K-12, that accurately portrays the history of Texas, whether fiction or nonfiction. A three-member panel of judges comprised of historians, educators, and librarians judge the entries. Guidelines are available on the library's web site.

Nancy M. Law, a member of the San Jacinto Chapter, DRT, Houston, established an endowment fund in May, 2006, to honor the memory of her mother, Virginia M. Law, a member of Alamo Mission Chapter, DRT. Ms. Law commented that her mother enthusiastically supported the purposes and efforts of the DRT, and she desired that the newly established fund be used to promote the study of Texas history. The Virginia M. Law Fund establishes an award – the Virginia M. Law Research Award – that is designed to bring scholars to San Antonio, Texas, to work with materials housed at the DRT Library. Research must be done at the DRT Library and completed by the first of June of the following year in which the award is granted. The award is accompanied by a grant of \$400. Application guidelines are on the library's web site.

The library has many needs and it is through the faithful financial contributions of friends who support our mission of advancing the understanding of the unique history of the Alamo and Texas and of the lives of those who experienced it that we continue to protect, preserve, and provide access to primary and secondary sources for the study of Texas history.



Library Staff receive Bricks of Excellence



Bookkeeper Madalene Morgan and Technical Assistant Rusty Gamez were among Alamo employees honored at the December Employee Christmas Party with "Bricks of Excellence," presented by Library Committee Chairman Laura Beavers.

Madalene Morgan competently tracks expenditures from both the Alamo Fund and the DRT funds, manages our investments, posts donations, manages registration fees and expenses for each of the library's special events, and in her spare time at home, creates embroidered towels for the library to sell online. She works well with patrons and staff and is always available to help wherever needed without complaint.

Rusty Gamez celebrates nineteen years of loyalty to the Alamo. Friendly and personable, he interacts well with patrons and staff and frequently offers suggestions for better service. Adept with cameras, Rusty is the official photographer and videographer for the library, recording all our special events.

Texana Treasures

Gifts received June 21, 2006 through January 10, 2007

Special thanks to the Children of the Republic of Texas for their generous donation to purchase six computers for the library's public access workstations and employee workstations and to the DRT Board of Management for providing matching funds from the Native Texan License Plate Fund

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Alice Simkins: Art by Lillie Mae Hagner: [Alamo Plaza Park with Menger Hotel in distance], [Argyle in Alamo Heights], [Chapel of Miracles], [Clock Tower], [Corner of Fourth Street & Nacogdoches], [Reflections of the Little Flower], [Tea House in the Japanese Garden, Brackenridge Park]

Charlotte Slimp Mitchell: Chester A. Slimp Papers, *The Onderdonks: A Family of Texas Painters* by Cecilia Steinfeldt and *The 1935 Monticello* in memory of Beverly B. Slimp

Robert Spencer: *Eugen Staffel: Letters to San Antonio, 1873-1875* by Robert Spencer

Gene Fowler: *Mystic Healers & Medicine Shows* by Gene Fowler; "Step Right Up! Texas Medicine Shows" by Gene Fowler in *Texas Highways*, Feb 2004 issue, and clipping with Diamond King advertisement, Dec 26, 1885

Helen Shipman Cunningham: Cartographic Material – San Felipe quadrangle, Texas by U.S. Geological Survey, General highway map, Gillespie County, Texas, General highway map, supplementary sheet showing details of cities & towns, Washington Co, Texas, General Highway Map Brazos Co, Texas, General Highway Map, Fort Bend Co, Texas (2), Bexar Co, Texas, General Highway Map, Washington Co, Texas, General Highway Map, Waller Co, Texas, General Highway Map, Austin Co, Texas by Texas State Highway Dept, Austin County, Waller County, Austin's Colony, 1821-1836, Kendall County, Brazos County by Texas General Land Office, San Antonio by U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Texas: The Lone Star State, Audio-Visual Material – *The 13 Days of the fall of the Alamo* by Henry Guerra, Poster – *A Moment in time, dawn of March 6, 1836* by Gary Zaboly; *Historic Texas Hotel & Country Inns* by Linda Johnson, *The Alamo Mission Bell* by J. Evetts Haley, *An album of old-time Texas postcards*, *The Book of Texas Days* by Ron Stone, *Native Texas Plants* by Sally Wasowski
Lois McCarthy: Printed handbill – To the ladies of Calhoun and Jackson Counties

Laura Beavers: Photographs – First State Bank, Ft. Stockton, 32nd Division, Camp MacArthur, Texas, Valentine Postcard embossed, color, Early 20th Century, *The Community Heritage in the Spanish Americas; Exhumation of a hero, Colonel Ben Milam* by Cynthia L. Tennis

Historic Publishing Network: *Historic Bexar County*

Woodmont Books: *The First Texas Navy* by John Powers

David Carlson: *The Prehistory of Texas* by Timothy K. Perttula

Jena Fuller: *Native Mobility Patterns at Mission San Antonio de Valero, Texas* by Jena Fuller

UTSA Archives: Cora Carleton Glassford Scrapbook

San Jacinto Descendants Association: Records Additions

Joan Crowell: *Ruins with wrecked ship* by Ida Fritze, oil painting

Jerelyne Castleberry Williams *The Brackenridge Colored School* by Jerelyne Castleberry Williams

John Cantrell: *Journal Book of Ada Cantrell 1879-1881* by Ada Cantrell

Fred & Elaine Davis Early maps of Texas [electronic resource] in memory of Fred Schiebe, Jr.; *The French Embassy of the Republic of Texas* by Mildred Webb in honor of Kirk & Rosemarie Gregory; *The Texas Almanac for 1857*

DRT Headquarters: *Embracing the Future: Proceedings of the One Hundred Fifteenth Annual Convention 2006* by The Daughters of the Republic of Texas (2 copies)

Robert Perry: Carmen Perry Papers
Sterlin Holmesly: *HemisFair '68* by Sterlin Holmesly in memory of Sidney Holmesly

Armandina Galan Sifuentes: *Deaths of Eagle Pass, Texas: Our Lady of Refuge, Book 1, 1864-1907* by Armandina Galan Sifuentes

Jim Menke Indices to Volumes I-XX, Branches and Acorns by Jim & Doris Menke, *The Cradle of Freemasonry in Medina County* by Yancy L. Russell

Joan Few: *Sugar, Planters, Slaves and Convicts* by Joan Few

Nancy Mixon Macphee: Hamlett Family Papers, additions

Thomas G. Morehead: Thomas G. Morehead papers

Battle of Flowers Association: Battle of Flowers records, additions

Dr. Felix Almaraz: *They came to El Llano Estacado*

Bruce Winders: K.R. Woods: Live at the Alamo (rehearsal disc)

Antonio Olivares Pascual: *El Molar: Ayer Y Hoy* by Antonio Balduque Alvarez

Nancy Law: Newspapers – *Vermont Patriot* – March 29, 1845, April 26, 1845, *New York American*, June 9, 1836, *National Gazette & Literary Register*, January 5, 1835, Map of

Houston & vicinity, Photographs – Battle of Flowers Parade Float 1926; Texas courthouse postcard collection.
Lewis Fisher: *River Walk: The Epic Story of San Antonio's River* by Lewis Fisher
Mrs. Lou Uban: Snapshot photographs of Brackenridge Park, 1. Monkey Island, 2. Sunken Gardens-Tea house, 3. Sunken Gardens-Walkways
Anne Stewart: 3 Photographs-Davis family & house-moving, San Antonio, Texas, 2 picture postcards-Buckhorn Saloon & Alamo by Everett
Texas Tech University Press: *Journey to the Alamo* by Melodie A. Cuate
Dr. Steve A. Tomka: *San Jacinto Battleground State Historical Park* by Wayne Cox and Steve Tomka
Kenneth Cumings: "Charlie's Resolution" by Charles Cumings
Gail Haines: Fiesta San Jacinto invitation, 1955, Proclamation: H.S. Jacobson, 1955 April 19
Manny Prince: Photograph – "The Alamo" San Antonio, Tex. 1911 [Ezra Meeker in front of the Alamo]

Eleanor H. Lamb: Herff-Duerler family papers, additions, Stammbaum der familie v Herff (Herff family tree), Portrait of Ferdinand Herff, Jr.
Jill Ruter & Scott Foresman: *Social Studies: Texas Edition* by multiple authors, textbook
Elsa M. Henderson: *Escuda de Armas: the first family reunion for the descendants of Antonio Maria Palacios and Rafaila Garcia and Refugia Saenz*, and *Escuda de Armas: Palacios [book review-the Tejano Community, 1836-1900 by Amaldo de Leon]* by Elsa M. Henderson
Burleson Family Association: Burleson Family Association Bulletin, electronic resource, upgrade
Edward Moore: Texasindians.com: the CD
Charles R. Gamez: *Howard Garrett's Plants for Texas* by Howard Garrett in memory of Charles G. Gamez
Maurice M. Adams: *Trott, Brashear, McGowen and McAshan: Places, events and records showing early Texas connections* by Maurice McAshan Adams

Kate Broocks Bates Award Nominees for 2006

Mary Margaret McAllen Amberson
A Brave Boy and a Good Soldier: John C. C. Hill & the Texas Expedition to Mier
Paul Barton
Hispanic Methodists, Presbyterians, and Baptists in Texas
Gary B. Borders
Hanging in Nacogdoches: Murder, Race, Politics, and Polemics in Texas's Oldest Town, 1870-1916
Allen G. Hatley
Reluctant Rebels: The Eleventh Texas Cavalry Regiment
John E. Powers
The First Texas Navy
Jerry Thompson
Civil War to the Bloody End: The Life and Times of Major General Samuel P. Heintzelman
Stephen A. Townsend
The Yankee Invasion of Texas

Committee chairman is Dr. Darwin L. Payne, professor *emeritus* of communications, Southern Methodist University. Committee members are Dr. Garna Christian, University of Houston – Downtown, and Dr. Stephen L. Hardin, Victoria College.

The award will be presented at the Thursday evening awards banquet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, San Antonio, on March 8, 2007, during the annual conference of the Texas State Historical Association.

Personnel News:

Jenny Stone is working toward a master's degree in library science at the School of Library and Information Science, University of North Texas, Denton.

Library staff members enjoyed an appreciation lunch hosted by the members of Alamo Heroes Chapter, DRT, in Alamo Hall, September 19, 2006. The ladies presented each staff member with a certificate of appreciation. Also attending were employees from the accounting department, Laura Garcia, and David Stewart, Alamo director.

Debra Bryant attended the Texas Library Association's District 10 Fall Workshop on November 4, at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, for which she received four continuing education hours from the Texas Library Association. She received six credit hours for participating in the "Introduction to Preservation Issues and Practices," sponsored by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in San Antonio December 12, 2006.

Librarian **Leslie Stapleton** received six credit hours for participating in the "Introduction to Imaging and Imaging Technology," sponsored by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in San Antonio on Friday, November 10, 2006. She also received 5.5 continuing education hours from Amigos Library Services for the same course.

Students from Natalia ISD visited the library in November to work on Texas history projects. Librarians **Debra Bryant** and **Leslie Stapleton** provided an overview of primary and secondary sources.

Elaine Davis, Martha Utterback, and Warren Stricker, attended the plenary session of CORAL (the Council of Research and Academic Libraries) on Friday, November 10, to discuss the group's mission and evaluate whether it is still viable. The library has been a member for many years.

Warren Stricker served on a panel, "Researching in Archives," with Gerianne Schaad and Traci Drummond from UTSA and Matt DeWalsche, San Antonio Public Library, on Saturday, October 7, at the Institute of Texan Cultures, as part of the program introducing parents, teachers, and students to the guidelines for submission of entries to the 2007 history fair.

Leslie Stapleton is serving as co-chair, vendor exhibits, for the Texas Library Association's Local Arrangements Committee for the annual conference in San Antonio April 11-14, 2007. This year's theme is "Strong Libraries-Strong Communities."

Elaine Davis, Martha Utterback, and Warren Sticker the "Archives Fair" held October 20, 2006, at the Alkek Library on the campus of Texas State University-San Marcos in celebration of Archives Week. Information about the DRT Library was made available to participants.

Librarian **Leslie Stapleton** and **Jenny Stone** attended the EOS training seminar in Carlsbad, California, December 11-15, which began the implementation process for our new automation system. Our automated catalog is now ready for use.

Elaine Davis has been invited to be a member of the 2007 TALL Texans Selection Committee, Texas Library Association. The committee is chaired by Dana Rooks, Dean of Libraries, University of Houston Libraries. Selection of the 26 participants in the June workshop will be made at the TLA offices in Austin on Friday, February 16.

Leslie Stapleton has been elected treasurer of the San Antonio chapter of LISSA (Library Information Science Student Association) at the University of North Texas.

Library Committee Chairman **Laura Beavers, Elaine Davis, and Martha Utterback** attended the San Antonio Historical Association dinner honoring archeologist Anne Fox at the Barn Door on New Braunfels. Former DRT Librarian Dora Guerra was emcee for the evening. Speeches honoring Mrs. Fox were delivered by Dr. Tom Hester, professor emeritus in anthropology, UT-Austin, and Clint McKenzie, Volunteer Archeological Steward, Texas Historical Commission.

Paintings to be in 2008 exhibit at the Dallas Museum of Art



Spring Morning (1911) by Julian Onderdonk

Two paintings by Julian Onderdonk in the DRT Library art collection – *Autumn Birches* and *Spring Morning* – will be loaned to the Dallas Museum of Art for the proposed exhibit *Julian Onderdonk: Bluebonnets and Beyond*, scheduled for March 23– July 20, 2008.

Both *Spring Morning* (1911), 20x30 inches, and *Autumn Birches* (1909), 6x9 inches, were gifts in 1946 of Dr. William Eager Howard and normally may be viewed in the library's reading room.

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library Committee offers for sale a 16 x 24 inch reproduction of *Spring Morning* (1911) as a giclée on stretched canvas for \$250 or on archival paper for \$150. Sales tax is an additional 8.125%. Please make your check payable to the DRT

Library Committee and mail it to: DRT Library Committee, P. O. Box 1401, San Antonio, TX 78295. Orders must be prepaid and may be picked up at the library two weeks following order placement. Sale proceeds benefit the Parker Endowment Fund, which supports general operating expenses of the DRT Library. Purchase of these prints supports the ongoing mission of the DRT Library to protect and preserve our Texas heritage.

Postcards and Books for Sale

Check the library's website at <http://www.drtl.org> for items given to the library as unrestricted donations for sale in support of the library's various funds. A huge selection of postcards from most states in the United States and from Mexico were received this past fall. Call 225-1071 to inquire about postcards for a specific state or for a list of available books.



Autumn Birches (1909) by Julian Onderdonk

Library changes automation vendors

New look and better access to the collections

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the search page for the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library at the Alamo. The page features a navigation bar with 'Start', 'Search', and 'Help' tabs. A 'Home Switch Language' button is visible in the top right corner. The main content area is titled 'SEARCH' and includes a sidebar with links for 'Simple Search', 'Browse Search', 'Power Search', 'Frequently Asked Questions', and 'Useful Links'. The 'Power Search' section is highlighted, showing a search form with dropdown menus for 'Title', 'Author', and 'Subject', each followed by an input field and an 'AND' dropdown. A 'Go' button is present. Below the form, there are instructions for 'Power Search' and 'Search Tips', including examples of search criteria like 'Texas defenders' and 'Texas Folklore Society'.

The screen shot above is of the advanced search page for the library's new online public access catalog, hosted by EOS, International, and available through the "Library Search" button at the top of the DRT Library's web page: <http://www.drtd.org>. Simple keyword searches and a browse feature are also available. The user interface is in English, French, Spanish, and Italian and may be switched through the "Switch Language" tab at the top of the page.

Our prior automation software, Athena by Sagebrush Technologies, had been in use since 1996, and was recently "retired" by Sagebrush. Upgrades are no longer developed and technical support is being phased out.

Automation systems are more than a computerized version of the old card catalog. In searching for a replacement, library staff looked for an automation system that not only looked professional but addressed the needs of a special collection. EOS works primarily with other special libraries like ours. The old card catalog provided access to the collection via titles, subjects, and authors. The computer version still conducts these specific searches, but it also allows users to search by keywords (like a Google search), searching every area of the record at once. In addition to that basic advantage of computerization, the library is able, for the first time, to post thumbnail images of photographs and art contained within the collections, allowing the patron to view an image through the catalog, leaving the item undisturbed for better preservation.

EOS International provides a hosted service whereby our records are maintained on their website and continually backed up. They maintain the computer hardware and automation software, providing a cost savings in equipment and technical outsourcing. By using their hosted service, bibliographic data entry in the library is immediately visible on the catalog on the Internet. The visibility of our collections is increased and researchers from any location can search our catalog online. Additionally, EOS allows a wide variety of reports for collection development and statistics, including routine inventories and item usage.

Much behind the scenes work is still required to utilize all the features available, but patrons can now search the bibliographic records more effectively than in the past. The online catalog is often the first point of contact that users have with our collection, and EOS has provided us with an affordable, efficient, and professional presentation.