

**Permian  
Historical Society**

The University of Texas of  
the Permian Basin Campus

Spring 2004



# Permian Historical News

## Permian Historical Society To Meet At Petroleum Museum in Midland on 24 April 2004

Next Meeting: 24 April 2004

Place: Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West, Midland, Texas

Permian Historical Society has the great privilege of meeting in the newly expanded facility at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. In addition to the new sights and sounds within the Petroleum Museum, participants at the spring meeting will be treated with papers delivered by Dr. Paul Carlson of Texas Tech University, by Joe R. Allen of Crane County, and by Judge John Hyde of Midland County.

Come early for biscuits. Happy Hour begins at 9:30 A.M. and presentations at 10:00 A.M. Brisket and sausage with all the trimmings will be provided by KD's Barbeque in Midland. Come hungry. Lunch will be \$10. Attendees are encouraged to wear hats and members and guests from Ector County will be recognized.

Make reservations for the meal **by noon on Friday, 23 April, 2004** to the Membership Vice President, **Peggy Kelton**, P. O. Box 901, McCamey, TX 79752 (432/652-8938) [pkelton@nwol.net](mailto:pkelton@nwol.net).

### President's Letter

Dear Members and Friends of Permian Historical Society,

On Saturday, 24th of April, we will conduct the annual spring meeting at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. This is a special honor for the society because we are the first organized group to meet in the museum's new and enlarged meeting area.

Program Chair **Todd Houck** has lined up a fine slate of speakers and this should be a good meeting. We will have some important business matters to discuss and to approve as well as the election of new officers. Come early for fresh baked campfire biscuits with butter and honey, hot coffee, and pastries. There will be time to visit before the program starts at 10 A.M. Make your reservation to attend with **Peggy Kelton** so you will be pre-registered and have a meal ticket.

We have started 2004 in a positive manner with some dozen or more new members. Our only goal is to preserve the history of this great region. I look forward to seeing you on the 24th of April. Bring a friend.

Sincerely,

**Ross McSwain**, President

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# News of Permian Historical Society

## Distinguished Service Award



**Dr. H. Warren Gardner**, longtime member of Permian Historical Society will be honored at the spring meeting with the Distinguished Service Award for more than twenty years of service to the society. He

served in various offices including the presidency and as editor of *The Permian Historical Annual* for several years. The award will be presented by his longtime friend and colleague, **Julia Cauble Smith** of Midland.

## Necrology

Permian Historical Society members were saddened to hear of the recent passing of members and honorees. We offer our condolences to the families of these who have passed:

**Noble Hall Smith** (8 November 1905-24 February 2004) of Culberson County strongly supported the society for many decades. She had received several awards from the society and always wanted PHS to hold a meeting in Van Horn, Texas, where she lived.

**Bob Deavenport** of Martin County has recently passed. He received a Permian Pioneer Award from PHS in the spring of 2003. He was a dedicated community worker in Stanton and was appreciated by all who knew him.

**Jarrell Barbee** of Big Spring and husband of the Membership Secretary, Lorene Burns Barbee, died suddenly in early April 2004. He was a fine family man who appreciated the Permian Basin.

## From the Investment Chair Dr. J. Tillapaugh:

Permian Historical Society has established a permanent endowment fund with the Permian Basin Area Foundation. Permian Historical Society invested four endowments where interest supports the society's activities—Program, Prizes, Publications, and Fellowships—with the foundation, which provides professional management of such restricted endowment capital funds.

As the new investment officer, I can tell you that contributions, donations, and memorials to PHS endowment funds may be made directly to PHS or to the foundation for the society. PHS has joined the foundation as a new partner in the Odessa Endowment for the Arts and History, where eight cultural organizations share promotional activities for their separate endowment accounts with the foundation. These accounts will continue to advance with the sound financial stewardship that PHS has long enjoyed.

## Permian Historical Society Dues

PHS dues remain at \$15 for single memberships, museums, and organizations and \$20 for family memberships. Send dues checks to:

**Sherry Phillips, Treasurer**

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Permian Historical Society Spring Meeting  
Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library, and Hall of Fame  
1500 Interstate Highway 20 West, Midland, Texas  
24 April 2004

Happy Hour with visiting, registration, coffee, hot biscuits with honey ..... **Peggy Kelton and the Upton County Bakers**

**Program of Papers** ..... **Todd Houck**, moderator

*Tragedy on the Texas High Plains* ..... **Dr. Paul Carlson**  
Respected history professor from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, will comment on his current book.

*Stagecoaching at Horsehead Crossing: The Horsehead Project & Some Archaeological Findings*  
..... **Joe R. Allen**  
A native of the area will discuss the archaeology of this historically significant river crossing.

*Midland, Texas: A Trip Through the Past* ..... **The Honorable John Hyde**  
Midland judge will give personal history of Midland, Texas.

Casting of ballots for Best Presentation Award that will be given at the Fall 2004 meeting ..... **Donna Bell**

**Catered lunch by K-D Barbeque**

**Awards and Prizes**

Distinguished Service Award to **Dr. Warren Gardner** ..... **Julia Cauble Smith**

Prizes—Door, Costume, Permian Basin Resident for Longest Time,  
Best Presentation Award from last fall meeting ..... **Peggy Kelton**

Best Article in *The Permian Historical Annual* 42 ..... **Donna Bell**

Short general business meeting ..... **Ross McSwain**, President

Adjournment of general meeting; board meeting for officers, directors, and ex-officio members, if called

**Call For Papers**

Permian Historical Society Program Committee welcomes papers to be presented at the Fall 2004 and Spring 2005 meetings. Contact **Bud Lindsey** at budro@rcrom.net. Both scholarly papers and reminiscences are accepted. *The Permian Historical Annual* publishes reminiscences which need no documentation. Scholarly papers should be documented, well researched, and clearly written. More information and guidelines for submitting papers for publication are found in the back pages of *The Permian Historical Annual*.

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