



TELEGRAPH AND TEXAS REGISTER

Newsletter of the Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society



Welcome back – to school and to TSHA! The Texas State Historical Association hopes you had a restful and rejuvenating summer. The Webb Society is gearing up for an eventful year and we look forward to your participation. Let us know about the good things happening with your chapter this year via Facebook.

[Webb Society Fall Meeting](#) [October 21-22, 2016](#)

Join us in Fredericksburg on October 21-22, 2016 to explore the rich heritage of one of Texas' great small towns. We'll kick off the meeting with a tour and a traditional German dinner at the Pioneer Museum. At the conclusion of our meal we will hold the business meeting, and enjoy a presentation on German Heritage in Texas by Glenn Tribes. On Saturday morning attendees will make a short drive to the Texas Rangers Heritage Center for a presentation by the Former Texas Rangers followed by a tour of the National Museum of the Pacific War. A complete itinerary and registration form can be found on TSHA's web site. This will truly provide you with an opportunity to discover several little known treasures of Texas. Don't miss it! For more information visit: <https://www.tshaonline.org/education/students/webb-society/meetings>

[Call for Historical Papers](#)

Each year the Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society recognizes excellence in historical research and writing with the C.M. Caldwell Memorial Awards. Entries for the 2017 awards are due by January 20, 2017, and award recipients will be announced at the TSHA Annual Meeting March 2-4, 2017 in Houston. Cash prizes range from \$75-400, and selected papers may be published in the 2018 edition of *Touchstone*. Opportunities for undergraduates to publish are rare. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity! For more information visit: <https://www.tshaonline.org/education/students/webb-society/caldwell>

[San Antonio Award](#)

As part of the celebration of San Antonio's Tricentennial and to encourage research and scholarship in the area of San Antonio History, TSHA is sponsoring the San Antonio Award. This \$500 award will be given to the best C.M. Caldwell paper with a focus on an aspect of San Antonio's storied history. In addition to the award the winning paper will be considered for publication in the 2018 *Touchstone* Journal along with other Caldwell entries.

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Chapter Project Award

Each year, Webb Society chapters are encouraged to adopt a project that promotes the preservation of state or local history. Chapter projects encourage teamwork, promote goodwill in communities and are just plain fun! At the Fall Meeting in October, chapters are invited to describe their project and report on its progress. Any project completed by two or more students qualifies. Remember! One chapter project will be selected to receive the Caldwell Memorial Award, which includes a \$600 prize. The winner will be announced at the Spring Meeting, March 2017.

Chapter Records Update

In an attempt to keep our Webb Society records as accurate as possible, we would like to ask each sponsor or chapter president to submit an online [Chapter Update Form](#). This should take about 5 minutes to complete, and asks for basic contact information for your chapter.

Webb Society Member Forms

To better serve the needs of our Webb Society members statewide, we are asking that each member fill out a [Membership Form](#). In return for submitting your form, you will receive the Webb Society newsletter, Telegraph & Texas Register, directly by email, and you will be listed in the official Webb Society records as a member. If at any time, you need documentation of your participation in Webb Society, we will be able to provide it based on our records. Please have any current or former member of Webb Society complete and submit a form.

Did You Know

With the Telegraph and Texas Register Newsletter reaching its 35th Anniversary TSHA thought it would be a great opportunity to share some history so we added this Did You Know Section. Our Webb Society newsletter is named after the first newspaper in Texas to achieve a degree of permanence in Texas. The Telegraph and Texas Register first appeared on October 10, 1835 and was published by Gail Borden, Jr., Thomas H. Borden, and Joseph Baker. On August 2, 1836 the paper published the Constitution of the Republic of Texas. The Telegraph and Register would continue to be published until February 11, 1877 when it was published for the last time. To read more about the Telegraph and Register check out our Handbook of Texas article at <https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/eet02>.

Chapter of the Year Awards

Two Webb Society chapters, each year will be awarded a Chapter of the Year Award. This award will honor chapters who show outstanding commitment and outreach within their communities and schools. The first award, Lower Division Chapter of the Year, will be presented to the outstanding chapter from a Junior College or Community College. The second award, Upper Division Chapter of the Year, will be presented to the outstanding chapter from a University or 4 year school. To be eligible for the awards, chapters must submit a chapter report by December 1st, to charles.nugent@TSHAonline.org. These reports will also be published in *Touchstone*.

Annual Meeting March 3-5, 2016

The Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society met on March 3-5, 2016 in Richardson in conjunction with the TSHA Annual Meeting for its Spring Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony. The Business Meeting, chaired by Kenneth Howell from Blinn College, was attended by chapter representatives from Blinn College, Jacksonville College, Lee College, McMurry University, Northeast Texas Community College, San Jacinto College – Central, San Jacinto College – South, Texas A&M University – San Antonio, and the University of Houston – Downtown. Chapters discussed their past and upcoming activities for the year and enjoyed conversation with one another about their experiences.

At the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, the C. M. and Cora Caldwell Memorial Awards for outstanding research and writing were presented in addition to the David C. DeBoe Memorial Award for outstanding sponsorship of a Webb Society Chapter. Amy Porter of Texas A&M University – San Antonio was the recipient of the 2016 DeBoe Award for her outstanding sponsorship of the chapter at her institution. Chapters who submitted a chapter report were considered for Chapter of the Year awards. Lee College was named College (1-2 year schools) Chapter of the Year, and the University of Houston – Downtown was named the University (4 year schools) Chapter of the Year.

Of the numerous entries submitted in this year's Caldwell Writing Competition, the following received awards: in the Lower Division, undergraduates with less than 60 hours, First Place went to John Michael Hoke, Second Place- Melody Mott, Third Place- Emma Shaw and Fourth Place- James David Cook; in the Upper Division, undergraduates with 60 or more hours, First Place went to Hector Zuniga, Second Place- Courtney Hall. The Chapter Project Award went to Northeast Texas Community College.

How was your Annual Meeting experience? Post your Annual Meeting Photos on the Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society Facebook page.

Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society Graduation Honor Cords

These honor cords signify your membership and participation in the Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society, the college level program of the Texas State Historical Association. Any member of Webb Society is eligible to wear the Red/White/Blue honor cord. Those who won a Caldwell Award or have been a member of a chapter when it was awarded Chapter of the Year Award, is eligible to wear the Red/Black/Gold honor cord.

Purchase your honor cords, only \$10.00 each.

<https://tshasecurepay.com/webb-society-honor-cords/>



2016 Annual Meeting Pictures



Important Dates

Webb Society Fall Meeting

October 21-22, 2016 Fredericksburg, Texas

Caldwell Memorial Awards

Deadline January 20, 2017

[Download the form](#)

TSHA/Webb Society Annual Meeting

March 2-4, 2017 Houston Texas

