



2018 German-Texan Heritage Society Annual Conference Galveston Speakers

Tom Green will present the History of the Port of Galveston.

Active in the Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT) and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) he was the founding chapter president of the Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels Chapter #50 of the SRT. He was awarded the National Merit Award by the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge in 2007 and was awarded the George Washington Distinguished Service Award by the Paul Carrington SAR Chapter and named the National Color Guardsman of the Year by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in 2012.

Irene Walters will present Texas Citizens – Researching Naturalization in Texas, in which she will discuss the history of naturalization in Texas as a republic and a state and how to find your ancestors' naturalization records of those eras. Her second presentation will be Passenger Lists to Texas - With a German Emphasis.

One of the "Yankee Librarians" at Houston's Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, she is originally from New York state and came to Clayton in September 1997. She has presented to many local groups on various aspects of genealogical research including electronic research, ancestors in the modern military, newspaper research, and how to research New York, Irish, and French roots.

Fred Huddleston will present the Lutheran Mother Church of Texas: First (German) Evangelical Lutheran Church of Galveston.

Mr. Huddleston is a semi-retired Architect residing in Galveston. He grew up in Houston, attended Bellaire High School, and received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from Texas A&M University in 1973. He currently serves on the church council and chairs the church's History and Archives Committee. He is on the board of directors of Fanfare Lutheran Music Academy, is chairman of the Galveston Historical Foundation's Community Outreach Committee, is vice-chairman for the City of Galveston Landmark Commission and is the membership chair for the San Jacinto Neighborhood Association.

Dwayne Jones and Renee Talent, Executive Director and Curatorial Manager respectively of the Galveston Historical Foundation, will co-present on St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Galveston.

Mr. Jones holds a master's in urban and regional planning and historic preservation from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He is Executive Director of the Galveston Historical Foundation (GHF) (2006-present) one of the nation's largest local preservation non-profits.

Sue Yerby will present over how to use FamilySearch.org for German genealogy.

An experienced genealogist, Mrs. Yerby has been researching her family's genealogy for over forty-four years. She has been a family history consultant for forty-one years and has taught continuing education classes in genealogy.

Hans Boas and Barbara Berthold will present on the status of GTHS efforts to develop materials to assist Texas German teachers with the presentation of German heritage in Texas.

Hans Boas is the Raymond Dickson, Alton C. Allen, and Dillon Anderson Centennial Professor in the Department Germanic Studies and the Department of Linguistics at the Univ. of Texas at Austin, Director of the Linguistics Research Center, German FrameNet and the Texas German Dialect Project. Ph.D. in Linguistics University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Barbara Berthold is a Lecturer of German at The University of Texas at Arlington and a member of the GTHS Board of Directors. She holds a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Education from the University of Bremen, as well as, a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the Dallas Center for Nonprofit Management.