Monthly Programs for 2013
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First of all, thanks to all of you who have participated in our programs for 2012. Members Betty Conner, Jean Epperson, Ed Jamison, Helen Mooty, Rob Peterson, Sheldon Kindall, and Mike Wonio, all gave informative and entertaining talks. For those members who have never presented a program, let me encourage you to consider it. Finding a subject that interests you, learning all about it, and then passing the story and knowledge on to the rest of us is a worthy project and we are all the better for it. After all, we are a historical study group. Let’s get studying!!

Here is what’s planned for 2013-

In January, member Linda Kuhn has a very interesting subject to present to us. Linda will give us a review of the modern technology Geographic Informative Systems (GIS), and how it can be used to help evaluate whether the structure at 14th and Harborside is really the site of Laffite’s home on the island in the early nineteenth century.

For February we have a return guest in Kirk Clark. Kirk gave us a map presentation in the Spring of 2010, that was very well received by our membership. He will do a follow up with a power point presentation and even more maps. Kirk Clark is a cartographer and if you like maps like I do, you won’t want to miss this. His subject will be the topography of Galveston and its Bays two hundred years ago and how it has become what it is today.

In March, former member Andrew Hall will address the Laffite Society. I met Andy at a book signing for his new book The Galveston Houston Packet, Steamboats on Buffalo Bayou. He hasn’t decided on a subject for his talk, but after reading his book I would lobby for a book review. Nineteenth century transportation in Southeast Texas is a fascinating story. Today we take a highway to go somewhere. Back then traveling across the land was dangerous and difficult so bayous and rivers were the major means of travel and commerce.

The rest of 2013 is open for monthly programs. I am working with the Houston Maritime Museum for a date. If any of you would consider doing a program, or bringing a presentation to us from outside the Laffite Society, be sure to call me on it. I invite every member to participate.

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