

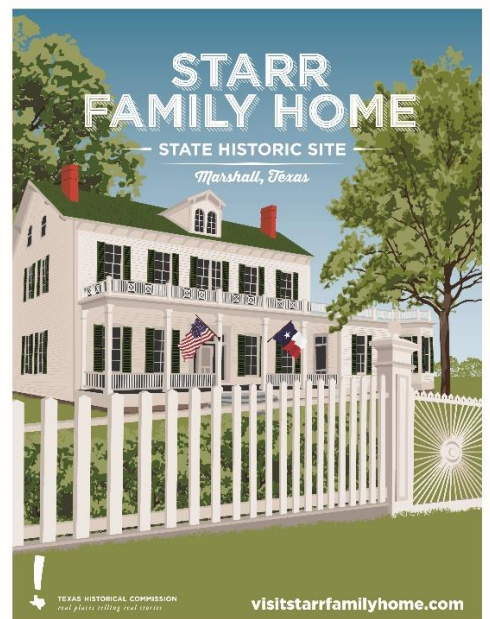
Taking the Past INTO THE FUTURE

★ TLHA CONFERENCE JAN 21-23, 2021 ★

10th Annual

**Texas Living History Association
Conference**

Marshall, Texas



President's Message

Dear TLHA Members and Conference Participants,

The TLHA Conference Committee and Board are pleased to welcome you to beautiful Marshall for our 2022 Conference. I know we are all excited to be together again. I think we can all agree that we are ready for things to return to some semblance of normalcy.

The Conference Committee has worked very hard to bring a variety of workshops and sessions and some amazing field trips. Barbara Judkins and her team at the Starr Family Home have lined up very nice accommodations for the workshops and sessions. We hope you will take full advantage of as many as those as you can.

There are big things in store in the new year for TLHA - most important of all we are totally revamping our website to make it much more user friendly and a lot more member-only content. We so appreciate your patience as we maneuver "ringing" out the old website with the new. There are also two regional workshops in the early planning stages. Details will be coming forward as soon as those plans are set. We think you will be very pleased.

2022 is going to be a fantastic year for TLHA, and we can't wait for you to experience it with us.



Paula Frederick
President

Conference Committee

Barbara Judkins- Committee Chair
Diane Dowdey- Regional Representative
Kevin Malcolm- Board Liaison

Host Site: Starr Family Home



On behalf of the staff of Starr Family Home State Historic Site, I'd like to welcome you to the TLHA 2022 Annual Conference. Our goal is to offer you intriguing history in a warm, comfortable atmosphere. We are excited to be hosting so many historically minded people from across the state and beyond. We take our job as the host site seriously and hope you will enjoy your time in Marshall, Texas.

Our three acres are graced with six historic structures and a myriad of flora and the occasional fauna - mainly just squirrels! Maplecroft, the crown jewel of the site, was completed in 1871 and was the home of Frank and Clara Starr. They raised their six surviving children in the house along with three grandchildren. After moving to Marshall from Nacogdoches, the family managed to accumulate great wealth due to their land business, but that wealth did not exempt them from experiencing tragedy through the loss of beloved family members and tensions from the Civil War.

Free self-guided tours will be available to all conference attendees with staff available to answer any questions and to tell the stories of the Starr's triumphs and heartbreaks.

We encourage you to explore Marshall - established as county seat in 1842 - and Harrison County. Both have a lot to offer, including three museums; the Harrison County Historical Museum, Michelson Museum of Art, and the T & P Depot Museum. Additionally, you can take a driving tour of the old Stagecoach Road and, a little further afield, view the childhood home of Ladybird Johnson and visit Caddo Lake, Caddo Lake State Park and Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge. Our area is rich in history and nature, not a bad combination, in our opinion. To read an account of the history of the county, we encourage you to use the link below for the Handbook of Texas Online! <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/harrison-county>



I would like to thank the TLHA Board for their guidance and patience during the planning of this conference, especially Paula Frederick and Kevin Malcolm. They have worked tirelessly to ensure the conference meets the needs of the attendees and to exceed expectations. You will not be disappointed with the robust slate of workshops, tours and sessions, as they are as varied as the TLHA membership.

My staff and I are committed to your needs and encourage you to let us know if we can be of service to you in any way while you are visiting Marshall, so sit back, relax and enjoy the conference!

Barbara Judkins
Starr Family Home State Historic Site Manager
Conference Committee Chair

Conference Hotel

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott

105 Interstate Highway 20
Marshall, Texas 75672
Phone: 903-938-7666



Booking Information

Room Block Rates: \$95/night + tax

Booking Code: G2237

**Rooms must be booked by December 20, 2021
in order to secure block rates.**

Additional Lodging Options

- *Hampton Inn, 5100 E. End Blvd. Marshall, TX 75672; 4.3 miles from Host Site*
- *Comfort Suites, 5204 E. End Blvd. Marshall, Texas 75672; 4.5 miles from Host Site*
- *Holiday Inn Express, 500 I-20 Marshall, TX 75670; 5.3 miles from Host Site*
- *Roseville Bed and Breakfast, 6843 US-80W, Marshall, TX 75670; 5.6 miles from Host Site*
- *Excelsior House, 211 W. Austin St. Jefferson, TX 75657; 17.2 miles from Host Site*
- *Jefferson Hotel, 124 W. Austin St. Jefferson, TX 75657; 17.2 miles from Host Site*
- *Kahn Hotel, 123 W. Austin St. Jefferson, TX 75657; 17.2 miles from Host Site*
- *Caddo Lake State Park, 245 Park Road 2 Karnack, TX 75661; 17.2 miles from Host Site*

Keynote Speaker: Tom Kelleher



Tom Kelleher is Historian and Curator of Mechanical Arts at Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, where he has worn many hats, both literally and figuratively, for over 37 years. He regularly teaches interpretive techniques, demonstrates a variety of historic trades, and speaks on historical topics at museums and historical societies around the country.

Tom holds a Master's in History from the University of Connecticut and writes often for a variety of magazines and journals, including *Early American Life*.

He is active in several professional organizations, including the Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums, of which he is a past president. Tom is also a registered nurse.

Conference Schedule

This schedule is subject to change.

Thursday, January 20th (Starr Family Home)

- Noon - 6 pm: Registration Open
- Field Trips to:
 - o Historic Tour of Jefferson
 - o Texas Pacific Railway Depot
 - o Harrison County Historical Museum and Courthouse
 - o Caddo Lake State Park
- 6 pm - 9 pm: Film Screening: Zulu (Marshall Fire Station, 601 S. Grove Street)
- 9 pm- 11 pm: Hospitality Suite Open

Friday, January 21st (Starr Family Home)

- 8 am- 6 pm: Registration Open
- 8 am - 5 pm: Workshops
- 7 pm: Opening Reception
- 9 pm - 11 pm: Hospitality Suite Open

Saturday, January 22nd (First Baptist Church of Marshall)

- 8 am - 5 pm: Registration Open
- 9 am - 12 pm: Concurrent Sessions
- 11 am - 2 pm : Silent Auction
- 12 pm - 1:30 pm: Business Luncheon
- 1:30 pm - 4 pm: Concurrent Sessions
- 6 pm - 8 pm: Annual Banquet, Keynote Address, & Live Auction
 - o Elks Lodge No. 683, 411 E. Austin St.
- 8 pm - 11 pm: Hospitality Suite Open

Field Trips

Historic Tours of Jefferson

Enjoy a guided tour of one of the oldest and most historic towns in Texas! See where steamboats on the Red River made Jefferson one of the largest in-land ports in Texas until 1873. Explore the historic hotels and businesses in the revitalized historic town and take in the one-of-a-kind shopping and dining experiences in East Texas!

Cost: \$10/person

Texas & Pacific Railroad Depot

Visit the one-time headquarters of the eastern district of the Texas and Pacific Railway, one of the most successful railroads to operate in Texas. Constructed in 1912, this historic depot is still used as an AMTRAK station today, servicing the *Texas Eagle* from Chicago to San Antonio. The approximately 2-hour guided tour of the depot will leave you free to explore the surrounding Ginochio Historic District, including the Allen House, the Ginochio, and the Whaley House!

Cost: \$2/person

Harrison County Historical Museum

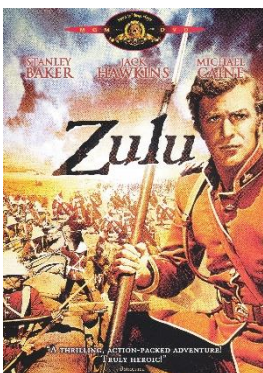
Explore one of the most beautiful and iconic courthouses in the State of Texas. The roughly 3-hour guided and self-led tour will explore the local history of Harrison County, Native East Texan Caddo Culture, and the HBCU Wiley College. An Inaugural ball gown worn by Lady Bird Johnson is on display accompanied by a suit from President Lyndon Johnson. Upon completing the tour, enjoy the vibrant shopping and dining scene of historic downtown Marshall!

Cost: \$8/person

Caddo Lake State Park

Take in the quintessential East Texas landscape by visiting the only non-oxbow naturally formed lake in the State of Texas. This lake was said to have been formed by the New Madrid earthquake of 1811 and assisted by the Great Raft of the Red River, which was cleared in 1873. At one time, Caddo Lake was home to a vibrant steamboat trade, making Jefferson the major port in East Texas during the Civil War. Caddo Lake was also home to the world's first over-water oil derrick, built in 1911. Both the oil industry and the Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant did considerable damage to the lake's ecosystem, but it now stands as an internationally protected wetland and federal wildlife refuge. Join Park Rangers for a 1-hour program and spend time enjoying all that nature in East Texas has to offer!

Cost: \$4/person



Thursday Night Movie Screening: Zulu (1964)

The movie *Zulu* is a cult classic among reenactors. Everybody has their favorite quote. Ed Owens has spent years researching and interpreting military history in the late 19th Century. On Thursday evening, Ed will lead a full screening of the film and discuss its historical accuracies (and inaccuracies!) while in the uniform of the British Army of that period. He will have lots of artifacts and items to conduct show and tell and will lead a discussion on getting started with research and interpretation of the period. Join us Thursday night at the Marshall Fire Department, just one block from the Starr Family Home at 601 S. Grove St. Marshall, TX 75670. Cost: Free!

Workshops & Sessions

Texas First Cookbook and Middle-Class Cuisine: A Full Family Meal, 1883

Presenter: Hal Simon-Hassell, Texas Historical Commission- Historic Sites Division

Cost: \$20

Maximum Participants: 6

8 am - 5 pm, Maplecroft Kitchen

This workshop will explore recipes from the first cookbook commercially published in Texas by the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church of Houston in 1883. *The Texas Cook Book, A Thorough Treatise on the Art of Cookery* is typical of the recipe collections published by churches and ladies social groups in the 19th and 20th century.

The recipes primarily represent typical foods prepared in everyday middleclass households in the preface to the original edition, the editor stated, "As many of the very excellent cook books published certain receipts [sic] not suited to the requirements of our climate... it has seemed well to supply this deficiency."

Participants will prepare and taste recipes from *The Texas Cookbook* in the Starr Family Home's 1880s kitchen, using their woodboring stove. Dishes will include: Green Corn Soup, A Nice Way to Cook a Round of Beef, Celery on Toast, Saratoga Potatoes, and a dessert TBD. Participants will be provided lunch through the efforts of their labor!

Getting Out the Gunk: Cleaning Black Powder Arms

Presenter: Kevin Malcolm, Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site

Cost: None

8 am - 12 pm, Gazebo (across Travis Street from Starr Family Home)

Black powder is a filthy substance. It can also be incredibly damaging to your historical weapons whether they are originals or reproductions. Fortunately, cleaning and servicing them doesn't require expensive materials or costly tools. In fact, the necessary materials to clean and protect your long arms from black powder damage can be found in any home in America. During this session, participants will learn simple and quick ways to clean their black powder long arms after their use.

Participants should plan to bring their favorite black powder weapon with some blank ammunition to begin the workshop by "dirty-ing" up their weapons. Once properly filthy, we'll set to giving them a good thorough cleaning!

One Fichu, Two Fichu, Red Fichu, Blue Fichu

Presenter: Darla Salter

Cost: None

8 am - 12 pm, Blake House Dining Room

This workshop will provide a short history of fichus (lady's neckerchief worn in the 18th and 19th Centuries) and an overview of different styles. There will also be a discussion about period-correct fabrics. Participants will then learn how to make this simple, but necessary accessory. The presenter will provide the fichu pattern. Participants should have basic sewing skills.

Requirements: 3 yds of at least 45" wide muslin or other lightweight cotton fabric, a basic sewing kit (cloth scissors, thread, pins, measuring tape, etc.), and a sewing machine if participant wishes to machine sew the fichu. Participants will need to provide size two weeks prior to workshop for pattern sizing: S = 8,10; M = 12,14; L = 16,18; XL = 20,22

Workshops & Sessions

Keeping Busy: Crafting and Handwork in the Early and Mid-19th Century

Presenter: Katelyn Heisch and Paula Frederick

Cost: \$5

8 am - 12 pm, Maplecroft East Wing

Have you ever wondered what type of whitework that antique collar was? Do you wish you could reproduce that beautiful knitted purse? Join us for a workshop where we will give discuss and practice the following crafting and handwork types: types of whitework embroidery, cross stitch, and other embroideries; knitting, crochet, and perforated paper crafts. We will review how to find period patterns, study originals, review who in the period would be doing these tasks, what supplies you will need for each type of handwork, and spend time practicing each type.

Fundamentals of Pre-Industrial Metalworking

Presenter: Keith Coleman, Starr Family Home State Historic Site

Cost: \$25

8 am - 12 pm, Starr Family Home Courtyard

This hands on demo will consist of safety considerations, terminology, methodology, and practical exercise using Coal Forges. A liability waiver is required in order to be part of the hands on portion of this demo. The five basic Blacksmithing skill sets; Drawing, Turning, Punching, Upsetting and Welding will be introduced. Once safety and terminology requirements are met, the student will be provided the opportunity to Draw and Turn small items.

Brewing on a Small Scale

Presenter: Ian Beard, Historic Arkansas Museum

Cost: \$20

Maximum Participants: 8

1 pm - 5 pm, Blake House Kitchen

Brewing was a useful skill for both house and tavern keepers alike during the first half of the 19th century. The “Beers” of the time provided everything from crisp refreshment to meal-like sustenance to yeast for baking. We'll explore period recipes, ingredients, and techniques while learning how to make our own beer on a scale fit for any site.

UFO Sewing Circle

Presenter: Katelyn Heisch and Paula Frederick

Cost: None

1 pm - 5 pm, Maplecroft East Wing

Do you have an UnFinished Object that you are stuck on or just need a few extra hours to work on? Join us for an informal sewing group where we all bring our own unfinished projects to work on as we chat. If you're stuck on something, we'll all put our heads together to come up with a solution or help. Need fitting help? We got you! Need clarification on a complicated stitch or part of your project? We'll try to help you through it! Let's all get together, relax, and catch up with one another.

Workshops & Sessions

Understanding Costume Lines

Presenter: Marna Jean Davis

Cost: None

1 pm - 5 pm, Blake House Dining Room

Understanding how to take a pattern, and reproduce an extant piece of clothing takes more than just looking at the general outline. I'll be demonstrating how I ferret out the basic shapes of extant clothing and how I translate that to a basic pattern that matches the timeframe from my collection of historic dressmaking systems. I will bring examples, but participants are welcome to bring extant photos, or garments, that they are particularly interested in.

Setting the Historic Table: Place Setting and Dinner Service in America, 1850-1880

Presenter: Hal Simon-Hassell, Texas Historical Commission-Historic Sites Division

60 Minute Concurrent Session

When we look at historic foodways, we should look beyond its ingredient and preparation. Food was meant to be **EATEN!** To help create more historically accurate interpretations and rooms that best reflect period usage our research and observation should also consider how tables were laid and set, and how food was presented to diners. American place setting and dining traditions help us understand domestic practices and social interactions change over time.

This session will recreate table and place settings using period appropriate tableware and table setting diagrams for popular cookbooks and ladies magazines of the period to help participants visualize the changing customs of how food was served and eaten between 1850 and 1880 to foster a group discussion about why these changes may have occurred. A handout of related information will be provided to all session participants.

Beyond Mourning: Fashionable Veils and their Uses 1800-1870

Presenter: Katelyn Heisch

60 Minute Concurrent Session

Ever wonder how to keep the sun's glare out of your eyes without modern sunglasses? Have you seen portraits and fashion plates of women using veils but obviously not wearing mourning and wondered what the veil 'rules' are? Join us for an informative session about fashion veils in the 19th Century. There will be a slideshow featuring pictures of original veils and various research on how and when to wear a veil, and we will get to study over a dozen original and reproduction veils during our discussion. Also included are directions for making reproduction veils of the period.

Everyday-Early Bustle: Working Women, 1870-1875

Presenter: Marna Jean Davis

60 Minute Concurrent Session

A hands on look at early bustle dress for both everyday and dressier occasions. I will show basic pattern shapes used in this timeframe, how photos show differences than fashion plates during this period. I will bring some of my extant dresses from this timeframe and talk about my new patterns that are based on these dresses.

Workshops & Sessions

Early Railroading in Texas

Presenter: Daryl Ware and Cathy Wright, Texas & Pacific Railroad Museum and Depot

60 Minute Concurrent Session

A look at early railroads that began or expanded into Texas. We will explore their impact on the growth and economy of Texas and on their local communities. Session will include information and history on the Texas and Pacific Railway and its beginnings in Harrison County.

From Menstruation to Menopause: Women's Reproductive Health in the 1850s

Presenter: Barb King, Barrington Plantation State Historic Site

60 Minute Concurrent Session

In this presentation, participants will discover parts of history only hinted at in diaries, letters, and stories in this discussion on women's private lives. They will be able to handle replicas of menstrual and contraceptive artifacts that can be made for the attendee's own site. Disclaimer: Topics of a sexual nature and abortion will be covered by the speaker.

Pivot to Profit in a Pandemic

Presenter: Linda Sanders, Log Cabin Village

60 Minute Concurrent Session

The story of how Log Cabin Village went from closure to partial opening, social distancing, masks, and a complete change in all programming, to become more creative and streamlined. A multitude of virtual and in person methods were used resulting in a greater reach than before and discovering better practices and surprising revenue streams in the process. Many of the changes have remained now that the museum is fully open.

Boundless Conceit and Animal Pride: Expectations and Realities of Male Hair in Texas

Presenter: Jameson Moore, San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site

60 Minute Concurrent Session

The session will give a broad overview of male head and facial hairstyles from the 18th through mid-19th centuries in Texas. The session will give tips for designing impressions based on hairstyles or vice versa as well as giving resources for further research. The session will go over basics of period hair maintenance and what different hairstyles were meant to communicate about the social and ethnic status of the wearer.

It's All About the Kids: Easy and Portable Historic Crafts for Children

Presenter: Barbara Judkins and Rachel Driskell, Starr Family Home State Historic Site

90 Minute Concurrent Session

Join us as we present and encourage you to make three easy, safe, historic and portable crafts suitable for children or any audience. The three crafts are: soap making with soap base; clay bowl; and knot tying. All supplies as well and historic information about each craft will be provided. TEKS for each craft provided as well.

Workshops & Sessions

Choosing Fabrics

Presenter: Darla Salter

90 Minute Concurrent Session

One of the most important aspects of any costume is choosing the right fabric. This presentation will be a very casual hands-on interactive dialog about fabrics. There will be a focused discussion on choosing the right fabric for the type of garment you're making, "sew-ability," ease of care and use, and other important aspects of picking out textiles. There will also be a conversation on how to get the "look" of those historical fabrics that either no longer exist or are unaffordable to the average budget. Participants are encouraged to bring sample swatches of fabric for examination and discussion.

The Tailor and Seamstress Workshop

Presenter: Rhett Kearns, Fort McKavett State Historic Site

90 Minute Concurrent Session

Many Texas living historians specialize in a time before the invention of sewing machines and can benefit from learning how to make their own clothes with a thread and needle. This short workshop will discuss the proper method of sewing techniques to create historic garments using period correct methods.

Using Historic Dressmaker's Systems

Presenter: Marna Jean Davis

90 Minute Concurrent Session

This session will demonstrate how to use the Williams Dressmaker's system to create a master pattern, and then show how unique patterns are created by altering the master pattern. The Williams system was one of many dressmakers' systems that were used by seamstresses starting around the 1860s to help them adapt to ever more complex base patterns that were being used to create the latest fashions. This is an introductory visual of how they work using a system the presenter has scanned for reproduction in their shop.

The Mountain Dulcimer: A True American Instrument

Presenter: Tereasa Cotter

90 Minute Concurrent Session

This American folk instrument is also called the Appalachian dulcimer, lap dulcimer, or fretted dulcimer. These instruments usually have three strings, sometimes four. Mountain dulcimers are a member of the zither family. This class will include the history of the origins of the Mountain Dulcimer and a participant hands on workshop on how to learn to play the Mountain dulcimer. This workshop will end with a simple performance. Dulcimers were easily constructed by hand, and constructing, playing, sharing, throughout the country it unified an American culture. This historic original instrument has a bright future because of its apparent simplicity to play.

Workshops & Sessions

Doing the Family Wash

Presenter: Diane Dowdey

90 Minute Concurrent Session

Families at all economic levels had to contend with the family's laundry. The elite members of society could employ servants or take advantage of a local washer woman. Middle class families also took advantage of local washer women or laundries. Poorer families tended to keep the laundry in house, but laundry equipment had to be obtained as well. This session will describe some of the common tools used in doing the family wash during the nineteenth century and early twentieth century in Texas.

Gallery of Originals, Static Display

Do you have pieces in your private or museum collection that rarely get showed off? If so, please consider displaying them at the conference for others to enjoy! Items will be housed over the weekend in the Starr Family Home and can be barricaded behind ropes if desired. They will stay all weekend in the house for others to enjoy between sessions. No touching signs and description cards will be provided for you if you register which items you are bringing ahead of time, and no photography signs can be provided upon request. If you are bringing items to display, please email Katelyn Heisch at k1heisch@gmail.com prior to January 14th with what you are bringing to I can be sure to bring enough description cards for everyone.

Opening Reception, Friday Evening

Join us at the beautiful Starr Family Home in historic downtown Marshall for our annual Opening Reception! After missing last year's conference, enjoy time socializing with others at the Conference and touring the incredible home of the Starr Family, one of East Texas' most prominent families. If you are musically inclined, feel free to bring your historic instrument or talented voice and add to the celebration.

Bring your favorite smoked, pickled, or preserved dish to share with your fellow living historians. The reception is **BYOB**, so feel free to bring your favorite libation as you party into the night celebrating another year of living history in Texas!

Business Luncheon, Saturday Afternoon

In between sessions, we will be conducting our annual General Membership meeting in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church of Marshall. During this meeting, reports will be published about the current state of the Association and elections for officer positions will be held. For those interested in running for office, please contact Linda Sanders, Association Secretary, for more information. Lunch will be catered by Cajun Tex, be sure to select your preferred lunch option when you register for the Conference.

Lunch options are: A) Fried Fish and Chicken with french fries, coleslaw, and hushpuppies; B) Cup of Gumbo, Meat Pies, Side Salad; C) Vegetarian Pasta, Salad, Bread. **Be sure to indicate your selection when you register!**

Silent and Live Auctions

While sessions are being held at the Baptist Church, be sure to take a look in the vendor area at the Silent Auction items! Auction numbers will be available for purchase at the Registration Table for \$1. The Silent Auction will be open from 11 am until 2 pm on Saturday, when bids will no longer be open. In the evening, after dinner, a Live Auction will be held to liven the evening and send some really cool items home with the highest bidders!

If you are interested in donating items to put into the Auctions, contact Diane Dowdey and be sure to bring them with you to Registration when you arrive at the Conference!

TLHA is a 501 C (3) Non-Profit Organization and as such can provide donation receipts upon request.

Annual Banquet, Keynote Address, and Awards Ceremony, Saturday Evening

The Conference concludes at our Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony, hosted by the Elks Lodge in Marshall and catered by *Mock in the Kitchen!* Feel welcome to wear your favorite historical attire as we recognize the greats of Texas Living History for the past year! Awardees for the Founders, Texas Star, and Best Event Awards will be announced and the results of Officer Elections will be published as well. A cash bar will be on hand to provide social lubricant and the night will conclude with the Live Auction!

Vendor Information

If you are interested in setting up a Vendor Table during the Conference, we would love for you to do so! Please contact Kevin Malcolm at Kevin.Malcolm@thc.texas.gov for additional information and to register!

Thank you for your interest and support of Texas Living History. With your help, the Texas Living History Association will continue to be a driver for the improvement of living history and cultural interpretation across this great state. We look forward to another decade with you!

We look forward to seeing you at the Conference!