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Greetings to All Members of the GTHS:

I am pleased and excited to invite you to attend the 31st Annual Meeting of the German Texan Heritage Society, which will be held in Fredericksburg, TX this year. The dates are Friday, September 24, through Sunday, September 26. The headquarters location is Zion Lutheran Church, 426 W. Main Street.

The choice of Fredericksburg is particularly exciting to me for two reasons. The first has to do with my family heritage, including my great-grandfather, Jacob Luckenbach, one of the petitioners to form Gillespie County and purchaser of land which became the site of Luckenbach, TX. Secondly, my grandmother, Wilhelmina Sophie Engel Luckenbach, had the honor of naming two post offices, Luckenbach and Albert, both in honor of my grandfather, Albert Luckenbach.

If you are knowledgeable of German Texans, you already know that Fredericksburg and the neighboring communities are vital bases of our culture. If you are not familiar with this area and period of history, then this meeting will give you the opportunity to learn about it. With the help of our man-on-the-ground in Fredericksburg, Glen Treibs, GTHS charter member and a font of knowledge on Gillespie County history, we've scheduled presentations by grass roots historians with personal knowledge who will talk about their communities. Additionally, we offer a genealogy workshop and tours of local German Texan significance.

We ask that you not only attend, but consider volunteering in the following ways:

- Work a shift at the registration desk or GTHS gift shop
- Provide an item or two for our silent auction
- Kitchen duty – help with refreshments
- Organize the silent auction
- Sponsor or underwrite the event with your donation

If any of the above is of interest to you, please contact Jean Warneke, our Executive Director, at the numbers above or execdirector@germantexans.org.

The next few pages include everything you will need to register; any updates will be posted on our website. There is also a page about submitting nominations for the Ehrenstern Award, which is our way of honoring one of our own who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in support of our organization and our mission.

Since Fredericksburg is a popular destination, I urge you to move forward now with making your meeting and housing reservations.

Sincerely,

Carl Albert Luckenbach

Chair, 31st Annual Meeting of the German Texan Heritage Society



German-Texan Heritage Society

2010 Annual Meeting

September 24 – 26 Fredericksburg, Texas



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Tentative Program

Friday September 24, 2010

12:00 noon - Registration

1:00 PM - Genealogy Workshop with Liz Hicks

*Sleeping Beauty: Using Death Records for
Genealogical Research*

3:30 PM - Der Stadt Friedhof—Cemetery Tour by Glen Treibs

5:45 PM - Willkommen Reception at the residence of Glen & Peggy Treibs



Saturday September 25, 2010

8:00 AM - Registration

8:30 AM - Welcome by Mayor of Fredericksburg

8:45 AM - History of Fredericksburg and local churches presented by Glen Treibs

10:00 AM - "Captured" presented by Esther Lehmann, niece of Hermann Lehmann

10:30 AM - Presentation on Admiral of the Navy Chester Nimitz

11:00 AM - Grapetown Area Presentation by Debra Klinksiek

11:30 AM - Presentation on Hulda Saenger Walter by Dr. Betty Crenwelge Scroggin

11:45 AM- Presentation on German idioms by Jean Nielsen LaRatta

12:00 noon - Lunch in Parish Hall

12:45 PM - German-Texan Heritage Society Annual Business Meeting

2:00 PM - Tours of local historical homes of German interest, Cherry Springs
to see the Lehmann family museum and view the grave of
Baron von Meusebach

Sunday September 26, 2010

Attendees are encouraged to attend a service at one of the many historic churches
in Fredericksburg.

10:30 AM - depart for San Saba to view the site of the signing of the treaty with the
Comanches hosted by Meusebach descendants

Schedule subject to final confirmation.



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Logistics

The 2010 ANNUAL MEETING takes place at Zion Lutheran Church. Established in 1852, Zion is among the first Lutheran congregations in Texas.

Zion Lutheran Church
426 West Main Street
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
T: 830-997-2195
www.zion-lutheran.com



Our WILLKOMMEN RECEPTION on Friday evening will be at the home of GTHS charter members, Glen and Peggy Treibs, just a few miles north of town. Their home sits on land that has been in the family for over 160 years and the house and outbuildings are filled with family pieces, antiques, and Fredericksburg memorabilia. They'll serve a light German meal. Donations will be accepted for beer and wine or BYOB. On N. Milam, aka 965, drive north 5.7 miles and turn left on Treibs Road. Carpooling is highly recommended due to limited parking.

TOURS - We carpool from the parking lot of Zion Lutheran for all the tours. Once at our destination, we will be on foot.

- Friday—Cemetery Tour
- Saturday—Historic Homes Tour and Cemetery Tour
- Sunday—San Saba (*this is approx. 90 miles one way. Participants are free to leave after tour*)

Times & locations subject to change.

Housing in Fredericksburg. There are so many choices—it's up to you!

GTHS has arranged special prices with the Sunday House Inn as well as a variety of Bed & Breakfasts via the Gästehaus Schmidt Reservation Service. *Fredericksburg fills up on weekends so book now!*

Sunday House Inn & Suites

501 E. Main Street
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
T: 830-997-4484, 800-274-3762 - *be sure to mention that you are attending the GTHS Convention*
F: 830-997-5607

Standard rooms are available with one King or 2 Queen beds at \$89.95 plus tax; triples cost an additional \$6. A deluxe continental breakfast is included. Rooms have coffee makers, hair dryers, irons and boards, refrigerators, TV, free local calls, and wireless internet. The Sunday House Inn is located on Main Street, convenient to our meeting space at Zion Lutheran Church and has an outdoor swimming pool.

If you prefer a cozy B&B, Gästehaus Schmidt offers reservation services for many Texas Hill Country lodgings, bed and breakfasts, and country inns, and several have offered a discount to GTHS members.

Gästehaus Schmidt

1-866-427-8374 - *be sure to mention that you are attending the GTHS Convention*
info@gastehaus.com

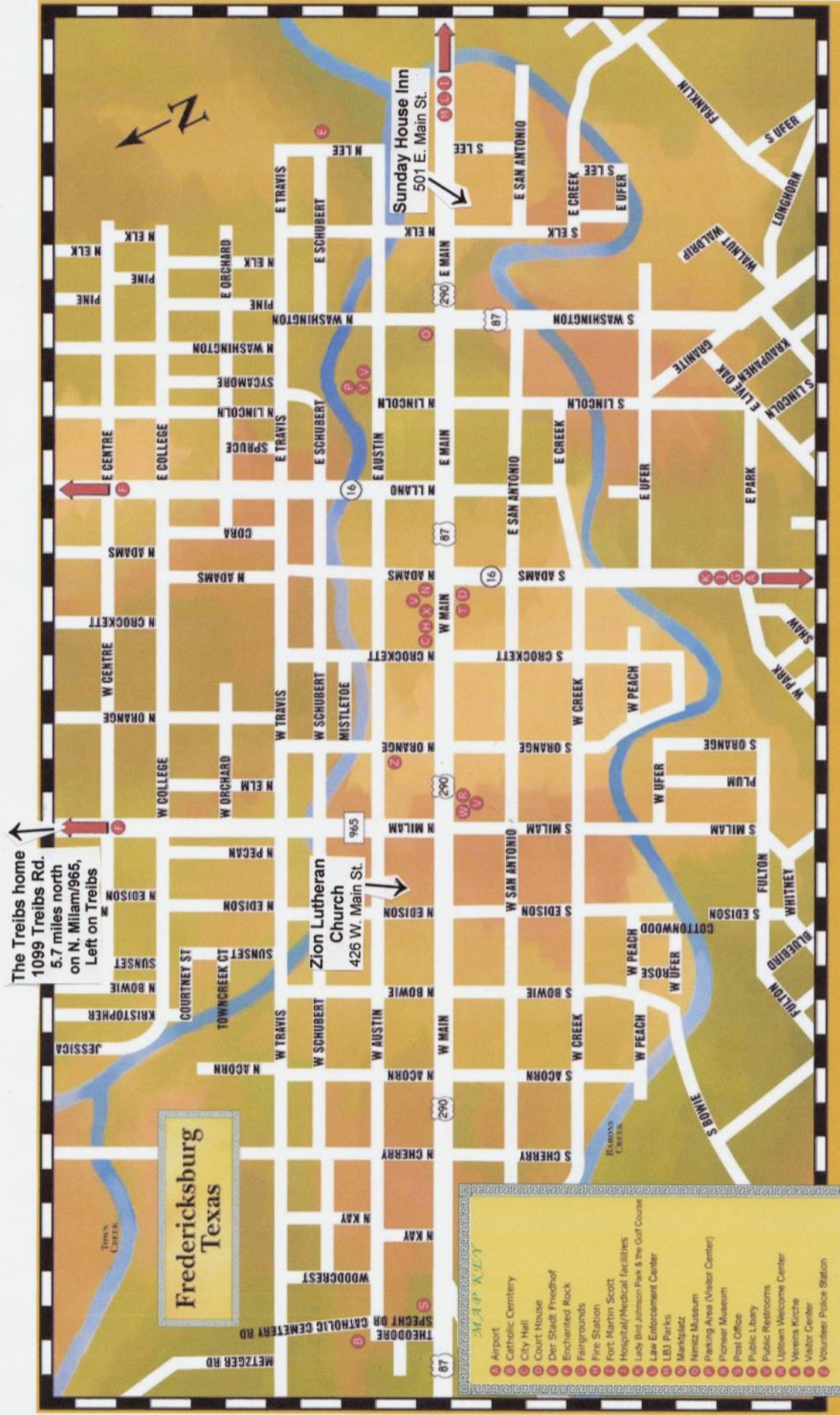
The Bed and Breakfasts in the Fredericksburg area are typically run by in-house owners and provide full breakfast, often served around a communal dining table or hand-delivered to your room! Some are guest homes or rentals with a bit more privacy and might have kitchens. Be sure to mention that you are attending the GTHS Annual Convention and ask which properties are available at a discount.

Several of the B&B's with Gästehaus Schmidt are sponsors of the GTHS Silent Auction.



German-Texan Heritage Society 2010 Annual Meeting

September 24 - 26



Map Courtesy of Fredericksburg Convention and Visitors Bureau

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REGISTRATION FORM

- Please print or write legibly. Your name tag will be made from this information.
- Use one sheet for registrants at the same address.
- Make copies of this sheet for multiple registrants at different addresses
- Membership in GTHS is not required to attend.

NAME (first registrant) _____

NAME (second registrant) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

• **GTHS Membership:** I am a current GTHS Member I am not a current GTHS Member

• **Volunteering:** Yes I will volunteer at the meeting. What would you like to do? _____

• **Carpooling:** I need a ride. I can offer a ride to ____ people from my area.

REGISTRATION: Please make your selections by telling us how many will attend EACH event and placing dollar amounts in the appropriate blanks. Events with NC (no charge) should be filled in, so that we may have a good headcount and prepare. To avoid a late registration surcharge, your payment and completed form must be post-marked no later than September 3. Call 866-482-4847 with questions.

VENDORS/EXHIBITORS: Indicate below the number of vendor or exhibitor tables you would need. You are considered a vendor if you plan to sell merchandise or services.

All vendors and exhibitors must also pay the main registration fee.

Event with approximate times—GTHS Member Pricing		Cost Per Person	How many?	Total per event
FRIDAY Sept. 23	Genealogy sessions, 1 - 3:15 pm	\$8		\$
	Cemetery Tour 3:30 - 5 pm	NC		
	Willkommen Reception & Light Supper 5:45 pm	\$10		\$
SATURDAY Sept. 25	GTHS Meeting including lunch	\$30		\$
	Historic Homes Tour, 2 - 4pm	NC		
	Cemetery Tour, 4:15 - 5:45 pm (as needed, repeat of Friday tour)	NC		
SUNDAY Sept. 26	Tour to San Saba, departing at 10:30 am	NC		
	Late Registration Fee (after September 03)	\$5		\$
TOTAL				\$
Non-Member + \$10 per person				\$
TOTAL				\$
Exhibitors and Vendors				
	Exhibitor Table (one 6'x2' table)	Free		
	Vendor Table (one 6'x2' table) Extra table +\$5	\$20/\$25		\$
TOTAL ENCLOSED				\$ _____

Note: Students with valid ID (enclose a copy) may subtract 10% from their total fees.

Check enclosed payable to GTHS. Mail to: GTHS, PO Box 684171, Austin, TX 78768-4171

Charge to my MasterCard / Visa _____ exp _____

Signature _____ V-code _____ (3 digit # on back of card)

SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM 2010 GTHS ANNUAL MEETING

Please Mail or Fax to: German-Texan Heritage Society FAX: (512) 482-0636
P.O. Box 684171 Phone: (512) 482-0927
Austin, TX 78768-4171 Toll Free: (866) 482-4847
TODAY'S DATE: _____ info@germantexans.org www.germantexans.org

DONOR (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr., ...): _____

BUSINESS NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **CITY/ST/ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **CONTACT PERSON:** _____

EMAIL: _____

Item: _____

Retail Value New: \$ _____ Used: \$ _____ Antique/Vintage/Estate: \$ _____

Description (for bid sheet): _____

Donor Name: (as you'd like it on bid sheet) _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PICKUP AND DELIVERY

ITEM

Donor will deliver.....

Or call GTHS for alternate delivery locations

(In Fredericksburg, contact Sherryl Brown at (830) 990-9305 or sherrylbr@austin.rr.com)

GIFT CERTIFICATE

Donor will provide.....

Donor authorizes GTHS to make certificate...

DONOR SIGNATURE: _____

ITEM CATEGORY: *(check one)*

<p>() Art or Photography</p> <p>() Food & Drink</p> <p>() Sports & Health</p> <p>() Home</p> <p>() Gift Certificate</p> <p>() Other:</p>	<p>() Antique/Vintage/Estate</p> <p>() Travel Svcs / Recreation</p> <p>() Apparel</p> <p>() Jewelry</p> <p>() Services</p>
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(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

Notes: _____

Solicitor's Signature: _____

Solicitor's Phone: _____

Danke schön!
Proceeds from the Silent Auction benefit future German-Texan Heritage Society projects.

GTHS ANNUAL MEETING 2010 – SILENT AUCTION

This year, the German-Texan Heritage Society will hold its Annual Meeting in Fredericksburg, Texas at Zion Lutheran Church. Along with excellent speakers and entertainment, we will have a Silent Auction on Saturday to raise funds for the Society.

We invite you to be a part of this event by attending our meeting and participating in the auction. Your support will be recognized in our auction literature. Please furnish information to complete the AUCTION DONATION FORM as soon as possible. For additional information please contact the office at (512) 482-0927 or toll free at 1-866-482-4847 or by email to execdirector@germantexans.org.

We thank you for helping the German-Texan Heritage Society expand its mission of preservation and educational programs to the community at large.

THE GERMAN-TEXAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

GTHS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to promote the awareness and preservation of the strong German cultural heritage of Texas. One of our goals is that our work will benefit the entire community. Our services include:

Publication of our quarterly *Journal* and bi-monthly *Schulhaus Reporter*

Hosting Annual meetings in different cities and towns throughout the state

Maintaining The Trenckmann Memorial Library at the German Free School

Providing genealogy reference and assistance

Offering German language classes around the state

Preservation of the historically significant German Free School built in 1857 and its peaceful gardens in the center of Austin

Featuring monthly Speaker Series and various exhibits

Celebrating a traditional Christmas program with a Christmas Market open to the public

Sponsoring family-friendly cultural events, such as Maifest and Oktoberfest

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM

- Complete a separate donation form for each item donated.
- Solicit new or estate items with a value of \$20 or more.
- Collected items and gift certificates for services, merchandise, food, meals, etc. should be received (with the donation form) as early as possible, preferably no later than **September 3**, so that there is time to prepare the bid sheets.
- Folks in the Austin area can drop their items at the GTHS office and gift certificates can be mailed. Donated items will be received at the office on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm, or by appointment.
- In Fredericksburg area, Sherryl Brown will collect donated items. She can be contacted at (830) 990-9305 or sherrylbr@austin.rr.com
- If you live elsewhere, please mail, fax or email your donation form to the office by **September 3**, and drop off your item at the registration table on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning of the Annual Meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact the office and we will try to arrange a drop-off location in your area.
- Feel free to reproduce the form as needed, download copies at our website <http://germantexans.org/texas-programs/annual-convention/>, or contact the office at (866) 482-4847 for extra copies.

Ehrenstern Nomination Guidelines



The Ehrenstern Award was first presented in 1984 to recognize a member of the German-Texan Heritage Society for dedication to furthering the goals of the Society. We believe that when excellence is demonstrated, it is appropriate that this be recognized.

As a member of GTHS, you have the opportunity to nominate particularly talented, successful and active fellow members to be considered for the Ehrenstern Award. We are depending on your knowledge and good judgment to help us honor deserving recipients.

Please get involved!

Guidelines for Nomination

- The candidate must be a current member of GTHS and must have been an actively involved member of the Society for a minimum of five years.
- Evidence of leadership in other German heritage, cultural or preservation organizations at the local, state or national level will also be considered an asset.
- The candidate must have demonstrated some combination of personal commitment, innovation, talent, leadership and other qualities that contribute to the preservation of the community's German-Texan heritage and culture.

Nomination Procedures

- Nominations should include the name of the nominee, contact information and, in 500 words or less, a description as to why this person deserves the Ehrenstern Award. The nominator must also include his or her *own* name and contact information.
- Nominees will be notified prior to the Annual Meeting and asked to fill out an application detailing their service to GTHS and other organizations. Only after receipt of this application will a nominee be considered for the award.
- The GTHS Board will normally choose no more than two recipients each year.
- Recipients will be awarded a certificate at the Annual Meeting and recognized for outstanding contributions to GTHS and local community.

Selection Criteria

Recipients will be selected based on active participation in GTHS, membership in other German heritage, cultural or preservation organizations, as well as participation in the local preservation of his or her community's German-Texan heritage and culture.

Please send your nominations and the required information by August 1, 2010, to:

Connie Krause
10167 Schoenthal Road
New Braunfels, TX 78132

Email: m.krause@mail.utexas.edu.

Connie can also be reached at (830) 625-3075 if you have any questions.

Nominations must be received by August 1, 2010.