

WELCOME TO THE
Archivists of the Houston Area
Quarterly Newsletter



Archivist's Note

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Archivists of the Houston Area Quarterly Newsletter! The AHA! Communications Committee is introducing this newsletter as a channel for not only updating members on AHA! initiatives, but also to spotlight our members' collections and repositories, share professional development opportunities, and test your Houston trivia skills! The newsletter will also include a calendar of AHA! events coming up over the next three months.

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Let us know at houstonarchives@gmail.com.

Enjoy!

-Katelyn Landry-Carranza

Old, Weird Houston 2026

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026 @ 12-5 PM

Sign up to represent your repository or volunteer at **Old, Weird Houston**, a local history fair and archives bazaar presented by AHA! and the Orange Show Center for Visual Art.



[SIGN UP HERE](#)

AHA! Spring 2026 Calendar



MARCH



OLD, WEIRD HOUSTON 2026 | SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026 @ 12-5 PM
THE ORANGE SHOW HEADQUARTERS, 2334 GULF TERMINAL

A one-of-a-kind local history fair celebrating the people, places, stories, and archives that make Houston so Houston. The afternoon will feature engaging lectures, live music, food, and a steady flow of history-hungry visitors from across the city!

So far, we've announced **Rock Romano** as our keynote performance & **Michelle Verret Johnson** as one of our speakers! Stay tuned on our social media leading up to the event for more reveals of speakers, sponsors, and vendors!

Interested in being a part of history. Let us know if you'd like to volunteer or table using the links below! P.S., AHA! members can reserve a table for FREE!

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[VOLUNTEER/TABLE](#)
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APRIL



AHA! MEMBERS MEETING | WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026 @ 12-1 PM
ZOOM

Please join our first members meeting of 2026 to hear more about what our board and committees are up to! We'll also have a guest speaker and special election for AHA! Vice-President. **Remember that members must pay their dues by this date to remain in good standing.**

[MEETING LINK](#)

[PAY DUES](#)

AHA! Spring 2026 Calendar

APRIL



PITCH & POLISH POWERPOINT PARTY | SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026 @ 1-3 PM
HYBRID: ZOOM + IN-PERSON LOCATION (CLEAR LAKE AREA) SHARED UPON RSVP

Do you have a big presentation coming up? Or are you looking for a chance to sharpen your public speaking skills in a fun, supportive space? Join us for our Pitch & Polish event! Bring your slides, your notes, or just yourself. You'll receive **constructive feedback, helpful tips, and encouragement** in a fun and welcoming environment. Let's turn those nerves into confidence!

Not preparing for a presentation right now, but still want to join the fun? Take a spin with one of our lighthearted, boilerplate PowerPoint decks! They're short, completely impromptu, and make great icebreakers.

[RSVP TO ATTEND IN PERSON HERE](#)

MAY



SPRING SOCIAL | SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026 @ 2-4 PM
FLO PARIS, 5757 WESTHEIMER RD #105, HOUSTON, TX 77057

All AHA! members are invited to come hang out and socialize!

[ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR](#)



Open Board Positions

VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT (2026-2027) 2-YEAR TERM

The Vice President works closely with the President to support AHA! initiatives, help coordinate committees, and provide leadership continuity. The Vice President spends the first year of their term supporting the President and gaining organizational context before transitioning to the President position the following year.

An important part of this position is working alongside the Programming Committee to execute Archives Month (October) programming. This usually includes coordinating 3-4 events throughout the month.

Responsibilities include:

- Monthly board meetings
- Supporting committees and programming coordination
- Member engagement and outreach
- Leadership partnership and continuity
- Preparing to guide AHA as President next term



[NOMINATE YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE FOR VP HERE](#)

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR (2026) 1-YEAR TERM

The Communications Committee Chair is responsible for providing leadership, structure, and accountability for the committee. In this position, you have opportunities to apply and grow your skills in project management, graphic design, and social media outreach. Responsibilities include:

- Coordinating meetings with the rest of the Communications Meeting
- Reporting progress of the committee at monthly board meetings
- Generating a report for AHA! Member meetings

While we are looking for a new committee chair, we also welcome anyone who wants to join the Communications Committee as a committee member!

INTERESTED? REACH OUT TO AHA! PRESIDENT ELY JASSO
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Repository Spotlight

GALVESTON & TEXAS HISTORY CENTER, ROSENBERG LIBRARY

The Galveston and Texas History Center (GTHC) is the archival repository of the Rosenberg Library, Texas' oldest continuously run public library and the only public library on Galveston Island. The GTHC was just featured in a [YouTube video series](#) produced by the Daily News on the **history of Mardi Gras** on the island. In September, they were featured on the **Lone Star Libraries series**, produced by the Texas Center for the Book and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Last summer, the GTHC rolled out its **new digital collections portal**, enhancing online access to some of its most popular photograph and manuscript collections.

[CHECK THEM OUT](#)

Collection Spotlight

MOODY FAMILY PAPERS & BUSINESS RECORDS

The Moody Family Papers and Business Records comprise **over 1,000 linear feet** of materials that illustrate the personal, social, business, political, legal, and financial activities of the Galveston-based Moody family and business enterprise over nearly 200 years. The massive collection was donated by the Mary Moody Northen Endowment to the GTHC in November 2022. After over three years of processing, **Record Group I: Family Papers** is open for research! A selection of personal letters – several dated during the Civil War – as well as photographs, finding aids, and a digital exhibit are available online on the GTHC Digital Collections site.

[EXPLORE THE COLLECTION](#)

WANNA SEE YOUR REPOSITORY OR COLLECTION FEATURED?

[NOMINATE YOUR REPOSITORY](#)

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Professional Development Opportunities

-  **2026 BITCURATOR FORUM CALL FOR PROPOSALS**
SUBMISSIONS DUE MARCH 8, 2026 [SUBMISSION FORM](#)
-  **SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST ARCHIVISTS WORKSHOP:**
TRAINING NON-LIBRARIANS ON METADATA
MARCH 11, 10 AM CT | VIRTUAL [REGISTER HERE](#)
-  **SNAC STATE OF THE COOPERATIVE**
MARCH 11, 12-3 PM CT | VIRTUAL [REGISTRATION FORM](#)
-  **SAA ARCHIVES*RECORDS 2026 CALL FOR PROPOSALS:**
SECTION-LED EDUCATION SESSIONS
SUBMISSIONS DUE MARCH 30, 2026 [SUBMISSION FORM](#)
-  **SSA VIRTUAL WEBINAR: ENTERING SUSTAINABILITY: A**
NEW MODEL FOR DIGITAL STEWARDSHIP
APRIL 1, 10-11 AM CT | VIRTUAL [REGISTER HERE](#)
-  **SAA PROJECT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP**
APRIL 13-14 | TSLAC, AUSTIN, TX [APPLY BY MARCH 13](#)
-  **SSA WORKSHOP:**
HIGH-POWERED REFERENCE ACCESS TO TEXT
APRIL 29, 8:30 AM CT | WACO, TX [REGISTER HERE](#)
-  **SSA ANNUAL MEETING:**
DEEP IN THE HEART OF ARCHIVES
APRIL 29-MAY 2 | WACO, TX [REGISTER](#)
-  **2026 SAA RESEARCH FORUM CALL FOR PROPOSALS**
SUBMISSIONS DUE MAY 1, 2026 [SUBMISSION FORM](#)



H-Town Trivia



QUESTION 1

Over 100 years before it became Houston Public Library's African American History Research Center, the **Gregory Institute** was the first school established for African Americans in Houston. What year was it incorporated?



QUESTION 2

On December 13, 1843, the *Telegraph and Texas Register* announced that a woman photographer had "lately arrived in Houston with a complete Daguerotype apparatus" to take people's portraits. She may have been the **first person to produce a photograph in Texas**. What was her name?

BE THE FIRST TO EMAIL US THE CORRECT ANSWERS & WE'LL SHOUT YOU OUT IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!

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