MUSEUM HOURS

The Gaston Museum is open 10:00 – 4:00 on Thursdays and Fridays and 10:00 – 1:00 on Saturdays for 2015.

During these months, and at any point during the year, we will make every effort to accommodate visitors at any time for scheduled visits. Depending upon the number of volunteers that we have, regular hours may vary. Please let us know if you are planning a visit so that we may be sure that the Museum is open for you. Email the museum, museumoffice@gastonmuseum.org or call Stephanie Osteen (903-812-1794) or Rosemary Whitten (903-863-2108) to schedule. We have lost some of our most dependable volunteers, and others have had to cut hours, so we need your help in maintaining open hours at the Museum. Let us know if you can help, whether 1/2 day, 1 day, or 2 days a month. Volunteers for extra events are needed as well; please give us a call if you can join the fun.

Volunteers Urgently Needed

We NEED you!

Areas of need:

(1) Regular volunteers once or twice a month
(2) Special occasion volunteers (Education Day, golf tournament, reunion weekend)
(3) Three open Board member positions
(4) Financial record keeping, especially QuickBooks expertise

Please call Stephanie at 903-812-1794 or Rosemary at 903-863-2108 or email museumoffice@gastonmuseum.org if you would consider any of the opportunities to help us maintain our Museum.

Oct 3 New date for Reunion / Fundraiser

The 2015 Gaston Museum fundraiser will be held at the Henderson Civic Center, at Lake Forest Park on Highway 64, on Saturday, October 3 at 12:00 noon. We are celebrating in October as the 85th anniversary of the Daisy Bradford and the 10 year reunion of the Museum exhibit building. This year’s honored graduates will be the classes of ’45, ’55, and ’65. The Gaston Reunion Group and the Gaston Museum Group have joined forces; the events will be combined.

Due to the loss of our longtime Board Member and chef to our fish fry dinners, Reed Franklin, we will be changing the menu this year. Registration and meal information will be mailed and publicized on the webpage in September. Be sure to return your registration as soon as it becomes available to secure your spot for lunch. Entertainment will again be the talented Miss Hatti Bridges (granddaughter of Class of ’54 alum Barbara Moore Green).

Friday evening, the 2nd, we will host a come-and-go time with appetizers and refreshments for anyone wanting to gather and visit at the museum or snack shop. Saturday, the Museum will be open from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm (before and after the luncheon at the Civic Center). This fundraiser is a critical part of our efforts to continue sharing life in the East Texas oilfield to future generations.
A Note From The Chairman...

The Gaston Museum is anticipating our Terry Irick Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 18, which is a fundraiser for the Museum. The tournament has been moved from the Henderson Country Club to the Longview Country Club, 6 miles north of Kilgore. The move was necessary to have access to golf carts, and the new location is an 18-hole course. We had a big turnout in 2014. Join us! Another big event is the Annual Gaston Reunion/Museum Fundraiser which for 2015 will be on Saturday, October 3 at the Henderson Civic Center (at Lake Forest Park). The celebration will mark the 85th anniversary of the Daisy Bradford #3 Discovery Well in 1930. That oil discovery brought thousands of families to East Texas, and Gaston School mushroomed to 1,200 plus students. Mark the date! We have reported the passing of Reed Franklin on June 8. He had been about Gaston business, fishing to provide food for our Museum Fundraiser. He attended all twelve grades at Gaston, served on the Museum Board since 2002 - many of those years as chairman. He served as chairman of the Finance Committee on the construction of the new Museum Building. His vision was to create a memorial to the Gaston School, the community, and to life in the East Texas Oil Patch. That IS the Museum. Reed will certainly be missed!

Andy Elliott, Chairman

2015-2016 Board of Directors

Your votes will be needed for new Board Members for the 2015-2016 season.

The current Members include:
Andy Elliott, Chairman,
Rosemary Whitten, Vice Chairman, Stephanie Osteen,
Secretary, Louise Stegall,
Treasurer, Paul Fess, Carlos Hunt, Roy (Spogie) Davis,
Jim Stroud, Ruth Johnson, Bill Woodall, (the late) Reed Franklin,
Alexa Duke, Courtney Osteen and David Craig.

Members up for re-election in September are Rosemary Whitten and Carlos Hunt. We are asking for candidates to replace three vacant positions held by Courtney Osteen (who has resigned), Reed Franklin, and Terry Irick.

2015 Upcoming Events

Golf Tourney
Saturday July 18
8AM—12Noon
Longview Country Club (Busters)

Education Day
October 7
(Time to be announced)
Museum Complex

Reunion Weekend
October 2&3
2nd Museum Complex
Events all day 10AM-6PM
3rd Museum Complex
10AM-5PM open
3rd Henderson Civic Center
Fundraiser Lunch
12Noon-2PM

Museum Director Updates for 2015-2016

We are nearing the halfway mark of 2015 and due to unforeseen circumstances we have been running behind on this newsletter. We are anxious to see what Bill Woodall (Board Member and Publisher) will bring to the newsletter and to the web page. Be sure to look for the changes and information that we will be sharing. Next year’s newsletter and brochures will also take on a new face. Facebook is now the way of social media so look for us on the Gaston Museum on Facebook.com. Bids have been taken for leveling to the snack shop and tent house at a sum of approximately $10,000.00. Any donations or investments in that project will be greatly appreciated. These buildings are a major draw for visitors at the museum. Our Buy A Board Project is taking off nicely also. Look for info on the special events that are coming soon. We hope to join forces with 4 other museums in the area for a group tour program. We need your help.

Reed Franklin 8/31/37 – 4/8/2015

Reed attended Gaston School for all twelve grades. He enthusiastically participated in school reunions. He began serving on the Gaston Museum Board in 2002 and was the Finance committee chairman for the building of the Gaston Museum. In the March 2004 edition of the Gaston Heritage newsletter, he expressed his feeling about the Museum: “When the museum building is completed and occupied, the new facility will be a tribute and credit to every former Gaston student, teacher, administrator and other staff members as well as the Gaston area boom-towns, communities, and those who came before us. It will also document the discovery of oil and early life in the East Texas Oil Field, the history and heritage of the Gaston area, an important part of Rusk County and Texas history.” Reed served several terms as Board Chairman and was still a very active member at the time of his death. He passed away in Flint on April 8. We miss him!
Gaston Museum Income/Expense
Jan 1 2015 through May 1 2015

INFLOWS
Admission Fees 79.00
Donations 128.45
Donations Received 50.00
Education Day 20.00
Fence Fund 20.00
Interest Inc. 100.00
Memberships 930.00
Merchandise Sales 140.00
Miscellaneous Income 632.43
Reunion Group Donation 50.00
Pavers 100.00
Pipeline Club 100.00
Sales 12.25
Walmart Dividends 100.00
TOTAL INCOME 2162.13

OUTFLOWS
Advertising 114.00
Cash
Dues
Golf Tournament
Insurance 2876.00
Maintenance 85.00
Miscellaneous
Newsletter
Office Manager
Office Supplies
Postage
Scholarships
Utilities
Gas & Electric 803.36
Internet 471.72
Telephone 72.79
Water 36.10
Total Utilities 1383.97
Web Site 44.75
TOTAL OUTFLOWS 4473.72
OVERALL TOTALS -2311.59

A FINAL FAREWELL

Paul Leonard Crye,
class of ’57 11/10/14

Rebecca Cassady Koraska,
class of ’57, 1/9/15

Reed Franklin,
class of ’55, 4/8/15

Mary Pauline Clark Maxwell,
class of ’42, 6/5/2015

James W. “Jim” Myers,
class of ’52, 3/9/15

Juliette “Judy” Gill Salyer,
class of ’48?, 5/10/15

J. R. Wright,
class of ’55, 5/26/15

Newsletters by E-mail

If you are willing to receive your newsletter in the future via email to help us save on postage and paper, please send an email to:

museumoffice@gastonmuseum.org

Give your current mailing address, and send the statement “Please email Gaston newsletter to me in the future instead of sending via US mail”. We appreciate your assistance and your consideration of the museum funds.
Preserving our History, one Memory at a Time!

Memorials 2015

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Mr & Mrs. Joel Franklin
Kristin Abbey George
Ron & Camille Grabski
Connie & Sam Greenburt
Bill & Donna Harper
Mr & Mrs Carlos Hunt
Sue Hurley
Trent Johnson
Lauren Johnson
Mike & Lee Johnson

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