

Old Saltillo Cemetery Association Newsletter

Tenth Edition – June 20, 2016

Words From Our President

Final plans are being completed for the 2016 Annual Old Saltillo Cemetery Association Business Meeting/Memorial Day program, to be held in the Old Saltillo United Methodist Church, 664 Co. Rd. 3357, Saltillo, Texas, on Sunday, July 17, 2016.



The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. with congregational singing led by Mike Briley and accompanied by Lisa Lowery at the piano. Jim Skaggs will bring the invocation followed by Bobby Goswick leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following further congregational signing, a brief business meeting of the Association will be conducted. The Annual Business Meeting will consist of a report on the activities taken and work performed for the care of the cemetery during the past year, a financial report, and the election of three members for three-year terms to the Board of Directors.



Each year, a special memorial tribute to those interred in the Old Saltillo Cemetery in the preceding twelve months is conducted. Members of the family of each person buried in the cemetery during the year are encouraged to attend and participate in the honoring of their loved one.

Mrs. Mary Brooke Oliphint Casad will be this year's speaker. Learn more about Mrs. Casad in the Spotlight column of this edition of the OSCA Newsletter.

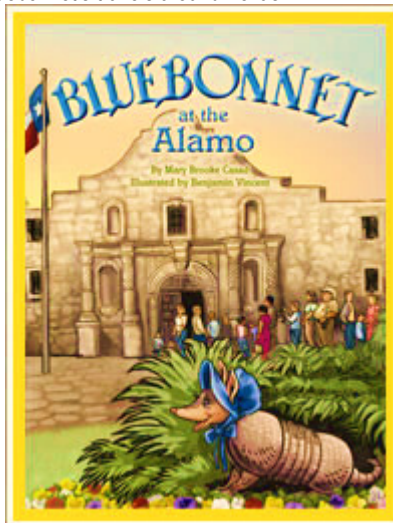
After a benediction by Rev. Vic Casad, lunch will be served in the air-conditioned Kirby Memorial Center. For those who still prefer Memorial Day lunch outdoors, tables will be available under the shade of
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Spotlight: Mary Brooke Casad

The Old Saltillo Cemetery Association Board of Directors is pleased to spotlight our 2016 Memorial Day Program Speaker, Mary Brooke Casad:



Mary Brooke Casad has written a series of books about an armadillo named Bluebonnet, detailing Bluebonnet's travels around Texas.



The Bluebonnet Armadillo Adventure Series teaches children about Texas history and geography as she explores Texas landmarks and makes new friends. Together, they explore, learn and find answers to puzzling circumstances causing them to become friends forever. Imagination and reality come together mixing history with modern day experiences to show children the value of reading and the magic of writing.

A native of Louisiana and graduate of University High School on the LSU campus, Casad received a bachelor's degree in journalism from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, and also studied at Harlaxton College in Grantham, England. She spent her childhood summers in the Texas Hill Country at Camp Waldemar, where she was first introduced to armadillos! She edited a history of the 75-year-old camp: *The Waldemar Story – Camping in the Texas Hill Country*. Casad was invited by First Lady Laura Bush to be a featured Texas writer at the Texas Book Festival in Austin in 1997 and 2000. She is a

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member of the Writers' League of Texas, the Texas State Historical Association and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. She is also a member of Chapter AB of P.E.O. and Kappa Kappa Gamma. Casad is the co-author of a discipleship study series, *The Basics*, published by Abingdon Press, 2016. The series includes three books—*Citizens of Hope*, *The Road to Amazing*, *Get in the Game*—written with her brother, Dr. Clayton Oliphint, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Richardson, Texas.

Mary Brooke is an active United Methodist layperson, having served on the committee that produced *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989). She was elected to serve as a delegate to the 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012 United Methodist General and Jurisdictional Conferences, and as lay leader of the North Texas delegation to the 2000, 2004 and 2008 Conferences. She previously served as chair of UMR Communications, Inc. Board of Directors. She is the immediate past chair of the Foundation for Evangelism trustees, and a director of the Texas Methodist Foundation. Casad was Director of Connectional Ministries for the United Methodist Church in the Dallas area for ten years, the first woman and layperson named to this position. She is the former Executive Secretary of The Connectional Table of The United Methodist Church. Her husband, Dr. Victor E. Casad, is a United Methodist clergyman, serving as district superintendent of the East District, North Texas Conference. They reside in Sulphur Springs, Texas and have two sons, a daughter-in-law and three grandchildren.

(bluebonnetarmadillo.com)

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Interested in what's going on with the OSCA or wanting to see picture from past events? Be sure and "LIKE" the Old Saltillo Cemetery Association Facebook page for the latest updates. You can find it at www.facebook.com/oldsaltilocemetery

Feel free to post your own pictures or memories from years past! This is a great way to preserve and document the past for future generations.

You can also create a discussion to reminisce with others or to even ask questions of the genealogical nature. Forget someone's name or how they're related to your family, ask! Who knows, you might find a relative you never knew you had!

Be sure visit the Facebook page!

Trapper Pace, Webmaster and Contributing Columnist

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the church's large oak trees. Everyone is asked to bring the usual full meal with ample portions to be shared with others. The food will be arranged in buffet style with cups, plates, napkins, eating utensils, water and iced tea furnished by the Association's Board of Directors: Randy Agee, Ryan Agee, Lou Briley Daniel, Vivian Dennis-Monzingo, Nat Paul Gibbs, Barbara Conley Norris, Johnny McAfee, Kenneth Patrick and Chris Skelly.

Time will be provided during lunch and throughout the afternoon for visiting – renewing old acquaintances and making new friends. Please bring lawn chairs if you wish to enjoy the lunch and fellowship after the service.

Vivian Dennis-Monzingo, President

In Review: Memorial Day 2015

We enjoyed a large attendance at the annual business meeting of the Old Saltillo Cemetery Association and Memorial Day program, held July 15, 2015. Mike Briley, accompanied by Lisa Lowrey, opened the program with congregational singing. Rev. Jack Wallace gave the invocation, followed by Bobby Goswick and a number of our youngest attendees leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lou Briley Daniel gave a welcome to the Association and recognized a number of people in the audience, including those who attending for their first time, those who traveled the longest distance, the youngest, and the oldest. Robert Moore Jr. provided beautiful music and Shirley Gibbs gave a very entertaining and inspirational message. Rev. Vic Casad gave the Benediction.



During the business meeting portion of the program, Vivian Dennis-Monzingo gave an overview of the year's activities of the Old Saltillo Cemetery Association, which included the following topics:

- An incident occurred late spring when trespassers drove into the cemetery around 3:00 a.m. and stuck their vehicle so badly that they had to abandon it in the cemetery. A member of the Hopkins County Sheriff's office had the vehicle removed from the cemetery, and due to continued heavy rains it became necessary to place a lock on the south gate to eliminate the possibility of a person/persons driving into the cemetery and becoming stuck or otherwise damaging cemetery grounds.

- It was announced that Manuel Aguayro had once again been contracted to be the caretaker for many years and will continue for the 2015-2016 year.

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- A newsletter was prepared and mailed in May of 2015. The only cost to the association for publishing and distributing the newsletter was postage. The Association was advised that anyone who would like to write an article to be included in the newsletter, please contact Ryan Agee.



- A financial report, including a detailed income statement and balance sheet for the 2014 fiscal year ending December 31, 2014 was delivered by Treasurer, Ryan Agee, and printed on the Memorial Day program for Association member review. With professional CPA assistance, all appropriate legal documents were submitted to the IRS to keep the Old Saltillo Cemetery Association tax exempt with the status 501(c)(3) current. All donations made to the Old Saltillo Cemetery Association are tax exempt from Federal Income Taxes. However, a donor may not deduct a contribution made for the perpetual care of a particular lot or crypt. This means reservations fees are not deductible, even though the reservation fees are payable to a non-profit organization, because a person is receiving goods for the fee. Burial spaces are not sold – no person receives a deed to the property when they reserve a burial space. Plots are reserved – not purchased.

Members of the Board of Directors have been very conservative with all financial expenditures. This past year, interest rates were below one percent and the amount of interest received from the Perpetual Care Funds is not sufficient to pay for one-half of the labor cost to keep the cemetery mowed and maintained in an excellent condition. Together, the interest income and the generous donations made to the Memorial Day Working Funds, adequate funding was available for the care of the cemetery.



- It has been a goal and custom of the Association for many years to ensure that every grave site in the Old Saltillo Cemetery receives a floral arrangement during the Memorial Day event/season. In 2015, Debra Goswick Bassham generously donated money to purchase flowers for the very old graves that do not have family members to provide for their loved ones. If you wish to make a similar gesture in future years, please advise Ryan Agee.

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- Fulfilling the duties of the Board of Directors as prescribed by the By-Laws during the 2014-2015 year were: Randy Agee, Ryan Agee, Lou Briley Daniel, Nat Paul Gibbs, Vivian Dennis-Monzingo, Barbara Conley Norris, Johnny McAfee, Kenneth Patrick, and Chris Skelly. No member of the Board receives any pay for any work performed. Most of the time, they do not take reimbursements for materials and supplies purchased for the care of the cemetery. A group gathered at 6:30 a.m. Friday, July 13, 2015 to make the finishing touches to the cemetery and church grounds.



Other workers that assisted during the 2014-2015 year were: Patsy McAfee, Gwen Patrick, Shirley Gibbs, Jim Skelly, Megan Skelly, Montie Monzingo, Larry Daniel, and Jo Ann Agee.

The officers of the Association are: President, Vivian Dennis-Monzingo; Vice-President and Secretary, Lou Briley Daniel; and Treasurer, Ryan Agee. The Directors elect the officers at their August meeting and the officers serve for a one year term. Appointed positions are: Kenneth Patrick, Managing Director; Trapper Pace, Webmaster; and Chris Skelly, Historian. Lunch was served immediately after the program in a buffet manner with all eating utensils, plates, and iced drinks provided.

Food was shared in the Woodrow Kirby Memorial Center with space available under the church grounds' oak trees where many enjoyed eating lunch and visiting.

Vivian Dennis-Monzingo, President

Interments

Since last publication, the following individuals have been laid to rest in the Old Saltillo Cemetery:

Donald Cole: June 21, 2015
Dollie Pearl Armstrong: June 23, 2015
Jerry Eddy: June 27, 2015
Billie Ruth White: July 24, 2015
Melissa Dawn Cole: September 8, 2015
Edna Brooks: November 19, 2015
Doris Armstrong: December 19, 2015
Wilma Dianna Cole: March 14, 2016
Cory Applewhite: May 8, 2016
Jean White: June 16, 2016

"The song is ended...

but the melody lingers on."
Irving Berlin 1888 - 1989