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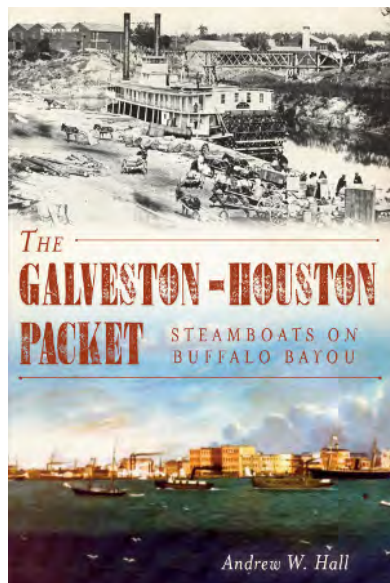
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Lecture/Book Signing: The Galveston-Houston Packet



[The Galveston-Houston Packet: Steamboats on Buffalo Bayou with Author Andrew Hall](#)

Thursday, December 13th at 7pm

Many imagine the settlement of the American West as signaled by the dust of the wagon train or the whistle of a locomotive, but during the middle decades of the 19th century the growth of Texas and points west were centered around the 70-mile water route between Galveston and Houston.

This single, vital link stood between the agricultural riches of the interior and the mercantile enterprises of the coast, with a round of operations that was as sophisticated and efficient as that of any large transport network today. At the same time, the packets on the overnight Houston-Galveston run earned a reputation as colorful as their Mississippi counterparts, complete with impromptu steamboat races, makeshift naval gunboats during the Civil War, professional gamblers and horrific accidents.

Join the Houston Maritime Museum as Andrew tells the story of one of the vital early transportation routes that shaped the development of Texas and existed in our very own city! Admission is free and includes access to the museum's exhibits.

Miss our last lecture?

If so, [CLICK HERE](#) to watch "The Off-Beat Traveler: Cruise by Cargo Ship"



To view videos of other past lectures [CLICK HERE!](#)

HMM in SIBAA Journal



An Article by Burt Reckles, HMM Docent & Trustee

Burt Reckles, has been involved with HMM and the Ships in Bottles Association of America (SIBAA) for many years. He recently wrote the following article which was published in the SIBAA's quarterly journal, The Bottle Shipwright, about one of

his unique experiences as a Museum tour guide:

"As a museum board member, I sometimes do volunteer docent duty with seniors or school groups. Recently a group calling itself "Steam Punk" called to engage a museum tour and our operations director contacted the docents seeking a few tour leader volunteers. She said they would come in costume, which elicited my curiosity, so I Goggled them and could not believe what came up. Being a never discovered "ham," I told her I would be a tour volunteer and dress in a pirate's costume as well. I think it's important to make the museum visitors feel comfortable. This group is a national organization with several hundred chapters that are a cross between Jules Verne, H.G. Wells & Star Trek. I had never heard of it nor had anyone I mentioned it to. When they did show up at the museum today they were dressed just as advertised. I guess it really does take all kinds. This was such a strange experience that I have enclosed some photos to share my voyage to Fantasy Land with you. I am sure it will be as eye opening for you as it was for me and my fellow docents. ENJOY." (Burt is pictured above in the red kerchief)



To find out how YOU can have unique experiences like this as an HMM docent, please contact Heather Schiappa at:

Heather@HoustonMaritimeMuseum.org

or

(713) 666-1910

We look forward to you joining our team of committed volunteers!

HMM Teams Up with the Houston Aeros!



10th Annual Kid's Game

Tuesday, December 11th at 11am

December 11th will mark the 10th Annual Educational Test Kid's Game presented by the Houston Aeros! This field trip is offered to all Houston area schools, elementary through high school, and is designed to help children in the Houston area prepare for their standardized state tests. The Aeros are tying in school curriculums with the event to provide a fun, learning environment for the students. Last year, the event drew over 11,000 students representing more than 60 schools!

As an active member of the Houston youth and educational community, HMM has been invited to help enrich the learning experience of the field trip. We have some

great activities planned such as "create your own sailboat-in-a-bottle," "write your name in maritime signal flags" and "knot tying 101." We're looking forward to educating students about maritime history and culture, and hope to help make this the best event to date!



For more information on this event [CLICK HERE!](#)

How To: Bow Pudding & Rope Fenders



Bow Pudding & Rope Fenders

by Al Meyer

HMM would like to congratulate Al Meyer for his recent article published in Duckworks Magazine. Al is a long time member and friend of HMM as well as an excellent craftsman, avid sailor, and member of the Gulf Coast Ship Modelers

Society. His superb work is demonstrated in the article "Bow Pudding & Rope Fenders" where he details the steps involved in making traditional woven rope fenders that give a classic look to any boat. You don't have to own your own sailboat to appreciate the beauty of these pieces which contain over 100-ft. of rope!



[CLICK HERE](#) to read Al's article in it's entirety, and stop by the HMM gift shop to purchase your own set.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to your next visit to the museum! For more information on any of our events contact Heather Schiappa at (713) 666-1910.

Happy Holidays!!

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This edition of our newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Captain Lewis John Heroy (8/9/23-10/27/12). Thank you for your unwavering dedication and support. We will never forget all that you have done for the Museum and would not be what we are today without you.

Interested in ship modeling? Join the Gulf Coast Ship Modelers Society on the second of Saturday every odd-numbered month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Houston Maritime Museum.

Historic Vessel Builders: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
RC Control Vessel Builders: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

The next meeting is January 12th!

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