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The monthly newsletter of the Houston Maritime Museum

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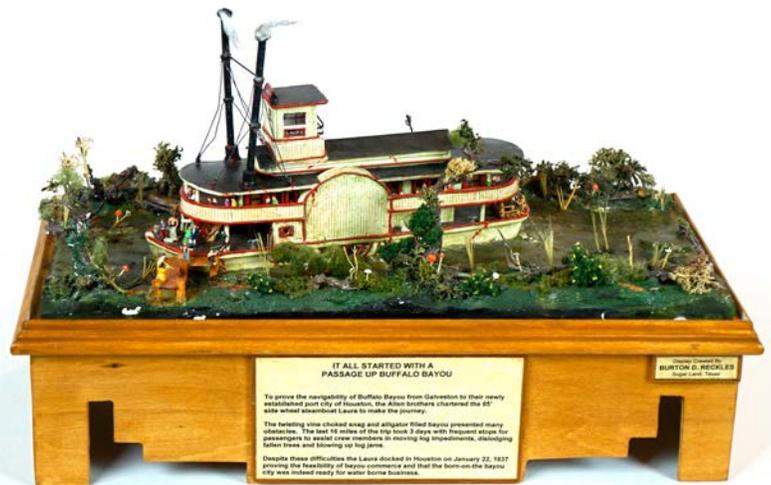
HMM Welcomes New Archives Intern

We are very excited to announce our new Education Program intern, Kacie Rice. She is a recent graduate of Tufts University with a Masters in Museum Education. She has experience working on exhibitions and programming with institutions such as the Smithsonian, the Harvard Museums of Science and History, the Museum of Science, Boston, and the Public Health Museum in Tewksbury, MA. Her interest is in creating museum experiences that integrate science, history, art, and everyday life. She will be assisting us to develop educational programs and exhibitions as we prepare for our new building. She hopes to help HMM become a place where patrons can learn about the incredible history and economic opportunities of the maritime industry in Houston. We look forward to all that Kacie will bring to the Houston

Model of the Month

Laura

By: Erica Peaslee, Archivist



This year, the Port of Houston is celebrating one hundred years as a center for trade and industry. Before Houston was officially a leading world port, the area relied on a variety of small watercraft -- a far cry from today's tankers and Triple-E container ships -- to navigate the waterways that lead to present day Downtown. The first steamboat to navigate these waterways, and dock successfully at Allen's Landing was the Steamboat Laura. At approximately 85 foot in length, this side-wheeler paddle steamer was built in Louisville, Kentucky by Thomas F. McKinney & Samuel M. Williams. Prior to her docking at Allen's Landing on January 22, 1837, the Laura served as a

Maritime Museum as the new Education Program intern.

Research Library and Ships Plans

Along with the models and artifacts on display, the Museum also has a Research Library. This valuable resource contains a collection of maritime books, ships plans, and periodicals. We have over one thousand volumes cataloged by author, title, and subject matter covering a wide range of topics including naval, ship building, maritime history and modeling. The plans in the collection, also cataloged for easy searching, are detailed making them useful to ship modelers. The plans include both sail and engine-powered vessels. The Research Library normally does not loan material, but for those interested in knowing more about maritime history, the Museum provides public access to our non-circulating Research Library and ships plans.

government vessel, acting as a tug for early naval ships and transporting officials, including Santa Ana, around the Houston and Gulf Coast region. She was also responsible for hauling cotton supplies up and down the Brazos River.

The voyage, captained by Thomas Grayson up Buffalo Bayou from Harrisburg, took at least three days, which included multiple stops to clear away logs and push off from the few occasions in which she ran aground. She wrecked in 1840, but her final fate is still unknown. Today, a model of the Steamboat Laura, created by Trustee and docent, Burton Reckles, illustrates the journey through the untamed Buffalo Bayou, complete with passengers hunting alligators on the banks. The model is situated by other ships that played a part in making the Port of Houston what it is today in HMM's Port of Houston Gallery.

Russian Cultural Delegation Visits HMM

On October 28th, HMM welcomed a Russian cultural delegation hosted by the City of Houston. The delegation was composed of members of the Moscow Department of Culture, Moscow Department of International Relations, the Director of the Cosmonaut Museum, representatives of the Museum of the Navy (located in Moscow's Tushin Park), and representatives from the Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts. Attendees were treated to tours led by Tom Johnson and Charles Cozewith followed by a discussion with HMM Director, Leslie Bowlin, about museum administration.



November Lecture Series

HISTORY LECTURE

Unfortunately, the November History Lecture has been postponed due to the speaker's availability. Our history lectures will resume on February 10, 2015. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. HMM will be rescheduling this lecture, so stay tuned for updates.

More information can be found at [Houston Maritime Museum Lecture Series](#)

Upcoming History Lectures

February 10, 2015
Civil War Blockaders with Andrew Hall

March 10, 2015
Purging the Seas: Government Reaction to Piracy, 1600 - 2015
with Kim Todt and Elizabeth Nyman

Special Thanks to our Generous History Lecture Sponsors



INDUSTRY LECTURE

LNG Exports: A Story of American
Innovation and Opportunity
with Jason French, Director of Public Affairs, Cheniere

Tuesday, November 18, 2014
7:00pm - 8:00pm

America is in the midst of an energy transformation. Once long dependent on the world for its energy, the U.S. is now becoming a global energy provider. As a result of this transition, Cheniere Energy is developing two liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facilities along the Gulf Coast to become the first LNG exporter in the Continental U.S. The facilities, located in southwestern Louisiana and south Texas around the Corpus Christi region, will export natural gas to our allies around the globe, reducing their reliance on natural gas from countries like Iran and Russia. Together, both facilities will significantly strengthen the U.S. economy and will support hundreds of thousands of American jobs across the nation.

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INDUSTRY LECTURE

WHO: Jason French,
Cheniere

WHAT: LNG Exports: A
Story of American
Innovation and
Opportunity

WHEN: Tuesday,
November 18
7:00-8:00 PM

WHERE: Houston Maritime
Museum
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Houston, TX 77030

HOW: The Houston
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offers a special
industry lecture

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Jason French is Director of Government and Public Affairs for Cheniere Energy. He is responsible for government relations, public affairs, and community outreach at the state and local levels, as Cheniere works to develop LNG Export facilities in Louisiana and Texas. Mr. French joined Cheniere Energy in November 2011.

Upcoming Industry Lectures

December 2, 2014
Captain Brian Penoyer
Commander, Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston

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HMM Welcomes Lloyd's of London

The Houston Maritime Museum and the Center for Logistics & Transportation Policy at the University of Houston hosted a reception in honor of the Maritime Insurance Underwriters from Lloyd's of London on September 30, 2014. HMM staff, docents and trustees entertained the Maritime Insurance Underwriters by giving tours and discussing their maritime stories.



Interested in ship modeling? Join the Gulf Coast Ship Modelers Society every

second Saturday of an odd-numbered month from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the Houston Maritime Museum. Open to the public.

Join the Modelers' next meeting on Saturday, January 10, 2015.

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