

Chalkboard Notes, Fall 2015

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Dear Members-at-Large:

To assist us in producing the CHALKBOARD newsletter and hosting the National Country School Association of America (CSAA) 2016 Conference, The Friends are extending the renewals for all 2015-2016 Membership-at-Large members until January 2017. This gives you a bonus and it allows us additional time to complete the “gazillion jobs” in front of us in hosting the national conference, as well as the extra efforts involved in collaborating on the Schoolgirls Sampler Exhibit with the Pioneer Museum and the Country Schools. Please visit our Member At Large web page to extend your membership. <http://www.historicschools.org/member-at-large.php>.

The Country School Association of America (CSAA) 2016 Conference Committee is on the CSAA Nine-Month Timeline Plan for the June, 2016, Conference. We have submitted our Call for CSAA Program Proposals and they will soon appear on the CSAA website located at www.CountrySchoolAssociation.org.

The Friends want to thank the following financial partners for their participation in hosting the CSAA 2016:

- Fischer & Wieser Specialty Foods - \$900 underwriting Motor Coach Tour



- Renita & Gordon Feller - \$2,000 underwriting for CSAA and honoring Pecan Creek School
- City of Fredericksburg HOT Funds Grant - \$2,000 for CSAA 2016

More to come in the next CHALKBOARD NOTES:

- CSAA is collaborating in the Schoolgirls Sampler Exhibit at the Pioneer Museum, featuring over 40 antique and contemporary Schoolgirls Samplers. This exhibit, built around eight samplers owned by the Pioneer Museum, is the first public viewing of their collection.
- Our CSAA 2016 theme is: "On the Land, Learning at Hand". Keynote speaker, Vickie Jennett, nationally known needlewoman, author, and publisher, will examine the history and educational goals of schoolgirls samplers.

DUST IS FLY'N - KEEPING YOU INFORMED OF OUR WORK:

Many of our schools have completed, or are in the middle of, restoration projects. Here are just a few for now:

- **Cave Creek School** completed their Teacherage restoration project. *Teacherage* was a word coined to mean house near the school that served as a teacher residence. Several of our schools have teacherages.
- **Williams Creek School** completed their rock repainting project.
- **Willow City School** is repainting their building at this time.
- **Lower South Grape Creek School** has completed all of their painting!
- **Nebgen School** has completed much of their window & ceiling work.
- **Cherry Springs School** is actively working on plans and funding to restore their school pPavilion. They are looking for early school desks as well. If you can assist in locating desks, let Jo Ella Rode Lewis know. A visitor to a Cherry Springs School open house counted 56 advertisers on their very large painted school stage curtain. That must be a record.

COMING TO YOU SOON!!

Mary Pressler, a Friends member of the Cave Creek School, has completed two Power Point Presentations for the Friends, both of which will be sent to you. We hope you enjoy them!

Country School Association of America
2016 National Convention

June 19 - 22, 2016

Pioneer Museum
 325 W. Main
 Fredericksburg, Texas



WHITE OAK SCHOOL
 (Located on the Pioneer Museum Complex)

THEME:

"On the Land, Learning at Hand"

SPECIAL EXHIBIT:

Schoolgirls Samplers

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- The first PPP you will receive will be on the Willow City School painted curtain presentation showing the results of the many hours of hard work by our dedicated volunteers in completing the restoration.
- The second PPP was prepared for the the Country School Association of America 2016 Conference.

The final 2015 Open House event for the Friends is scheduled for October 10th at the [Rheingold School](#), located at 334 Rheingold School Road. They open at 11 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. They will be serving a noon BBQ meal for a donation. Visit their School, Pavilion, and view their Teacherage. See Quadrant B on the Friends' Driving Trail brochure/map for directions. Brochures are available at Fredericksburg CVB, from Friends members, and on our website: <http://www.historicschools.org/driving-directions.php>. This school is tucked away, so you will have a lovely country drive and feel as if the Hills are just for you.



Until next Chalkboard Notes,

Jane Woellhof and Doris Spraggins
Directors at Large
Friends of the Gillespie County Country Schools