



The Salado Historical Society is dedicated to researching and preserving the history of the area and of the families that helped build this community. Their mission is “To locate, educate, and preserve the history and the historical integrity of the Village of Salado.”

Salado Historical Society

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### **4th Quarter Newsletter - 2020**

Stated meetings are the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Salado Public Library. **All board meetings are open to the membership.** Meeting minutes since 2017 are posted on the web site. Months (March, July, November) when there is a general membership meeting, there are no minutes for those months. **(Currently, board meetings are held by Zoom, thanks to John Newman).**

[www.saladohistoricalsociety.com](http://www.saladohistoricalsociety.com) This site is a wealth of information about Salado’s history. You can see pictures and short descriptions of the sites with National Register Markers as well as Texas Landmark Awards. Under the heading “More” you can see information on Early Settlers, Meeting Minutes, and the Salado Cemetery. Thanks to Linda Griffith for maintaining the historical society web page.

#### **2020 in Review**

In February of 2020 the historical society lost one of its founding members, Patricia Barton. Fortunately, we had our annual March meeting before everything was shut down because of COVID. County Commissioner, Bobby Whitson, brought our program as we celebrated “Texas Independence Day”.

During 2020 the historical society paid to have the electrical supply line to the cabins buried and brought up to code. The security lights at the cabins turn on at dusk and off at dawn. Salado ISD worked with the society to keep the grounds and cemetery mowed.

Because of the restrictions imposed by COVID, the board of directors met via Zoom for the last two meetings of the year. The new officers elected are Bill Kinnison, President, Dr. Wallace Davis, Vice President, and Nancy Kelsey, Secretary. Bonnie Smith will serve as treasurer for one more year.

#### **A Word From Our 2020 President – Judy Fields**

It has been my pleasure, indeed, to have served these past two years as President of the Salado Historical Society. As the year 2020 passes into history, the Board of Directors has achieved several things in order to sustain the Society’s mission—preserving the heritage and future of Salado’s past and protecting its future for our coming generations.

Bonnie Smith has graciously listed the items that have been addressed, solved and under processing during this tenure of Board of Directors. It has been possible to achieve these things because of industrious and dedicated Board members who love this village and you with your support by membership.

Our newly elected President Bill Kinnison is a long-time citizen of Salado who has proven his love and interest in maintaining this village by being active in various organizations. He is a past President of SHS and honored as an outstanding Person of the Year. We are so grateful that he is willing to once again carry on SHS's mission in helping to preserve the unique history of Salado.

The year 2020 presented many challenges to us all, personally, privately and publically. We were unable to hold our annual Christmas Home Tour, much to the disappointment of not only our citizens and members, but to the visitors who regularly attend this original event. The founding members of SHS were the creators of the Christmas Home Tours for Central Texas, resulting in many other cities and organizations following their creativity with their own local tours.

My thanks to all of our members who support the Salado Historical Society with their dues and continued interest in Salado's history. Also, many thanks to the Board Members who have shared their time and efforts in making the Society a continued success. All SHS members are urged to attend the Board meetings which are usually held at the Salado Public Library, but due to present circumstances, are currently being Zoomed through the generosity of John Newman's expertise. Any SHS member can also become a Board Member by letting our new president Bill Kinnison know your interest.

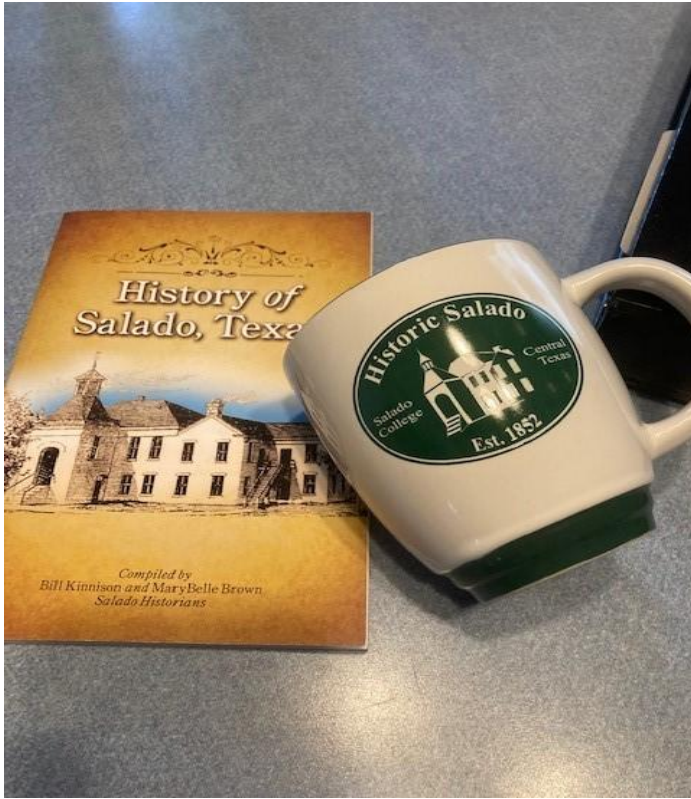
God bless us all during all of the trying times we are having. He has carried us through so many trials. God bless the United States of America, Texas and Salado.

### **A Word From Our New President – Bill Kinnison**

It is a wonderful honor to be your new president for 2021. This will not be a new endeavor for me since I was SHS president for two years from 2016 to 17 and I was SHS 2014 Person of the Year. I have been a continuous supporter of Salado's history through many organizations. I have participated in the Home Tour numerous years, particularly the years when our family home was on tour; the Anderson House. It would be great if we can have the tours start again in 2021. We'll have to see if the Covid-19 situation permits us to continue. Also, during my tenure we began the historic Salado Graveyard tours. Perhaps that is something to consider again. I am looking forward to working with new board members with whom I have worked: Wallace Davis- Vice President, Nancy Kelsey Secretary, and your current Treasurer – Bonnie Smith. This board can provide SHS great leadership. In-person meetings may be difficult or impossible in the near term, but we'll stay in touch and do what we can. Stay safe; SHS needs you in 2021.

### **Is Your Membership Current?**

Our membership for 2020 held at around 95 members. We welcome all who are interested in preserving Salado's history. Membership dues are \$25 for individual and \$40 for family. Membership renews each November. **Please note that membership for 2021 began November 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through December 31, 2021.** A completed membership form with current email address will assure you receive the most current quarterly newsletter. Please mail dues and your current information to P. O. Box 251, Salado, TX 76571.



## **2021 Going Forward**

Consider joining the Salado Historical Society. Receive the booklet, History of Salado, Texas compiled by Bill Kinnison and MaryBelle Brown for your 2021 paid membership. Also available are four Salado Historical Society Coffee Cups from a past fundraiser. Two of the cups are \$10 each and two of the cups are \$7.50 each because of their lighter color. Contact Bonnie Smith, Treasurer, if you are interested in a membership, the coffee cups, or both.