



# Rendezvous 2023

## Schedule of Events

### Wednesday, September 13

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| 1:00 - 4:00 pm | SHS Board of Directors Meeting   |
| 4:30 pm        | Registration Opens   |
| 5:00 - 6:00 pm | Welcome Reception w/ Cash Bar  |
| 6:00 - 6:15 pm | Welcome Remarks  |
| 6:15 - 7:00 pm | Opening Keynote Presentation: The Vara Chain in America (Milton E. Denny, PLS) |
| 7:00 - 8:00 pm | Annual SHS General Membership Meeting  |
| 8:00 pm        | Hospitality  |

### Thursday, September 14

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| 7:00 am             | Registration Opens  |
| 7:30 - 8:30 am      | Breakfast   |
| 8:45 - 9:00 am      | Welcome Presentation - Spanish to Mexican Texas (Michael Moore, MA)   |
| 9:00 - 9:50 am      | Session A: Original Texas Survey System (Davey Edwards, PhD, RPLS, LSLS)  |
| 10:00 - 10:50 am    | Session B: San Felipe at the Texas General Land Office: Exploring San Felipe through Archival Records and Digital Humanities Tools (Brian A. Stauffer, PhD) |
| 11:00 am - 11:50 pm | Session C: Blucher Family of Surveyors (Gary A. Jeffress, PhD, RPLS & Thomas H. Kreneck, PhD)   |
| 12:00 - 1:00 pm     | Lunch   |
| 1:00 - 1:30 pm      | Travel to San Felipe de Austin  |
| 1:30 - 4:45 pm      | Mini Sessions & Tours at San Felipe de Austin (details on reverse)  |
| 4:45 - 6:00 pm      | Reception at Villa de Austin  |
| 6:00 - 8:00 pm      | Dinner at San Felipe Museum   |
| 8:00 pm             | Return Travel to Hotel  |
| 8:30 pm             | Hospitality   |

### Friday, September 15

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| 7:00 am             | Registration Opens   |
| 7:30 - 8:30 am      | Breakfast  |
| 8:45 - 9:00 am      | Welcome Presentation - Texas Republic to State Surveying (Henry Mayo, RPLS)  |
| 9:00 - 9:50 am      | Session D: My Journey to the Elusive Corner (John P. Evans, Jr., PLS)  |
| 10:00 - 10:50 am    | Session E: Settling the Castro Colonies (Paul Carey, RPLS, LSLS)   |
| 11:00 am - 11:50 pm | Session F: Who Uses the Vara Today? The Role of the Licensed State Land Surveyor (Bill O'Hara, RPLS, LSLS & Nedra Foster Townsend, RPLS, LSLS) |
| 12:00 - 1:00 pm     | Lunch  |
| 1:00 - 1:30 pm      | Travel to Katy Heritage Park   |
| 1:45 - 5:00 pm      | Field Sessions and Tours at Katy Heritage Park (details on reverse)  |
| 5:30 - 6:00 pm      | Last Shuttle Bus to Hotel  |
| 6:00 - 7:00 pm      | Silent Auction Reception w/ Cash Bar   |
| 7:00 - 10:00 pm     | Annual Banquet and SHS Raffle/Auction  |
| 10:00 pm            | Hospitality  |

### Saturday, September 16

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| 7:30 - 9:30 am    | Breakfast                            |
| 8:45 am - 4:00 pm | Optional Space Center Houston Outing |

# **San Felipe de Austin**

**Thursday, September 14**

2:00 - 2:45 pm Session 1: Help Make a Vara Chain (Milton E. Denny, PLS & Henry Mayo, RPLS)

3:00 - 3:45 pm Session 2: Managing Settlement on the Texas-United States Frontier During the Mexican Era (Jim Tiller, PhD)

4:00 - 4:45 pm Session 3: Four Surveyors of the Alamo and the Surveyor Artist of San Antonio (John Brock, RS)

# **Katy Heritage Park**

**Friday, September 15**

1:45 - 2:00 pm Welcome by Doyle Callender, Former Mayor of Katy

2:00 - 5:00 pm Field Sessions

- ◆ 20th Century Surveying: Hands-On Instruments (Joe Breaux, RPLS, Paul Carey, RPLS, LSLS, & Bill O'Hara, RPLS, LSLS)
- ◆ 19th Century Surveying: Reenact an 1832 Surveyors Exam (Henry Mayo, RPLS & Michael Moore, MA)