



Historic Waco

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2023 Annual Report

October 25, 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

What an exciting and (dare I say) historic year for Historic Waco! After a long wait due to I-35 construction, Covid-19, and necessary repairs, the Earle-Napier Kinnard house finally reopened marking the first time in three years that all Historic Waco house museums have been operational. The tour for ENK was revamped to incorporate more of the house's long history, including when it was rented by Baylor students to live in during the 1930's and 40's. The East Terrace House introduced a room interpreting the Dr. Charles Lemly Sanatorium where guests discover the history of Waco's first (illegal) chiropractor. Additionally, a new metal fence was installed at the McCulloch House, completing a long-awaited upgrade. As stewards of Waco's history our organization's top priority is the health and history of our houses, and reinterpretations such as these help explain to guests the rich history of our town.

In February, after a long process started by former Executive Director Jill Barrow, Historic Waco signed a deal with the G. H. Pape Foundation to manage the Earle-Harrison House and Pape Gardens. The missions of both organizations have long been intertwined, and this deal affords Historic Waco the opportunity to do more programming and larger events. The property is available to all for rentals and to host events, providing Historic Waco with a steady revenue stream. The events hosted thus far on the property have been incredibly varied, reflecting the diverse community that we serve. Events have included weddings, board retreats, baby showers, birthday parties, fundraisers, bridal shows, and theatre performances, among others. Historic Waco is also looking forward to partnering with groups such as the Master Gardeners and Rose Society to maintain and improve the grounds.

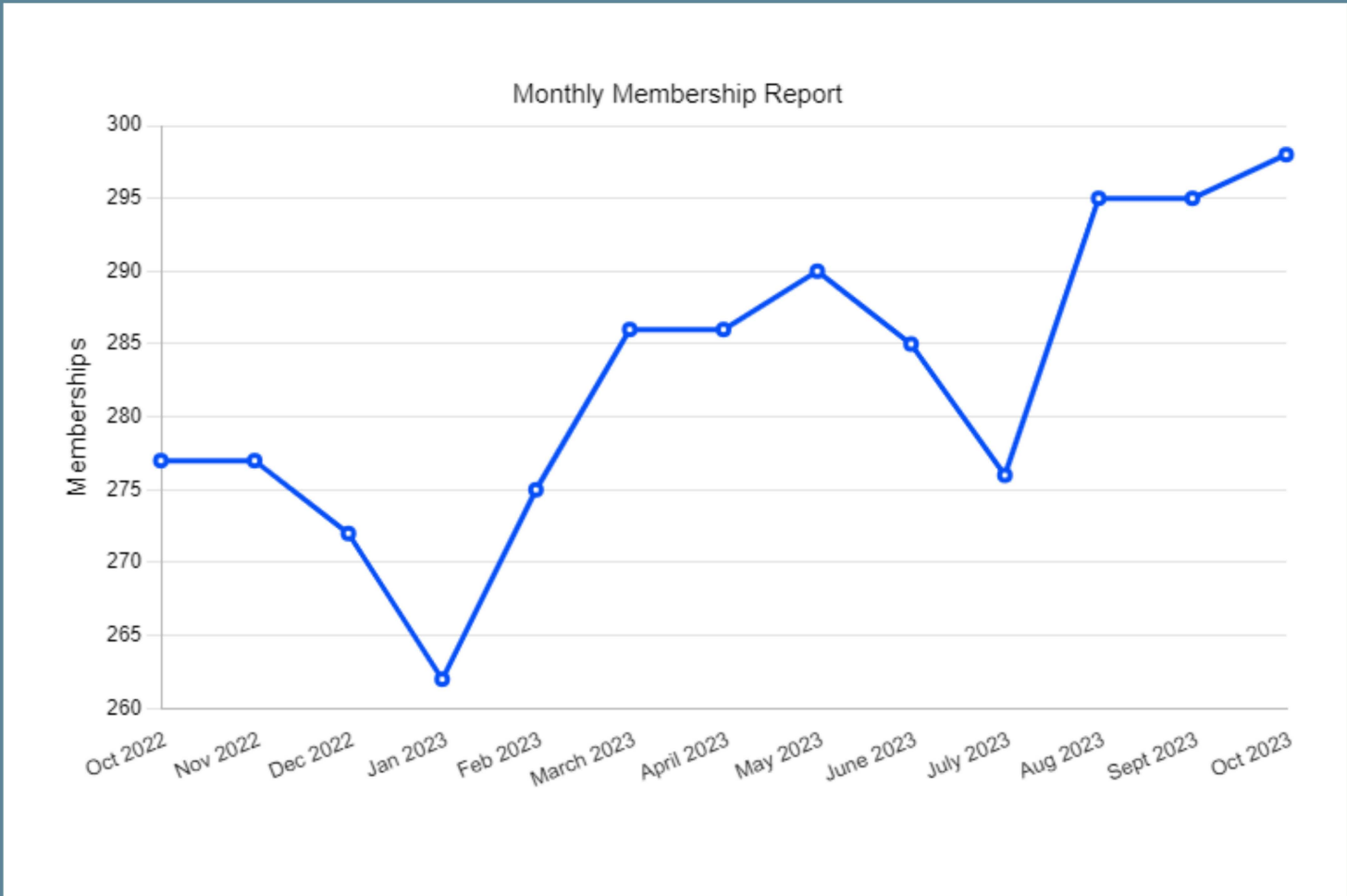
The mission of Historic Waco is to preserve the heritage of Waco and McLennan County, Texas, for future generations and to present enriching, diverse historical experiences for audiences of all ages. This vision guides our organization in the content we provide, the community partners with whom we choose to work, and the events we plan. The main goal for Historic Waco in 2023 was to establish more community connections, and joint events hosted with the Deep in the Heart Film Festival, Hallie Earle Hall, Urban Reap, Baylor University Libraries, Dance Society, The Book of Beautiful Weddings, and several others helped us to achieve this objective.

It has been my pleasure serving as director of Historic Waco, and I am extremely proud of the work the staff, volunteers, and board have done to keep this organization thriving. The future of Historic Waco is bright, and we look forward to carrying this momentum into 2024.

Sincerely,

Erik Swanson
Executive Director

MEMBERSHIPS



7%

*membership growth
since October 2022*

Historic Waco is primarily funded by individual memberships. These help fund maintenance, salaries, programming, and more!

EARLE-HARRISON IN REVIEW

22

Events held at Earle-Harrison House and Pape Gardens.

\$12,450.00

Raised this year in rental rates. Our budget was \$5,000.00.

64

Free hours donated. We serve our community with pride and want the Gardens to remain approachable and affordable for all.

2.79K

Total impressions on the new Earle-Harrison House and Pape Gardens website. Community interest in the gardens is at an all-time high.



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INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS

Adrienne Cain

Adrienne A. Cain Darough is a librarian, oral historian, and certified archivist who currently serves as the assistant director of the Institute for Oral History and senior lecturer at Baylor University. In this role she supports the Institute by providing training and workshops to community groups, students, educators, and researchers who desire to create an oral history project for their neighborhoods, classrooms, communities and research. As another part of her role, she serves the oral history profession as the secretary-treasurer for the Texas Oral History Association.

In addition to her position at the Institute for Oral History, at Baylor Cain Darough teaches New Student Experience courses in the fall, is a mentor for My Sister, MySelf, advisor for the Pi Mu chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and is the current president of the Black Faculty and Staff Association. She also serves the Waco-McLennan County community through numerous service projects as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Most recently, she has been enjoying newlywed bliss with her husband, Michael Darough.



Krysta Long

Krysta Long has over 10 years of experience in student affairs, diversity, equity & inclusion, and enrollment management. She earned her Master's in Education in Student Leadership and Higher Education from Angelo State University and her research focused on "Understanding Low Retention and Graduation Rates among African American males in Higher Education and the Impact of Mentors and Mentorship Programs." A love of students and student development is work she has carried throughout her professional career. She currently serves as the Recruitment and Student Services Program Manager at the Baylor University Garland School of Social Work and is an active member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee at the Garland School and member of the Black Faculty Staff Association at Baylor.

Krysta is a native Wacoan and has given back to the Waco community by serving as a LEAD coach with the Waco Chamber of Commerce. She appreciated the opportunity to mentor future leaders of the Waco community through the Waco LEAD program, educating these students on the professional opportunities right here in the heart of central Texas.



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November 2022-October 2023

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Clifton Foundation

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Earle-Napier-Kinnard

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East Terrace House Committee

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