



ACCESS to Learning, Inc.

Promotes and Facilitates Opportunities for Experiential Learning

January 2007 Newsletter

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Frank Reaugh. *SKETCH OF THE CLIFFS OF TULE*. 1933. Pastel. 3 5/8" x 7 1/4".
From the Collection of Lucretia Donnell Coke

Sunday, January 28, 2007

A Joint Membership Meeting

ACCESS to Learning, Inc.

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**The Friends of The O. Henry and Susanna Dickinson
Museums**

**5:30 to 7:30 P.M. Capitol Visitors Center
112 E. 11th Street**

Presentations and Tours

O. Henry Short Stories, by Kyle Schlafer

The Art of Frank Reaugh, by Lucretia Donnell Coke

Free parking in the Capitol Visitors Parking Garage 1201 San Jacinto.

For additional information call Kyle Schlafer, 512.305.8413

EDUCATOR WORKSHOP FOR TRAVELING EXHIBITIONS

Monday February 5th

Arthouse, 700 Congress Avenue

Preview and Sign-up 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Teachers will be introduced to ACCESS's two traveling school exhibitions and UT Art Education Professor, Paul Bolin, will lead exercises on incorporating exhibitions into classroom learning. Teaching materials will be provided, and teachers will have a chance to sign-up to bring an exhibition to their school for one week.

ACCESS 2007 Traveling Exhibitions

February - early April 2007

Available for a free 1-week check-outs to schools and teachers with ACCESS memberships.

Exhibitions:

MEXICO: Splendors of Thirty Centuries and They Way Things Were

TEXAS SETTLERS AND THEIR BUILDINGS: 1860s-1930s

Both exhibitions are multi-disciplinary and can be incorporated into a number of subject areas.

ACCESS 2007 SUMMER INSTITUTE:

"OUT THERE"

May 30-June 1

This three-day professional development opportunity focuses on experiential learning opportunities. We will visit a number of cultural sites around Austin. The 2007 theme, "Out There" brings together a variety of disciplines from nature to outsider art. Free for ACCESS members.

ACCESS to Learning, Inc. 2006-2007

Past Events

September 2006

The steering committee met at Austin Independent School District's Zavala Elementary School. New members to committees discussed their responsibilities. Creating an e-newsletter was proposed. This year we will update our website regularly. Membership renewal letters will be sent out in October. ACCESS to Learning, Inc. has been invited to be a part of The Edward and Betty Marcus Digital Education Project for Texas Art Museums.

October 2006

The board met for the first time at The University of Texas, Center for American History. The board decided their major emphasis would be to support the steering

committee's ideas. Concept papers from the steering committees will be sent to the board members. Board members will decide upon which committee they would like to work.

November 2006

The steering committee met at the "Splash" Exhibit, next to Barton Springs Pool. Updates of the website were presented. Two traveling exhibits were designated for February and March in school/member libraries. A joint annual membership meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Capitol Visitor's Center with ACCESS to Learning, Inc. and Friends of the O. Henry Museum and the Susannah Dickinson Museum. The board met and decided upon the steering committee that they would like to directly support, by studying the steering committee concept papers. The updated website was presented.

December 2006

The board viewed the new Pachyderm project Donna Vliet created through her work with the Marcus Foundation Digital Education Project. A budget proposal for ACCESS to Learning, Inc. was created.

Steering Committee 2006 to 2007

Chair Donna Vliet, Ph.D./Founder

Secretary Melanie Sherwood, *Umlauf*

Treasurer Becki Skillern

Membership

Michalea Black

Austin Museum of Art

Deborah McLouth

Zavala Elementary

Programs

Terri Killen

University of Texas at Austin

Special Projects

Jen Hirt

St. Gabriel's Catholic School

Kyle Schlafer

Capitol Visitors Center

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Wendy Dooldeniya

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Traci Moore

Jim Plain Elementary

Outreach

Sharon Ciccarelli

Winn Elementary

Catherine O'Neill

Arthouse at Jones Center

AMP Liaison

Margaret Russell

Sheffield Education Center

Board Members

Lynn Bell, M.A. The University of Texas at Austin, Center for American History, Exhibits Curator

Don Cook, M.S. M.P.A The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Research Center Education Coordinator, Community Outreach and Education(retired)

Guadalupe Gomez Austin Independent School District, Zavala Elementary, 5th Grade Bilingual Teacher, Nationally Certified Teacher

Amjad Khan, M.B.A. The University of Texas at Austin, Office of Public Affairs, Administrative Service Officer

Rosemary Morrow, Ph.D. Texas Education Agency, Curriculum Department, Assistant Director of Social Studies

Donna Vliet, Ph.D. Founder.Chair, ACCESS to Learning, Inc.

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