



# Long Beach Historical Society

*Remembering the past to preserve our future*  
*January 2022*

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## President's Message

It's that joyous time of year when everyone is talking about how great Christmas was and wishing everyone a Happy New Year as King cakes are showing up in stores heralding Mardi Gras. It's probably wishful thinking to hope the calories will pass us by as the fillings in those favorite treats seem to get creamier each year.

The year has been pretty slow for the society but we did begin getting back into "Meeting Mode" in 2021 and those in attendance conveyed their enjoyment of the in-house patriotic programs presented.

Let's pray that the latest strain of contagion doesn't last for a long time so ultimately our lives and our historical society may really begin getting back to normal.

Feel free to mask for the upcoming luncheon meeting and we can try to distance as much as possible.

We don't usually have a program at this meeting due to the awards and lunch but I ran into something that is very interesting about a popular comedic entertainer who got his start here in our great state of Mississippi. Right about now, we need all the laughs we can garner, amid all the dismal news in the paper and on television, so I couldn't pass on sharing this story.

**Looking forward to seeing you on January 17 at 11:00 A M.**

Sincerely  
Beth Hansen

## 2021 CEMETERY TOUR

A special thank you to Russ and Pat Jones, Chairs of the Cemetery Tour in October. Russ also did one of the portrayals and looked very nice in his clothing of the day and was asked to be interviewed by a local TV station at the conclusion of the tour. He also did a great job with that too. Thanks Russ and Pat for all of your hard work.

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**SMOKE FROM THE  
CHIMNEYS  
LONG BEACH, MS**

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Meetings will all be held  
on the THIRD Mondays at  
Historical Society Building,  
645 Klondyke Rd.

**2022 Meetings:**

- **January 17 - 11:00 a.m.**
- April 18 - 6:00 p.m.
- July 18 - 6:00 p.m.
- October 17 - 6:00 p.m.

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**Mission Statement**

The Society's purpose is  
"to bring together those  
people interested in the  
history of the City of Long  
Beach and to coordinate  
their efforts in preserving  
and recording that history  
for future generations."

Long Beach Historical  
Society is a volunteer-  
based organization  
dedicated to the:

- Preservation and  
management of historic  
and cultural resources of  
Long Beach
- Provide educational  
opportunities for both its  
membership and the public

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A special thanks to Mark Bryant, Billy Skellie, Danny Hansen, and Jessica Hancock Butler, who helped make the tour a success. It was well attended and due to the comments, well enjoyed. Also, a special thank you to a grateful community which placed donations of \$310.00 into our donor jar. This is the highest amount to date. How wonderful.

**SALES OF QUARLES HOUSE  
TRANSITIONING PRINTS  
BY JAIMIE BOLDEN OF LANDMARKS  
RESTORED**

Jaimie had pledged a portion of each sale of the Quarles house print to be reinvested into the restoration project of the house and we are elated to announce that she sent us \$225.00 by electronic transfer not long after the October newsletter of the society was already published.

Jaimie and her family moved to Washington state a few months ago but the Long Beach native is always busy working on other prints of local landmarks and popular places, near and dear to the hearts of all, so be on the lookout for her work which may be seen on her website: [www.landmarksrestored.com](http://www.landmarksrestored.com).

Heartfelt thanks Jaimie Bolden.

**COMMEMORATIVE LOCOMOTIVES OF CSX**

In 2018 CSX Railroad began a program to acknowledge Pride in the Service of American groups who are always giving of themselves to a grateful nation. They have refurbished and repainted three locomotives, which are highly visible on the rails from below Tampa to as far north as Canada.

The engines are the Spirit of the Armed Forces, #1776; Honoring First Responders #911; and Honoring Law Enforcement #3194. When the engines aren't working the rails they are involved in special community events.



So far, the Spirit of the Armed Forces has passed through Long Beach and was located back in the train, but most times, they are the lead engine. It was very close to dark when it passed through here so I hope some of you also saw it that evening about two weeks ago.

It's a good idea to exhibit pride in this way and if any of you see any of the engines, please let us know.

Send us an email at  
[history@lbhistoricalsociety.com](mailto:history@lbhistoricalsociety.com)  
Or, call Beth at 228-864-6100.

**CONDOLENCES**

This is a brief issue of Smoke from the Chimneys but we are still reeling from the passing of Pat Skellie, Billy's wife, and will be doing a longer piece in a regular issue in April.

RIP sweet Pat. Love and hugs to the entire Skellie family.



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**Dues are due every January, unless you recently paid or recently joined.**

**Check the address label to see if your membership has lapsed.**

- Per Individual \$15.00
- Family \$20.00
- Student \$5.00 (thru 12th grade).

**Mail to:**

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**You may also pay online:**

**[www.lbhistoricalsociety.org/members](http://www.lbhistoricalsociety.org/members)**

**And, remember, when you reach your 90th birthday, dues become complimentary, which is a small perk of the society.**

**Dues paid in October, November, or December will not expire until December 2022.**