

LONE STAR DUTCH OVEN SOCIETY



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"THE DUTCH OVEN"

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About the LSDOS Newsletter

Our apologies for being so late in getting the newsletter out. With so many Dutch Oven Gatherings (DOGs) being cancelled over cautions with the coronavirus pandemic there has been little news to report. The State Parks have not allowed gatherings and our first concern is the health and safety of our members. Dennis Clute wins the prize for being the only one to respond to my calls for newsletter inputs. Thank you Dennis! Others have been wonderful with regular Facebook posts and, after installing different internet software, I am once again able to copy pictures and text from Facebook. Many thanks to those who regularly post their Chapter news on Facebook!

Our next issue is planned for mid February. Please send me your newsletter inputs by January 31 if possible.

Our next big event is our annual Board of Directors meeting January 16 and the associated DOG January 15-17, 2021, at Old Fort Parker Historic Site. More news in this newsletter.

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2021 NATIONAL DUTCH OVEN GATHERING



2021 NDOG	Mineola Civic Center
Hosted by Dennis and Robin Clute	Mineola, Texas

By now you've heard that the 2020 National Dutch Oven gathering has been postponed until 2021. We plan to hold NDOG2021 at the Mineola Civic Center on Columbus Day weekend and hopefully we'll be back to our normal everybody-grab-the-spoon-and-serve-yourself selves. Registrations have been rolled over to next year so there's no need to register again if you've already registered. A few folks have requested a refund, but most are looking forward to NDOG2021. You can access www.ndog2021.com but the www.ndog2020.com URL still works too. The only thing that has changed is the year, everything else will be the same. So save the dates October 7-10, 2021.

Also, see the Facebook page <https://m.facebook.com/groups/2232860173632610/>



2021 LSDOS (No Frills Big) DOG



Hosted by Sam Houston Chapter	(Tentative) Date to be announced
Mary Merriwether - Advisor	Salmon Lake Park - Grapeland, Texas

The 2020 LSDOS Big DOG had been planned for April 17-19, 2020, at Salmon Lake Park in the Sunshine Inn area. Because of concerns with the COVID-19 pandemic, this event had to be CANCELLED. We look forward to having this annual event in the Spring of 2021 hosted by the Sam Houston Chapter. For now, this event is **tentative** – pending conditions with the covid-19 pandemic. Because the National DOG will be in Texas in 2021, this LSDOS Big DOG will be a no frills event where we focus on fun, food, and fellowship.



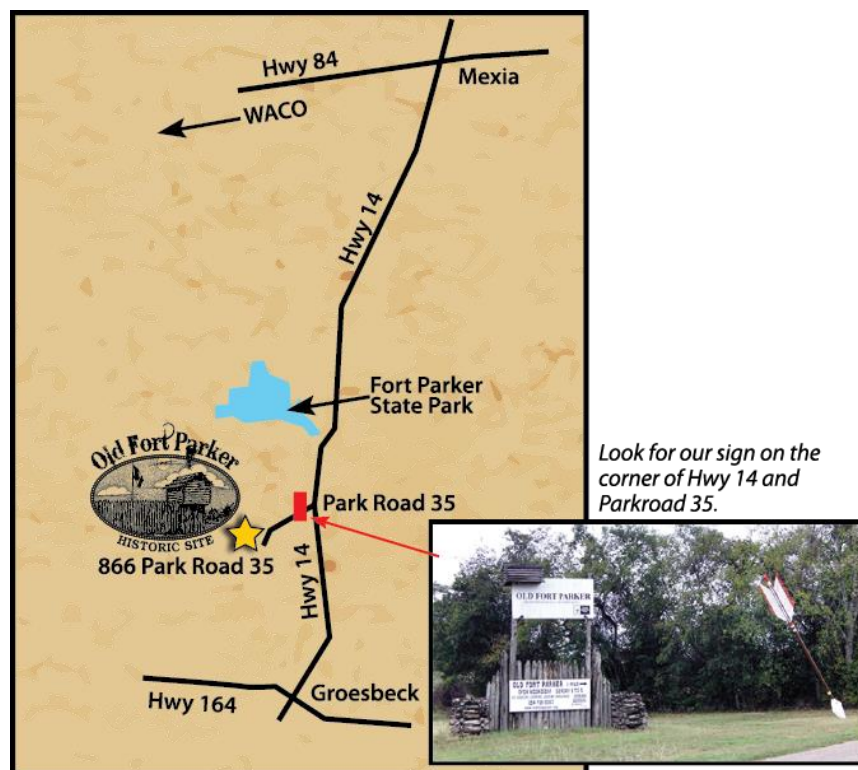
2021 LSDOS Board of Directors Meeting



January 16, 2021	Old Fort Parker Historical Site
Associated DOG January 15-17, 2021	Groesbeck, Texas

The LSDOS Board meeting is set for January 16, 2021, with the associated DOG January 15-17, 2021, at Old Fort Parker Historical Site, 866 Park Road 35, Groesbeck, TX 76642. Their phone is (254) 729-5253. Campsites with water and electric are \$25 per night for 50 amps and \$20 per

night for 30 amps. There is a sewer dump station. Rooms are available for \$35 per night. The meeting room is \$50. This is **NOT** in nearby Fort Parker State Park. See www.oldfortparker.org under contact info for a map of how to get to the park. Lodging is also available nearby.



Membership Renewal for 2021

Many thanks to those who renewed their LSDOS Membership for 2020, especially in light of the pandemic. If you wish to renew for 2021, feel free to use the form at the end of this newsletter or renew online on the website. Forms will also be available at the Board of Directors Meeting in January. Chapter incentives are returned to active chapters (those with at least 3 paid members including the chapter advisor) based on the membership roster as of May 31. For 2020, the chapter incentive payment was 75% of the dues paid.



LSDOS General Membership Meeting



October 10, 2020	Mineola Civic Center Pavillion
Associated DOG October 9-11	Mineola, Texas

The LSDOS General Membership Meeting was held October 10, 2020, at the Mineola Civic Center. Social distancing was practiced at the membership meeting and the steady breeze in the

outdoor pavilion helped – but holding on to paperwork was challenging. The weather made it a perfect shirtsleeve day. It was good to see the Lovetts (including Emmy) after their move to North Carolina several years ago. Congratulations to Dennis Welpé who won the Golden Spoon award for his smoked pork ribs- delicious! Below are some photos from the event.

LSDOS Officers for 2021-2022

One of the main agenda items of the membership meeting was the nomination of officers for 2021-2022. All of the officers for 2019-2020 had agreed to continue in office with the exception of Trustee Tina Morris. Lois Anderson was nominated to fill the Trustee position. Since there were no other nominations from the floor, the slate of officers was accepted by acclamation.

LSDOS Officers for 2021-2022 will be

President	Rick Alexander
First Vice President	Becky DuPree
Second Vice President	Beth Jones
Trustee	Lois Anderson
Secretary	Stephanie Vickery.

Their 2-year term of office will begin at the conclusion of the Board meeting on January 16, 2021.



Chapter news

In order to keep everyone safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, most chapters have had to cancel their DOGs or find alternative sites, especially since the State Parks have not allowed group gatherings. Those chapters that have been able to have DOGs have been conscientious about safe practices.

Brazos Valley Chapter	Bryan, Texas
Shervonne Davis - Advisor	979-776-1191 Shervonne@davidsmiththey.com

The Brazos Valley Chapter did manage to meet for a number of socially-distanced DOGs at the Brazos Center Pavilion. During the hot summer months they avoided the heat by having breakfast DOGs. You can see from the photos there was plenty of room for social distancing.

BOWLS, BREAD AND COALS!!! The theme for the November 21st cooking is Bowls N Bread - chili, soup - those warm, comforting things that go in a bowl, with some sourdough bread, cornbread or other breads to soak up the broth with. I'm betting there's something sweet coming out of some of our black pots, too! We probably won't meet in December due to Christmas commitments and crazy calendars so come out and enjoy cooler weather, good food and great fellowship.



Chisholm Trail Chaparrals	Cedar Hill State Park, Cleburne, Texas
Dennis Clute - Advisor	dennis.clute@gmail.com

The Chisholm Trail Chaparrals Chapter has had three activities since the March newsletter was published. On March 7 we held a demo at Dinosaur Valley State Park near Glen Rose. We prepared finger-foods, cobblers, etc. for folks to sample. That's such a foreign concept now; hopefully we'll get to do that again someday. I don't have any photos of this event.

On April 4 Martin and Alice Scammel held a demo at Copper Breaks State Park near Quanah where they volunteered as Park Hosts for several months. Martin and Alice were doing Dutch

Oven Demos for the guests until the Social distancing began, then they could no longer meet with groups. Their Interpretive Ranger Will asked if they would be willing to do some Dutch Oven Demos virtually through Facebook Live. They thought it was a great idea and so began their Virtual Dutch Oven Demos. They did two Virtual demos where they made a Chocolate Cherry Dump cake, Arkansas Stew, Candied Carrots, and a Caramel Apple Cinnamon Dump Cake. The Rangers got to eat the food and Alice reported there were no complaints. Alice provided three photos of some of their cooking.



The CTC could not cook at Cleburne State Park due to the Covid-19 restrictions, but Carrie Reynolds at the Chisolm Trail Outdoor Museum in Cleburne invited us to hold a DOG there. We don't normally have a DOG in June because it's so hot, but we hadn't been able to meet in April and May so on June 20 we Held a DOG at the Museum. We had nine people including Dennis Welp with the Prairie Dogs; we had invited the Prairie Dogs since they've been unable to have a DOG since the pandemic began. We had eight pots. It was a small group, but we enjoyed eating in a newly renovated air-conditioned pavilion. Here are some photos Sue Alexander posted of the event.



Cleburne State Park is still not allowing group meetings so we are looking at other places to meet until we can return to our normal monthly DOG location at the Park. We had our September DOG at Carver Park in Alvarado on Saturday September 18. There were 10 in attendance: Mike and Sherry Brown, Rick and Sue Alexander and their grandsons Mack and Jaken, Mike and Yolonda Alexander, and Dennis and Robin Clute. We had seven pots on the table at 12:30. It was nice weather and good food, fun, and fellowship as always. The CTC also plans to cook again at Carver Park on November 21.

Collin County Dutch Ovens	Brockdale Park - Lucas, Texas
Terry Morris - Advisor	214-808-4675 terry@morrisranch.net

Had a great turn out for our October 3 event. We had a new couple join (also joined LSDOS). They are Rod and Connie. They are good cooks and great folks. They fixed a chicken breast wrapped in bacon, a corn dish, and scalloped potatoes. All quite good. Donna made a pineapple upside down cake. It was good. Not perfect to her but good never the less. Cathy fixed a potato and asparagus soup. I'll add recipe to the files section. See also made a beer bread that was really good. I was limited to 3-4 bites but cherished every one. Cristel and James brought something great to the event. Took 9 months for it to come out of the "oven" but Logan was the center of attraction. He's a real cuttie. Tina made a pizza dish. Kind of a cross between a deep dish pizza and a casserole.

Great weather and great food!



Cypress Bottom Dutch Oven Cooks	Lake Bob Sandlin State Park
Beth Jones	mrsjones59@yahoo.com

Cypress Bottom Dutch Oven Cooks have not been able to meet recently because of the State Park restrictions and general concerns with the pandemic. They generally meet the first Sunday of each month, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM, at Lake Bob Sandlin State Park. Was good to see Beth and Colley at the membership meeting in October!

Heartland of the Prairie Chapter	Ponca City, Oklahoma
Rhonda Cobb - Advisor	trcobb117@yahoo.com

Finally, a little Dutch Oven cooking this weekend! Beautiful weather, great company and always delicious eats!! At Sarge Creek Cove on October 10.

Congratulations to David Evans and his sweet bride, Teresa!! You had a Lovely wedding on this beautiful Fall day October 17!! It was our pleasure to attend and share this special day together!!



Leon River Dutch Oven Gang	Mother Neff State Park, Texas
Lois Anderson - Advisor	254-744-1087 landerson@mcecwb.net

We dusted off the cobwebs on our Dutch Ovens as they've seen little use of late. The Leon River Dutch Oven Gang was able to COOK Sunday afternoon, November 8, at Bewly Park in McGregor. Mother Neff State Park has been unavailable throughout the pandemic.

For this Pot Luck we abided by wearing our masks etc. but we were able to enjoy the outdoors with friends and family. Food Family Fellowship

Had pizza, lasagna, spicey taco soup, cornbread, lemon pudding cake and a sugar cake. I'm full... you guys missed a good meal.



Prairie Dog Chapter	Arlington, Texas
David Welpé - Advisor	dcwelpé@sbcglobal.net

The Prairie Dog chapter meets on the second Saturday of the month at Randol Mill Park in Arlington. They were delighted to finally have a fantastic DOG on November 14! Seven in attendance and nine pots on the table.



Saltgrass Chapter	Houston, Texas
Nancy McGuire & Carol Stevens - Advisors	nancymc55@att.net thesteven8671@sbcglobal.net

Greater Houston Lone Star Dutch Oven Society (LSDOS) Group. We enjoy great friendships and fun through our common love of Cast Iron Dutch Oven cooking. We meet in West Houston at Bear Creek Park (Clay/Hwy 6) area. Looking forward to being able to meet again!

Sam Houston Chapter	Conroe/Huntsville Area, Texas
Mary Merriwether - Advisor	281-292-3960 marymeri@att.net



Sam Houston Chapter November 2020

Mary Merriwether, chapter advisor
marymeri@att.net (281) 732-2086



Looking forward to our annual **Thanksgiving DOG November 21** at the American Legion Lodge #618 on FM 1097 in Willis. Come at 10:00 a.m. and we'll eat at 2:00 p.m. We'll provide the meats. We ask that you bring sides or desserts. And as usual please bring chairs and whatever you wish to drink.

Fun, Food, Fellowship!

Our last DOG of 2020 is planned for December 12 in Willis. When we meet at Willis many of us camp there in the American Legion campground.

Our October DOG was a lot of fun. The weather was pleasant and we were even able to enjoy the heat of a campfire. We had fifteen join us on Saturday for the DOG. There's plenty of room for social distancing. We did skip the hot summer months and were sorry our annual Fall Regional DOG in September and the LSDOS Big DOG in April, both at Salmon Lake, had to be cancelled for Covid concerns.

Toledo Bend Chapter	Shelbyville, Texas
Cindy and James Dotson - Advisors	409-625-4787 cindydots58@gmail.com

We had a wonderful time at our October DOG. We had 7 cooks with 10 pots on the table. The food was amazing as always. Thank you Bob for letting us use the facilities.



**Lone Star Dutch Oven Society
General Membership Meeting
Mineola Civic Center Pavilion, Mineola, TX
October 10, 2020**

A quorum of the current 2020 membership was verified as being in attendance. Eleven were required based on 106 paid members. Eleven were present.

President Rick Alexander called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. and welcomed all present. Other officers present were Second Vice President Beth Jones and Secretary Stephanie Vickery. First Vice President Becky DuPree and Trustee Tina Morris were not in attendance. Chapters represented were the Chisholm Trail Chaparrals, Collin County, Cypress Bottoms, Leon River, Prairie Dogs, and Sam Houston.

Minutes

Copies of the Minutes from the September 28, 2019, General Membership Meeting were available for all meeting attendees. Lois Anderson moved that the minutes be approved as written. Sue Alexander seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Copies of the Board Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2020, were also available for information. Both sets of minutes had been previously distributed in the LSDOS Newsletter.

Financial Report

Trustee Tina Morris was unable to attend since a co-worker had tested positive for COVID-19 but she did provide the financial reports for the meeting. The Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the period ending September 30, 2020, showed Year-to-Date income of \$2,227.07, or 47% of the annual budget of \$4,750. Year-to-Date expenses are \$2,161.73, or 30% of the annual budget of \$7,160. Net profit at this point is \$65.34, well above the planned annual loss of \$2,410. Chapter incentive payments totaling \$1,320 have not yet been made. The chapter incentives are based on returning 75% of dues paid to active chapters as of May 31.

The Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2020, shows \$15,192.70 in total assets including \$6,539.62 in checking, \$7,512.94 in savings, \$172.08 in PayPal and \$968.06 in inventory (at cost). The only current liability is \$7.43 in sales tax payable. Beth Jones moved that the financial reports be accepted including the chapter incentives. Steve Lovett seconded the motion and all approved.

Website

Rick Alexander reported that the website is still not back up and running. Dennis Clute is investigating. Scott McBain is our webmaster.

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Cookbook

Lodge is not interested in publishing or selling another cookbook. Dennis Clute is looking into other options.

2021 LSDOS Big DOG

The 2020 Big DOG was to be a no frills DOG with no door prizes or goody bags since the National DOG was to be in Texas. The event had to be cancelled because of concerns with the COVID-19 pandemic. Stephanie Vickery reported that the Sam Houston Chapter is probably willing to host the 2021 LSDOS Big DOG in the spring at Salmon Lake Park. A date will be announced. This will be a no frills event focusing on fun, food, and fellowship.

2021 National DOG

The 2021 National DOG will be held at the Mineola Civic Center in Mineola, TX, on Columbus Day weekend, October 7-10, 2021. The 2020 National DOG had to be postponed to 2021 because of the pandemic.

Nomination and Election of Officers for 2021-2022

Copies of the By-Laws approved at the 2019 General Membership Meeting were made available to all present for reference regarding duties of the officers and the election process. Trustee Tina Morris has stated that she will not be available to continue as trustee after her 2019-2020 term.

Rick Alexander stated that the other officers are willing to continue in their positions. Rick nominated Lois Anderson to serve as Trustee. There were no other nominations from the floor. The slate of officers to be considered for 2021-2022 are President Rick Alexander, First Vice President Becky DuPree, Second Vice President Beth Jones, Trustee Lois Anderson, and Secretary Stephanie Vickery. Stephanie Vickery moved that these nominees be accepted by acclamation. Leslie Lovett seconded the motion. All approved and these officers were elected. Their term of office will begin at the conclusion of the Board meeting on January 16, 2021.

The subject of the website was brought up again. Leslie Lovett stated that we need to find a way for the budget to support a professional website. Growth of LSDOS depends on the website and it is very important for communication of our events. Rick Alexander said he would ask Becky DuPree to look into web site possibilities.

Beth Jones reported that a friend is coming to Mineola to discuss starting a chapter in Mineola. The Cypress Bottoms chapter may be moving to Atlanta State Park.

Steve Lovett moved that the meeting be adjourned. Beth Jones seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Vickery, Secretary

Lone Star Dutch Oven Society

Membership Application*

NEW MEMBERS ONLY: 1/1 thru 3/31 - \$20, 4/1 thru 6/30 - \$15, 7/1 thru 9/30 - \$10, 10/1 thru 12/31 - \$5 per household per calendar year. Dues are RENEWED at the January 1 rate even if they are renewed later in the year.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Email Address _____

Referred by _____

Chapter Preference _____

NOTE: The newsletter is only distributed electronically.

Do you wish to have your contact information published in a Membership

Directory? _____YES _____NO

Make check or M.O. payable to: Lone Star Dutch Oven Society

Mail with this application to:

Tina Morris, Trustee

P. O. Box 3731

McKinney, TX 75070

Welcome to the Lone Star Dutch Oven Society. As a new member, you will receive your membership card by return mail. Your membership includes a subscription to "The Dutch Oven", our more or less quarterly newsletter.

*Please allow 4-6 weeks to process your application.

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