



2025

**Annual Activities of
Galveston County Museum
&
Galveston County Historical Commission**



Galveston County Historical Commission hosts US Army Reserve at Historic Fort

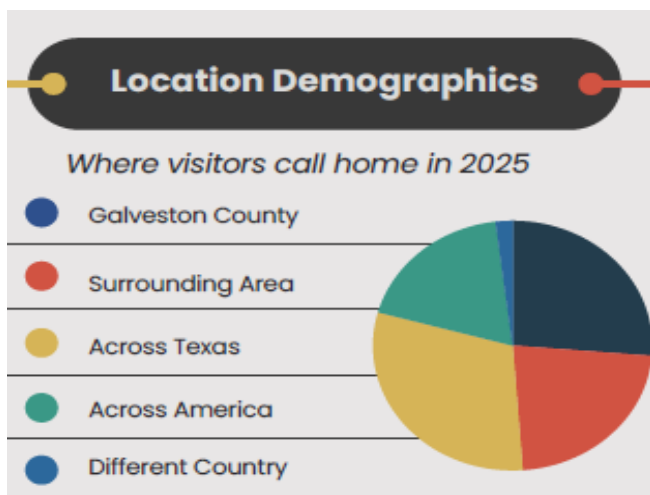
A Member of:



Galveston County Museum is a joint project of the Galveston County Commissioner's Court and Galveston County History, Inc.

Visitor Report

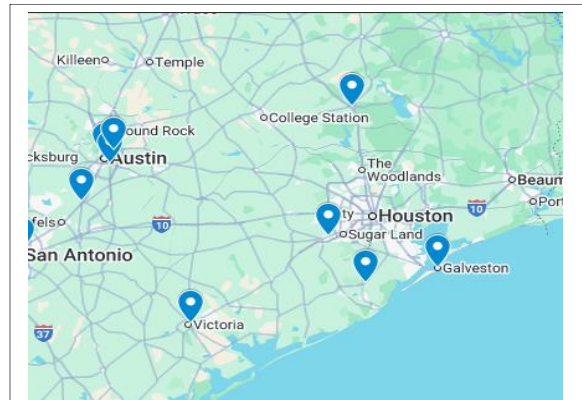
About 12,300 people experienced a museum visit or outreach program



State Designation



Galveston County Museum has become the only certified Texas Historical Commission Certified Facility in Galveston County. The process required a review of our policies and a site inspection. The museum will now be the repository for some of the state's archeological collections.



Award-Winning Podcast



Unboxing History was recognized by the Texas Association of Museums

Events & Tours

Tour groups included:

- Military families from the Blue Star Museum program
- Church groups
- Private schools & Homeschool groups
- Bryan Museum Old 300 Tour
- Leadership Galveston group
- Harris County senior groups
- 1900 Storm Walking Tours
- Galveston ISD fieldtrips
- Santa Fe ISD fieldtrips
- Texas A&M Galveston groups
- Libbie's Place and other local seniors



Special Events:

- USS Galveston Shipmates Dedication
- Galveston Museum Weekend participant
- Local Author Book Sale & Signing
- Galveston ArtWeek Participant
- Election Day Opening
- 1900 Storm Talk & Tours



Dedication by the USS Galveston Shipmates Association



Satori students playing the Padlock Mystery Game

Great Storm Talk & Tour at the Galveston County Museum



Research Requests and Partnerships:

- KPRC story about lifeguards
- Interurban exhibit at the Railroad Museum
- 1900 Storm Exhibit at the Visitor's Center
- Port of Galveston Anniversary (museum photos featured)
- University of Houston Clear Lake (intern host site and marketing client)
- Visit Galveston/Galveston College program planning
- Ellis Island film (museum photos featured)
- Galveston County History Round-Up Event
- Annual Niigata, Japan, Sister City Exhibit
- Numerous additional research requests on various county history topics

Exhibit Hall Updates Include:

- Mardi Gras Gallery
- USS Galveston Model
- Temporary art exhibits
- Added audio to exhibits
- Artifacts loaned by Daughters of the Confederacy
- Updated community history panels
- Humidity, light, and pest monitoring upgrades



Sponsored by the Museums & Archives of Galveston County



SATURDAY NOV 8TH



10:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.



TEXAS CITY MUSEUM
409 6TH ST. N., TEXAS CITY

SCAN HERE



TO REGISTER

Come one, come all to our first annual Galveston County History Round-Up! Community members are invited to bring photographs, letters, documents, and other meaningful items for this in-person digitization event! Collection experts will give you tips on how to care for your keepsakes and make sure you walk away with a flash drive of your digitized items!

Bring family members along and with your cell phone, and create a short, interactive family oral history interview! The event is **FREE**, but **registration is required**. Just scan the QR code to sign up! A copy of all scanned items will be retained by the Archives of Galveston County. For more information call Theresa Mayfield, Moore Memorial Library at 409-949-3007.

Over 40 photos and documents were scanned for the public at the History Round-Up, a new county-wide collaboration.

Volunteers have given about 3,500 hours to catalog artifacts, scan historical photos & documents, and greet museum visitors.



Grants & Fundraising

- Received funds from Mary Moody Northen Endowment for exhibit hall improvements including video, audio, as well as funding to cover mainland school fieldtrips to the museum
- Received Galveston HOT funds for marketing our 50th Anniversary in 2026
- Received scholarship to attend Texas Historical Commission's Real Places Conference
- Applied to Mitchell Corporation for funding
- Padlock Mystery Game is an ongoing fundraiser



GISD 5th Grade Tour

Community Outreach & Education

Our Outreach Activities Included:

- Judge National History Day Fair at GISD
- Pottery kits from Texas Historical Commission
- UTMB OLLI guest lecture
- East End Historical District presentation
- Visit Galveston History Docent program
- Visit Galveston Tourism Summit
- Sister Cities exhibit
- *Unboxing History* Podcast
- *Discover* museum program



GISD 5th Graders in the Museum




Annual Sister City Exhibit



Tourism Summit


CALLING ALL HISTORY LOVERS!








UNBOXING HISTORY


A Podcast by the
Galveston County
Museum

Tune in each
month to discover
museum artifacts
and history



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HISTORY"



**Scan code to play
a game during
your museum
visit:**

**Escanea el código
para jugar un juego
durante su visita
al museo:**



We gave away Texas Historical Commission pottery kits for kids during October



Galveston County Historical Commission Projects



Members of the Galveston County Historical Commission meet about 5 times a year to coordinate historical preservation activities and report on progress around the county.



The historical commission published *Galveston County, Texas: A Narrative & Pictorial History* in late 2024. Over 450 copies have gone to legislators, libraries, schools, and individuals.



Members continue to maintain historic military sites Camp Wallace and Ft. Travis

State Historical Markers



2 markers were dedicated this year: Fairview Cemetery in League City & African American Lifeguards in Galveston



2 members attended the Texas Historical Commission's Real Places Conference, which includes educational sessions on historic preservation, county historical commission management, and more.