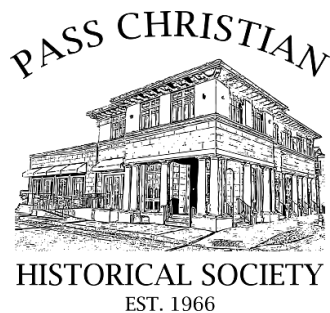




Winter Spring 2026 PCHS Newsletter

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Dear Pass Christian Historical Society Members,

As we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, it has been a great privilege serving our Society. As I begin my fourth year as president, I am so proud of our accomplishments and look forward to a successful 2026. This winter and spring, the Society will have our monthly luncheons and "Tour of Homes" on May 3rd.

I want to thank everyone who braved the rain and came to the Holiday Party on December 1st. It was a magical night, and I want to thank Dr. Sewell and Dr. Huber for opening their lovely home. We have been blessed with wonderful Docents, Trustees, and Volunteers. The Tour of Homes Committee chairpersons Amy Steiner and Mark Oehmke are hard at work as well.

Please remember to send in your 2026 Dues. Your funds support our Society.

The Board of Trustees and Officers for 2026 consist of Robin Rafferty President; Robert Cutting Chairman of the Board; Charlotte Zimmerman Vice President; Catherine Myers Recording Secretary; Don Demetz Treasurer; Bruce Stinson Archivist; Jena Shepherd Corresponding Secretary; Dr. George Brooks Trustee; Mark Oehmke Trustee; Amy Steiner Trustee; John Saik Trustee.

Come out and enjoy the Society building. Please contact me with any questions or concerns at Rory Robin Rafferty Jr. 228-547-4873 rory39571@gmail.com or direct your inquiry to info@passhistory.org.

Very Respectfully,

Robin Rafferty

We hope you will support the PC Historical Society by becoming a member or renewing your memberships.

Join or renew on our Membership page at www.passhistory.org.

**Open Monday - Friday 10 AM-12 N
Plus Thursday 1 PM-3 PM**

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Pass Christian Historical Society

TOUR OF HOMES

Sunday May 3, 2026 2PM—5PM

We hope you'll be able to join us for a fun afternoon.



The Pass Christian Historical Society has shared the history of our city through the homes and gardens of its homes for four decades.

This year we are pleased to feature four homes on our 2026 Tour of Homes:

120 West Scenic Dr. The Blue Rose - ca 1848-50. Home of Philip Lagrange and Herbert Purlsey. Described as the most significant antebellum home in the western portion of our town. It is currently operated as an event venue and gallery. It is on tour for the first time since its renovation.

715 East Scenic Dr. - ca 1840's. Home of Margaret and Cliffe Laborde. The last antebellum brick home in Pass Christian. It had an early 20th century renovation and reflects a style that was extremely popular in the Pass at the time.

723 East Scenic Dr. Home of Bridget and Robert (Bobby) Bories. Post Katrina construction evoking a southern colonial style.

923 East Scenic Dr. -ca 1920. Home of Cindy Walker and Dave Dennis. Built on the site of the old Henry Ware home. It served as a school in the 50's and 60's. It has a Spanish tile roof and inviting portico.

In addition to viewing these beautiful homes, guests will enjoy complimentary tea and hors d'oeuvres at the **Pass Christian Historical Society, 201 East Scenic Drive** where we will be celebrating our Pass Christian Historical Society's 60th BIRTHDAY!

The Historical Society was founded in 1966, but it wasn't until the 70's that it acquired an old bank building which was its home until Hurricane Katrina. The new building was built at the same location. The tea will be held here, and the library will be available during the tour.

Member Benefits

Please note that certain 2025 Society membership levels qualify for complimentary tickets to the Tour.

Sponsor Benefits

Becoming a Sponsor of the Tour of Homes is a wonderful way to enjoy the Tour while supporting the work of the Pass Christian Historical Society.

For additional information, including Ticket Information, please visit our website at [Pass History.org](http://PassHistory.org).

PCHS Calendar of Events 2025

General Membership Meetings are on the 2nd Monday at 7P October and November. There is also a Holiday gathering the first Monday in December for the December Membership meeting. Special General Membership meetings may be scheduled during the year.

Monthly Luncheons are on the 4th Monday of the month at 12N.

Please note that reservations are required for the luncheons.

Additional information regarding reservations follows the calendar entries.

Monday, April 27, 2026 12N Luncheon with Speaker

Jere Nash will speak on "The History of Reconstruction in Mississippi"

Sunday, May 3, 2026 2P - 5P Tour of Homes

This year's featured homes are: 715 East Scenic Drive; 723 East Scenic Drive; 923 East Scenic Drive and 120 West Scenic Drive.

We have 4 outstanding, really fabulous, homes on the Tour PLUS we will be celebrating our Pass Christian Historical Society's 60th BIRTHDAYS!!! □□□□

Your Historical Society will be featured on the Tour as site for the Tour Tea!

The Billy Bourdin Memorial Library will be on full display with our very own Archivist, Bruce Stinson, and local Historical Author, Catherine Myers, on hand to show you around and answer questions.

More information is on our web site.

Monday, May 18, 2026 12N Luncheon with Speaker

Dr. Rebecca Tuuri, professor of history at University of Southern Mississippi, will be speaking on the women's suffrage movement. She was president of Mississippi Historical Society last year.

Monday, June 22, 2026 12N Luncheon with Speaker

Brehm Bell and Matt Barrett will be speaking about and screening their mini-documentary "Roots to Rockets" a Hancock County, Mississippi, documentary and community project chronicling the history of local communities and their displacement to build the Stennis Space Center. It honors the heritage of those residents alongside the area's transition into a major rocket engine test facility.

Please Note the following regarding luncheons.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION by Friday 5 PM prior to Monday luncheon! \$15.00 Members/\$20.00 Non-members.

Call 228-452-7254 or Email: reservations@passhistory.org.

Please cancel by Sunday so PCHS does not incur the cost of an unused lunch.

Sorry BUT, NO Walk-Ins, NO Observers and NO Standing Reservations. Seating is limited to 50.

Billy Bourdin Memorial Library

Visitors are always welcome to peruse our collection of books and artifacts in the Billy Bourdin Memorial Library during our open hours: Monday - Friday 10 AM-12 N ; Thursday 1 PM-3 PM. Other times by request.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES GALORE!!

**DOCENTS, DIGITIZATION,
NEWSPAPER CLIPPING!!
COME JOIN THE FUN!!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CONTACT US!!**

228-452-7254

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INFO@PASSHISTORY.ORG

We are on the web!

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The Pass Christian Historical Society would like to recognize these new memberships for 2026.

Thank you for joining!!!

Robert Bories

Valarie Connell

James M & Laura L Currie

Marc Dukes

Michael and Solange Dunn

Ginny Hall

Heather Hammond

Stephanie Koehler

Margaret and Cliffe

Laborde

Phillip Lagrange and

Herbert Pursley

Becky Lucke

James S Martin

Don and Henri Moore

Dianne Rody Hunt

Chris Spear

Edie Sullivan

Jeffrey Taylor

James Uschold

Jerald Williams

Holiday Membership Party December 1, 2025

Home of Julie Huber / Bill Sewell, 767 E Scenic Dr., PC, MS

THANK YOU, Julie and Bill FOR PREPARING AND SHARING YOUR BEAUTIFUL HOME – Site of the Former Dixie White House

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED FOOD!! All Delicious and Lovely!! AND, Thank you for your monetary donations!!

HUGE THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THIS PARTY HAPPEN

Food Delivery: Sandra Lobrano, Susan Boudreaux, Mark Oehmke

Greeters/Escorts: Dave Shepherd, Bill Hutchinson, Jesse Robinson

Sign-in Desk: Carroll & Robin Rafferty, George & Kathy Brooks, John Saik, Catherine Myers, Julie Myers

Wine Bar: Ike Edwards & Babs Robie; Lyda Denney/Pat Sievers; Don DeMetz & Char Zimmerman, (Gary Smith procured white wine/delivered chilled)

Liquor Bar: Bob Cutting & Kris Scott; Tom Pritchard & Bruce Stinson; Amy & Jeff Steiner (Bob brought ice, Amy and Don donated extra liquor, soft drinks)

Food Display: Amy Steiner, Sandra Pelas, Joan Whiting; FJ Cutting

Kitchen Chair: Cook's Day Off, Owner, Ruth O'Dwyer (Her 3 helpers)

Photographers: Faith Robinson & Jena Shepherd

Parking: Dale & Carroll Mathews property, Mark Oehmke supervised attendants

Set Up/ Clean Up Crew: EVERYONE WHO HELPED and FOLLOWED UP THE NEXT DAY!! Jesse & Faith Robinson – Christmas TREE set up, décor, take down!!

Thanks to all who attended even in the RAIN, renewed your memberships and continue to support your PCHS!!!

FONDLY, YOUR PCHS VOLUNTEER & Party CHAIR, Jena Shepherd, Co-chairs, Amy Steiner & Mark Oehmke