Harris County Precinct Three Commissioner Steve Radack and the staff of Cypress Top Historic Park would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you enjoy the season and make lifelong memories with your family and friends by visiting the park. We have some vintage Christmas decorations on display that were used long ago by the Juergen and Zaboroski families at Cypress. No doubt you will see something that will bring back memories for you. In addition to our Christmas decorations, we have the newly completed telegraph pole exhibit and the temporary 1916 Migratory Bird Treaty display. These exhibits have only recently been displayed.

We hosted two senior groups in November. The first, from Brookdale Senior Living – Memorial City, had a tour. They were given a lively presentation by CHS members who told them about the history of the buildings and the old town of Cypress. As always, they enjoyed the tour while they reminisced.

The other group was from Germany. They enjoyed our warm Texas weather and a tour conducted in German by our park staff. They compared and contrasted the architecture of the Juergen family home to historic homes in Germany. Both had high ceilings, but the German homes had no sleeping porch.

Cypress Top Historic Park is open seven days a week from dawn to dusk. The buildings are only open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Formal tours of the museum complex begin from Juergen’s Store at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. each Tuesday. However, we are happy to have you visit the store anytime while we are there on Tuesdays. **Group with six or more may book tours Tuesdays through Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.** Group tours are subject to staff availability. We recommend you make reservations at least one month in advance. The park and museum buildings are open to all and, as with all events offered at Cypress Top Historic Park, **admissions and tours are free.** Juergen’s Hall is also a community center. It offers many activities and classes for all ages. Please check the Precinct Three website at [www.pct3.com](http://www.pct3.com) for hours of operation and offerings of Juergen’s Hall Community Center.
Our monthly volunteer work party in November cleaned up the old pump house/grist mill. It is a small building of rough, unpainted wood. The cleanup was mainly vacuuming and sprucing up the signage. Volunteers also turned out for a special Tuesday work party to put up Christmas decorations.

Volunteer work parties will **resume in January and are on the second Tuesday of each month**. Please come and join us. Each work party is from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Please contact Jim Wilson at [cypressstop@pct3.com](mailto:cypressstop@pct3.com) if you would like to help.

The senior history bus trip in November was to the Houston International Quilt Festival. We try to schedule a trip to this annual event every few years for quilt enthusiasts. This is truly an international show and attracts tens of thousands of quilters. The work on display is exceptional, but an equal or greater draw for quilters is the vendors who sell patterns, cloth and machines. For some of the participants, the bus trip was too short to scratch their quilter's itch.
Signing Up for Senior History Bus Trips (Must be at least 50 years old to go on these trips)

Future trips: Dec. 2nd central Texas: annual Christmas Shopping trip to antique stores and art galleries; Jan. 20th, Beaumont: McFaddin-Ward House and Edison Museum; Feb. 17th, Palacios: City by the Sea Museum and possibly the Luther Hotel; March 17th, Liberty: Sam Houston Center, including research library, Price Daniel House and other historic structures; May 19th, Waco: Waco Mammoth National Monument and the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame
You may sign up for future trips by emailing cypressstop@pct3.com or calling (281) 357-5324. You may only sign up yourself plus one friend/spouse. No multiple reservations. You will get a confirmation e-mail a week before the trip if you have a seat.

Members of the Cypress Historical Society are in the Cypress Train Depot (bright yellow building) at Cypress Top Historic Park every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and also on the third Saturday of the month from noon to 3 p.m. They have a great deal of genealogy information on most early Cypress area families. Drop in and visit them when you are in the area.

The December and January calendars can be found on the website. There is a link from the park web page or you can look under the Community Center events calendar. The website is www.pct3.com

Above, a woman’s portrait in postage size pieces of cloth, Photo by Kassie Collins.