

Houston ARCH - Agenda

March 24, 2010 6:30pm – 8:30pm

GLBT Cultural Center
Montrose Counseling Center
401 Branard, Houston, TX 77006

Greetings, Agenda, and Introductions

Brief Review of Houston ARCH History

August 2008 – Houston Public Library LGBT History meeting
December 2008 – Informal lunch among community members
First meeting – January 28, 2009 – Initial Public Community Interest Meeting
Second meeting – March 25, 2009 – We Picked a Name – Houston ARCH
Third Meeting – May 20, 2009 – We built a wiki; we decided to apply for an NEH grant; preparations for Pride Houston 2009
Fourth Meeting – August 26, 2009 – Oral History Workshop conducted by Andrée Bourgeois
Fifth Meeting – October 2009 – postponed for “Out in the Silence” movie at Rice Cinema
Fifth Meeting – March 24, 2010 – see these minutes

Updates

2009 NEH Grant Results – Brian Riedel – we did not receive the grant; specific feedback forthcoming from the NEH Senior Grant Officer, Joel Wurl
OutSmart Article – Brandon Wolf has done it again, this time with a major story on the Dianas (their event is March 27, 2010), part one in March, part two in April
Botts Collection – Larry Criscione – received a \$1,000 grant from the Dianas; related recent work in the archive
GCAM – Craig Farrell – GCAM participated in the Texas Association of Museums conference in College Station and was well received; also received a \$1,000 grant from the Dianas
Transgender Foundation of America – Jo Collier – reports that the TFA will be reopening in a new location in May
Rice University – Rosemary Hennessy – several divisions of Rice collaborated to submit an application for the Brown Teaching Grant, a fund internal to Rice, to support training of faculty in oral history collection
Pride Houston – June 26th Pride History Tent – Eric Skains, Executive Director, Pride Houston – discussed preliminary plans for the upcoming Pride History tent in the Festival

Oral History Presentation – Brian Riedel and Andrée Bourgeois showed a 10 minute documentary video of Andy Mills created from the oral history collected by

Andrée Bourgeois – Thanks to Meleah Jones and the Montrose Counseling Center for providing the technology support to show the video.

Upcoming Grants – Oral History Training – Houston ARCH will seek funding to bring Louis Marchiafava to Houston ARCH; a working group will convene in April to discuss further grant work.

Oral History Focus Group – Andrée Bourgeois facilitated a discussion of the kinds of things interviewers should know about Houston's LGBT history as they think through and prepare for conducting an oral history. Notes from this focus group will be incorporated into future oral history work and trainings.

Wrap Up – set date and time of next meeting (proposed for May 26, 2010, 6:30pm – 8:30pm, GLBT Cultural Center, Montrose Counseling Center, 401 Branard, Houston, TX 77006)