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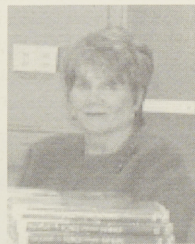
Join us for

“An Evening with the Gentlings”

Invitations will soon be in the mail for our first fundraiser, to be held Thursday, October 6th from 6-9:00 at the studio of Fort Worth artists Scott and Stuart Gentling, proceeds to benefit the Van Zandt Cottage.

The Gentlings are twin brothers, artists, authors and lecturers based in Fort Worth with an international reputation and following. In addition to “The Birds of Texas”, their monumental achievement, there are numerous portraits and other paintings to their credit.

The evening promises to be great fun as well as a unique opportunity to get a peek into the Gentlings’ studio and gallery. You can count on wonderful food and wine and great art. Join us for this special occasion by replying early to the invitation, as space is limited for this much-anticipated event. If you do not receive your invitation and want to come, contact: 817-870-9193 or 817-626-7023.



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Cottage Chronicles

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Dear Friends,

Happily, I have come home again, something we are told we cannot do. Born and reared in Ft. Worth, I lived away for some 37 years before returning four years ago. Almost immediately I was approached by my cousin, Jane Cranz. She needed my help. Jane, is a granddaughter of Major Khleber Miller Van Zandt, a Fort Worth pioneer and civic leader, whose early home on Crestline Road, just east of University Drive, was the focus of her concern.

Today, known as the Van Zandt Cottage, this five-room house belongs to the City of Fort Worth. Jane with another cousin, the late Camilla Beall Thompson, saw the long overdue need to restore and preserve this 1850s home, still on its original foundation. They asked me to work with them in this effort. A decision was made to write a letter soliciting funds. In 2002 with the assistance of Kelli Pickard, Museum Director of Log Cabin Village and the Van Zandt Cottage, we did so. The letter was successful in generating both donations and interest in the community at large for restoration of this neglected treasure.

Encouraged by this response, we realized the need for a board of directors to further address our objective. Thus Van Zandt Cottage Friends, Inc. was formed last year.

We believe the benefits to the community will largely be educational as the Cottage becomes a destination for teaching Fort Worth history to the public through programming, exhibits and hands on learning.



Art Weinman, architect and board member complying with stringent regulations of the Texas Historical Commission and applicable building code regulations estimated the substantial cost to restore the Cottage. A formidable challenge lies ahead. Many of you have supported us in the past, and we are truly grateful. Some are just hearing about the Cottage for the first time, and we hope you will join with us. This 19th century home has totally captured my interest. I am hopeful that you, too, will recognize its possibilities and importance to Fort Worth's history. May we count on your support?

Ann Denny Kinscherff

Ann Denny Kinscherff - President Van Zandt CottageFriends, Inc.



The Van Zandt Cottage Its History 1870s -1936

It is old but holds its age well. It stands alone but is hardly lonely - as thousands pass nearby daily. While perhaps not as impressive a structure as the family's next home on Penn, the Van Zandt Cottage remains today, while the home on Penn has long since been replaced by the Teachers' Credit Union.

Located east of University Drive and south of the FW I.S.D. Stadium on Crestline Road stands the Van Zandt Cottage, the oldest structure in Fort Worth still on its original foundation. If its walls could talk, what tales they could tell!

Major K.M. Van Zandt acquired the Cottage as the result of an unpaid debt owed to his mother, Frances Cook Lipscomb Van Zandt. She, along with the family, had migrated west from their homes in East Texas and had several business transactions with a man named Scoggin who left the area owing money to a number of people including Frances. Major Van Zandt learned that Scoggin was living in Brazos County, but had purchased, in his wife's name, a farm and tract of land near town. Frances told him if he could collect the money owed to her, he could keep it. He filed suit against Scoggin, and as a result the court ordered the property

sold at auction on the courthouse steps to satisfy debts. The Major submitted the winning bid and moved his family into the Cottage in 1872.

Located to the west of the Clear Fork of the Trinity River, the Cottage and surrounding farmland included much of what today comprises the Fort Worth Cultural District, Trinity Park and the Botanic Garden. Located near the stagecoach line between Fort Worth and Weatherford, the family played host to passengers on the stage when the Trinity was too high to cross into town.

By 1879, the growing family moved to a larger home at the corner of Penn and West 7th; however, some members of the family lived in the Cottage for several more years. The Van Zandt family rented the Cottage until it was sold, along with the surrounding farm, to the City of Fort Worth in 1936 for the Frontier Days Centennial.

Now it stands alone. The walls of the five-room Cottage can look back and remember a time when stagecoaches, not jets, passed by; when the City of Fort Worth was a supply stop on the way West and where history was being made not being preserved. *To be continued...*

Lynn Ligon

Tax Exempt Advantages

One of the first decisions made by the Executive Board was to incorporate in Texas as a non-stock, not-for-profit organization and then make application to the IRS as a 501(c) (3) charitable entity. Both goals were reached promptly with the assistance of Hunter McLean and Gerald Perry of Whitaker Chalk Swindle & Sawyer, LLP. As a 501(c)(3) charitable entity, contributions to Van Zandt Cottage Friends are fully deductible to the donor under section 170 of the Code. In addition the Friends may also receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, 2522 of the Code.

Prior to our organization, funding for repair and maintenance of the Cottage had been allocated by the City of Fort Worth within the budget for Log Cabin Village. Progress for repairs has seemed slow at best. It is our hope that enabling direct donations to our organization will hasten the work of restoring and preserving this important piece of early Fort Worth history.

The following tax deductible donations for the restoration of the Van Zandt Cottage were received as of August 1, 2005, putting us closer to our goal of raising an additional \$100,00.00 to repair and restore the Cottage.

-Margaret Thompson, Treasurer

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