VICTORIA TX
BOOK FESTIVAL
Friday & Saturday • March 6 & 7, 2020
Activities hosted by Museum of the Coastal Bend, Texian Books, UHV School of Arts & Sciences, Victoria College Library, and Victoria Public Library
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AUTHORS & PUBLISHERS

JAMES BRUSETH From a Watery Grave: The Discovery and Excavation of La Salle’s Shipwreck, La Belle
BRIAN CHAPMAN Texans on the Brink, 2019; The Natural History of Texas, 2018
MARGARET CRISP River of Contrasts: The Texas Colorado: The Nueces River: Rio Escondido
GARY DUNNAM All the Houses Were Painted White, 2019 with photographer Rick Gardner
KARL JACOBY The Strange Career of William Ellis, 2016; Shadows at Dusk, 2013
MARTHA MCALESTER Life on Matagorda Island; Aransas: A Naturalist’s Guide with Dr. Wayne McAlister
LOUISE O’CONNOR Wild Rose, 2018; Cryin’ for Daylight, Vol. II, 2018
CHUCK PARSONS Ben Thompson, Portrait of a Gunfighter, 2018; A Lawless Breed, 2013; Captain John R. Hughes, Lone Star Ranger, 2012
C. HERNDON WILLIAMS Lulu and the Curious Wolf Cub, 2019

MID-COAST CHAPTER, TEXAS MASTER NATURALISTS Various publications

VICTORIA PRESERVATION, INC. Various local publications

SCHEDULE
FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020
5:30 p.m. Karl Jacoby presents The Strange Career of William Ellis: The Slave from Victoria Who Became a Mexican Millionaire at University Commons Building, First-Floor Multi-Purpose Room, UHV Campus. Jacoby is the Allan Nevens Professor of American History. Columbia University In The Strange Career of William Ellis, prize-winning historian Karl Jacoby weaves an astonishing tale of cunning and scandal, offering fresh insights on the history of Victoria, the Reconstruction era, the US-Mexico border, and the abiding riddle of race in America. Presented by UHV School of Arts & Science.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020
9:30 a.m. Readings from children’s books at VC Library
10 a.m. C. Herndon Williams - reading and book-signing at VC Library
10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Author booths at Museum of the Coastal Bend (MCB) – meet the authors and get your books signed!
10:45 a.m. Margaret Crisp - reading and book-signing at Victoria Public Library
11 a.m. Margaret Crisp visits with Coast Writers at Victoria Public Library
11 a.m. Brian Chapman and David McKee - reading, presentation, and book-signing at Texian Books
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lunch snacks for authors, attendees, at MCB, sponsored by MCB store
12:30 p.m. Film screening: Doc & Martha: Matagorda Island Naturalists at Johnson Symposium. Victoria College presented by the Mid-Coast Chapter, Texas Master Naturalists. 76 min., Q&A and book-signing with Martha McAlister following film
1:45 p.m. “Open Mic” time at MCB. Local authors must register in advance.
2:30 p.m. KEYNOTE PRESENTATION John W. Stormont Lecture: James Bruseth presents The Lafflville Project at Johnson Symposium, Victoria College. Join the Museum of the Coastal Bend as we celebrate the 25-year anniversary of the discovery of the wreck of La Belle (statics) in Matagorda Bay. The archaeological investigations of the shipwreck and the French colony, Fort St. Louis, led to the founding of the Museum of the Coastal Bend. Professional archaeologist James Bruseth leads us through an exciting array of discoveries, excavations, investigations, and publications, in this keynote presentation for the inaugural Victoria TX Book Festival.
4:5:30 p.m. Festival closing reception for authors, publishers, attendees, museum members, partners, and guests; sponsored by MCB