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2009 Texas Reading Club Illustrator

Special Invitation

2009 Texas Library Association Conference

Texas Summer Reading Club featured speaker, Joy Fisher Hein, invites you to join her April 1st from 10:15-11:50 (CPE#318: SBEC 1.5).

Receive tips for using the 2009 TRC materials in your summer reading program! Author Kathi Appelt, will accompany Joy to explain their six year journey creating

Miss Lady Bird's Wildflowers.

BOOK SIGNINGS

1:00-2:00 PM

signing with Mary Dodson Wade

SAM HOUSTON, STANDING FIRM: Mary Dodson Wade

Illustrations by, Joy Fisher Hein

Bright Sky Press Booth

2:30 –3:00 PM

signing with Kathi Appelt

MISS LADY BIRD'S WILDFLOWERS: Kathi Appelt

Illustrations by Joy Fisher Hein

HarperCollins Booth #1812

4:00-5.00PM

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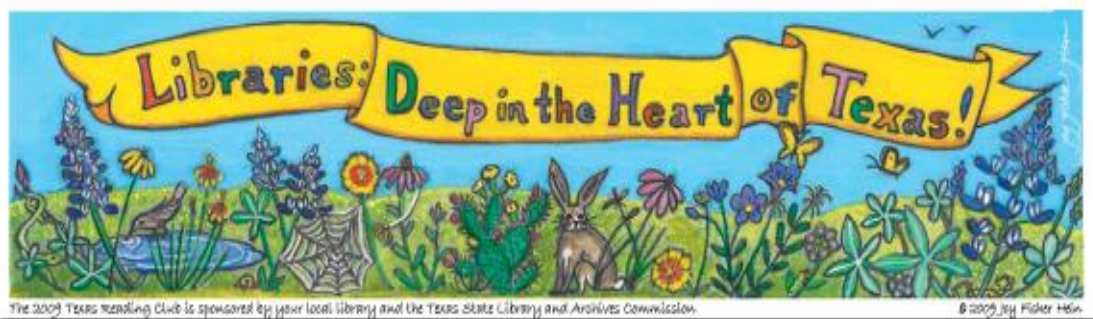
BWI/Follett Booth #2213

Joy Welcomes You to

2009 Texas Reading Club

Libraries: Deep in the Heart of Texas!

¡Bibliotecas: En lo más profundo del corazón de Tejas!



[Please Click Here and Visit the TEXAS READING CLUB!](#)

In August of 2007, **JOY FISHER HEIN** was honored by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission request to create variety of art for the Texas Reading Club and art to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Joy's story of the chain of events which led to this honor can be found in the ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS section.

With the support of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Joy has chosen to provide fun, educational **ACTIVITIES FOR LIBRARIANS** using the Texas Reading Club Poster she created. In this handout, you will find bonus Art for Activities provided.

GOAL OF ACTIVITIES: To inspire children to seek information and knowledge about the beautiful, bio-diverse state of Texas.

TEXAS READING CLUB POSTER



Poster Activity One Take a Journey Across Texas

Can you find Native Texas Wildlife?

1. American Alligator
2. Nine-Banded Armadillo
3. Bison
4. Ruby-throated Hummingbird
5. Monarch Butterfly
6. Whooping Crane
7. Mule Deer
8. Black-Tailed Prairie Dog
9. Southern Leopard Frog
10. Texas Horned Lizard
11. Collard Peccary
12. Black-Tailed Jackrabbit

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FACILITATOR

Downloadable four color illustrations and black and white line drawings are available on the Texas State Library and Archives Commission website at this URL:
<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/projects/trc/2009/index.html>
 For a project key to the 2009 Poster, please email: jfhein@indian-creek.net

Can you find Native Texas Wildflowers?

Inside the State of Texas are five different species of Bluebonnets. Can you find them?

1. Sandyland Bluebonnets
2. Perennial Bluebonnets
3. Texas Bluebonnets
4. Big Bend Bluebonnets
5. Dune Bluebonnets

Poster Activity Two

Texas has at least 6,000 different native plants. Divide the area painted behind the state of Texas into four quadrants. Listed are common names.

Start clockwise along the horizon.



Can you find these plants?

Upper Left Area

1. Mexican Plum
2. Red Bud
3. Mountain Laurel
4. Cenizo
5. Yucca

Lower Right Area

12. Goatfoot Creeper
13. Wild Petunia
14. Purple Horsemint
15. Purple Cone Flower
16. Blue-Eyed Grass
17. Wine-Cup
18. Verbena

Upper Right Area

6. Flatwood Creek Plum
7. Blanco Crabapple
8. Dogwood
9. Piedmont Azaleas
10. Bluebells
11. Spider Lilies

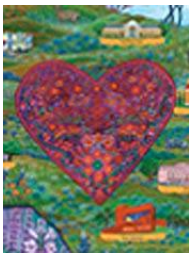
Lower Left Area

19. Rain Lilies
20. Spiderwort
21. Downy Thorn Apple
22. Purple Gerardia
23. Pink Meadow
24. Downy Purple Paint Brush
25. Silver-leaf Night Shade
26. Blackfoot Daisy
27. Wood Violets
28. Foxglove
29. Blue-eyed Grass

30. Narrow-leaf Gay Feather
31. Wood Sorrel

Poster Activity Three

Deep in the Red Heart of Texas



Enjoy your bouquet of beautiful red native Texas wildflowers:

Search the Red Heart

Can you find these plants?

1. Standing Cypress
2. Indian Paint Brush
3. Firewheel
5. Wild Red Columbine
6. Pheasant's-Eye
7. Drummond's Phlox

8. Mountain Laurel Red Seeds
9. Turk's Cap
10. Red Claret Cactus
11. Heart-leaf Red Hibiscus
12. Coral Honeysuckle

Activities for Joy's Clip Art

FACILITATOR: These images are available in four-color or as black and white line drawings suitable for coloring at:

<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/projects/trc/2009/index.html>

(Texas State Libraries and Archives Commission website-TRC Projects)

CHILDREN'S SERIES

Puppet Theater:



Create puppets or write a puppet play about what is happening in this drawing.

Piñata:



Draw the items students wish would also fall out of the piñata. Two images available.

Boy Reading in Bed:



Write or draw the other books students would like to have in the book bag.

On Top of the World



Draw more items to circle the world.

Texas Reading Club



Illustrate a book cover, preferably a book students want to write.

Libros



Illustrate a book cover, preferably a book students want to write.

The Alamo



Research other Spanish Missions and draw pictures of them.

The State of Texas



Draw wildflowers all over Texas and/or draw wildlife that lives all over Texas.

SIX FLAGS OF TEXAS



Project: Color the Flags: It is important that the student try to be accurate with the color reproduction of the Flags.

WILDLIFE of TEXAS



Mockingbird and Pecans: Texas State Bird and Texas State Tree. Research what kind of food and shelter our State bird needs to survive. Write a list of all the food that use pecan: Example: Pecan Pie, Cakes, Cookies, Cereal and Salad. Find recipes and try them out.



Bluebonnet: Texas State Flower. This is an opportunity to teach students that some flowers communicate! Please note in the white center of the bluebonnets sometimes shows pink, red or reddish purple. This is to tell visiting bees if they see red this part of the flower has already been visited by another bee and they should look for a flower that is still all white.



Monarch: Texas State Butterfly. There is so much great information about Monarchs, one young student's favorite subjects. Read Butterfly Books. Students can draw tiny butterfly eggs and big hungry caterpillars, chrysalis (pupa) and their own beautiful butterfly.



Roadrunner: Fill in the blank. Students can research what kind of food and shelter Roadrunner's need to survive.



BOOK MARK: Can you find Green Anole Lizard, Bird, Snail, Spider, Rabbit, Caterpillar, Two Butterflies, Scorpion and two Flying Birds?

PROJECT: CUT PAPER --- PAPEL PICADO



Libraries: Print copies on color paper or white paper and color. Students old enough to use pointed scissors can cut out the negative spaces and hang them from string or tape in window. Cutting helps promote good eye, hand coordination.



Nature: Print copies on color paper or white paper and color. Students old enough to use pointed scissors can cut out the negative spaces and hang them from string or tape in window. Cutting helps promote good eye, hand coordination.

Note to Facilitators: In applicable cases, the outline font is provided to reinforce the graphic experience of writing.

END OF ACTIVITIES

More from Joy...

Hero: A person admired for their courage, exploits or achievements, regarded as an ideal model.

TEXAS HEROES

Over the past decade, Texas heroes found their way to my drawing table: Miss Lady Bird, Sam Houston, David Crockett and Stephen F. Austin; what an honor to be given the great responsibility to show our children how our Texas Heroes lived.

It has been a labor of love creating illustrations of our Texas Heroes who all are, truthfully, American Heroes. It is a labor of love which demands great responsibility for an illustrator. While authors can describe a character by saying “he was an 1830’s Cherokee in full regalia,” the illustrator must *know* exactly what the clothing looks like to properly portray it.

Research, research, research goes into every illustration. Before I start to sketch, I read as many books about my hero, as my deadline allows. I make copious notes and cross-reference--triple reference my research, if possible. I collect visual images of my hero and the time period in which they lived. I find this information in Public and Archive Libraries, the internet and my personal files. I also travel as much as time allows to the places our heroes lived and take hundreds of photographs. When I create my sketches and paintings, one of my three drafting tables is covered with the research pertinent to that particular illustration.

Decades ago, when I started daydreaming about illustrating books, I imagined I would create art for fiction in the genre of fantasy, fairytales or folk stories. I never imagined painting which requires historical accuracy. In my first hero painting entitled OUR PEACEABLE KINGDOM which was granted the 1992 Elizabeth H. Maddux Award, I realized the sometimes overwhelming responsibility of historical accuracy through painting and honoring a dear child who has died--Samantha Smith. At the time, Samantha was the same age of my oldest daughter and had become our young peace ambassador with the Soviet Union. (for more: www.samanthasmith.info/)

Illustrating DEATH:

As a children’s book illustrator, I have experienced the responsibility of illustrating death: The death of five year old Lady Bird’s mother, Minnie Taylor; President John F. Kennedy’s death; Sam Houston’s deadly battles; Polly Crockett, David’s wife and mother of three young children; the battle of the Alamo. Fortunately, while illustrating two bibliotherapy books for the Children’s Bereavement Center of South Texas, working with my dear friend, author, volunteer pediatrics chaplain, bereavement facilitator, and my Hero, Joyce Smith Williams, helped prepare me for illustrating death. It was a wonderful, loving, learning experience. <http://www.joycewilliams.net>

Illustrating LIFE.

My authors celebrate the exciting life each Texas Hero lived. My heroes become and remain a loved family member. During the intense time of creating the book dummy and painting the illustrations, my heroes can become all consuming. I’ve laughed and cried recreating their incredible life stories.

My hope for librarians and facilitators is that you enjoy sharing our Texas Heroes with your readers.

My Texas Heroes...

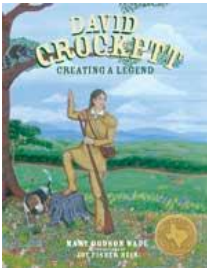
For more information on these books visit: <http://www.joyfisherhein.com/books.htm>



MISS LADY BIRD'S WILDFLOWERS
How a First Lady Changed America
Award Winning Author: Kathi Appelt
Illustrator: Joy Fisher Hein
www.harpercollinschildrensbooks.com



SAM HOUSTON: Standing Firm
Texas Heroes For Young Readers
Author: Mary Dodson Wade
Illustrator: Joy Fisher Hein
www.brightskypress.com



Coming soon!!
DAVID CROCKETT: Creating a Legend
Author: Mary Dodson Wade
Illustrator: Joy Fisher Hein
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Books illustrated by Joy Fisher Hein include:

Miss Lady Bird's Wildflowers by Kathi Appelt
Sam Houston, Standing Firm by Mary Dodson Wade
David Crockett, Going Ahead by Mary Dodson Wade
Inspiration for Educators by Jan Kilby
I Remember Mama by Joyce Smith Williams
Desert Fire by Shirley Frederick

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A Look at My Journey

Aug. 15, 2007, I received the first of many delightful emails from Christine McNew, Youth Services Consultant, Texas State Library and Archive Commission, inviting me to create the **Texas Reading Club** art.

*“Dear Ms. Hein,
I loved your illustrations for Miss Ladybird's Wildflowers and am writing to ask if you might be interested in creating a poster, bookmark, certificate, and 16-20 clip art designs for the 2009 Texas Reading Club. In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, the 2009 Texas Reading Club theme is "Libraries: Deep in the Heart of Texas!"*

Thrilled, I put away the book I'm writing and started my research to create this poster...then I received this wonderful news and great honor from Ms. McNew.

*“Dear Ms. Hein,
I am so happy that you are interested in creating the 2009 Texas Reading Club artwork!!! The Texas State Library and Archives Commission selects a book for The National Book Festival Literary Map each year. The map includes a list of books---one title from each state, representing the culture of that state. In 2005, we loved Miss Lady Bird's Wildflowers and selected it for the list. We've never selected the same title twice, but in honor of Lady Bird, Miss Lady Bird's Wildflowers will be included on the Festival Map once again in 2007. Festival-goers will pick up the map when they enter the Pavilion of States. The 2007 festival will be held September 29, 2007 in Washington D.C. Typically about 100,000 people attend.
<http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/>*

My deep appreciation to Suzanne Holman, Publication and Graphic Designer, T.S.L., Library Development Division, and fellow artist for your beautiful work and loving care of my art.

Thank you for the opportunity to create the art for the Texas State Library and Archive Commission 2009 Centennial and the Texas Reading Club poster, Reading Certificate, Book Mark and Clip Art. This has been an exhilarating experience: To realize my work will be used to encourage thousands of children to read and learn about our great state.

A great big thank you, to all the wonderful librarians that have helped, encouraged and gone above and beyond my expectations through the years. 1954, I entered my first library, Gates Memorial Library, built in 1917, now part of Lamar University, in Port Arthur. I was warmly welcomed by the librarian and became a member of “The Bookworms,” even though it would be four years before I read my first book.

A special note of appreciation to librarians, Lynn Harding and Doris Keller, Castroville Public Library and the phenomenal multi-tasking school librarians I've worked with over the years.

All of You are Amazing!

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