

Application for an appointment to the Nueces County Historical Commission

2013 -2014

My name is Dusty Knoblauch and I have been serving on the NCHC since 1995. I have been vice president of the organization for the past few terms. It is my desire to continue to serve on the commission as it is a worthy organization, and one of my main interests is history, especially, South Texas history.

My home address is: 5403 Alegre Lane, Robstown, TX 78380 The home telephone number is 387-3302. I work 2 part-time jobs for King Ranch, Inc. in Kingsville, Tx. I am hired as a tour guide at the ranch and also serve as an assistant to the archivist, Lisa Neely, at the King Ranch Museum in Kingsville. By this job description you can see that I work in the field of South Texas history. The King Ranch Visitor Center telephone number is (361) 592-8055. I can be reached at the King Ranch Archives at (361) 221-0531.

As can be ascertained from above, I live in Nueces County.

The only county appointed board on which I have served is the Nueces County Historical Commission.

I am a member of the Nueces County Historical Society and am a recipient of the Dan Kilgore Local History Award. Other historical jobs include the office of treasurer for the Robstown Historical Museum in Robstown, TX. In the past I have served on the Hilltop School House Board under Sally Robeau, president, in western Nueces County.

Presently, I attend approximately 5 to 6 meetings per year of the Texas Tropical Trails Tourism events. Meetings are held in counties from Refugio to Carrizzo Springs to Laredo to Brownsville. The purpose of the organization is to promote tourism in the Tropical Trails region by exploring the history and places of interest in the South Texas region.

Between my job as a tour guide and in the archives, NCHC meetings, weekly volunteer hours at the Robstown Historical Museum on Thursdays and first Saturdays, and outside historical interests, I would estimate that I spend about 28 volunteer hours per month. About 65 paid hours a month are spent at my King Ranch jobs, both of which

involve history.

Prior to working for King Ranch, Inc., I had worked for 25 years for The Robstown Record newspaper in Robstown (later became the Nueces County Record Star) as an advertising manager. Prior to staying at home for 12 years to raise our 6 children, I had worked in California at a photo reproduction company, at Public Motors Oldsmobile in Corpus Christi, as a bookkeeper. My first job was at Corpus Christi Hardware as an accounts receivable bookkeeper. I have also taught horseback riding in years past.

I graduated from Roy Miller High School in Corpus Christi, TX and have one year of college at The University of Texas, Austin.

My husband, Hugo Knoblauch, and I enjoy traveling, especially in the western United States and Canada, where we often visit historic sites. I enjoy photography, and I am an oil artist, with memberships in the South Texas Traditional Art Association and the Bay Area Art League at the Art Center on Shoreline Dr. in Corpus Christi.

I would like to continue to serve Nueces County on the Nueces County Historical Commission.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dusty Knoblauch". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Respectfully,".

Dusty Knoblauch