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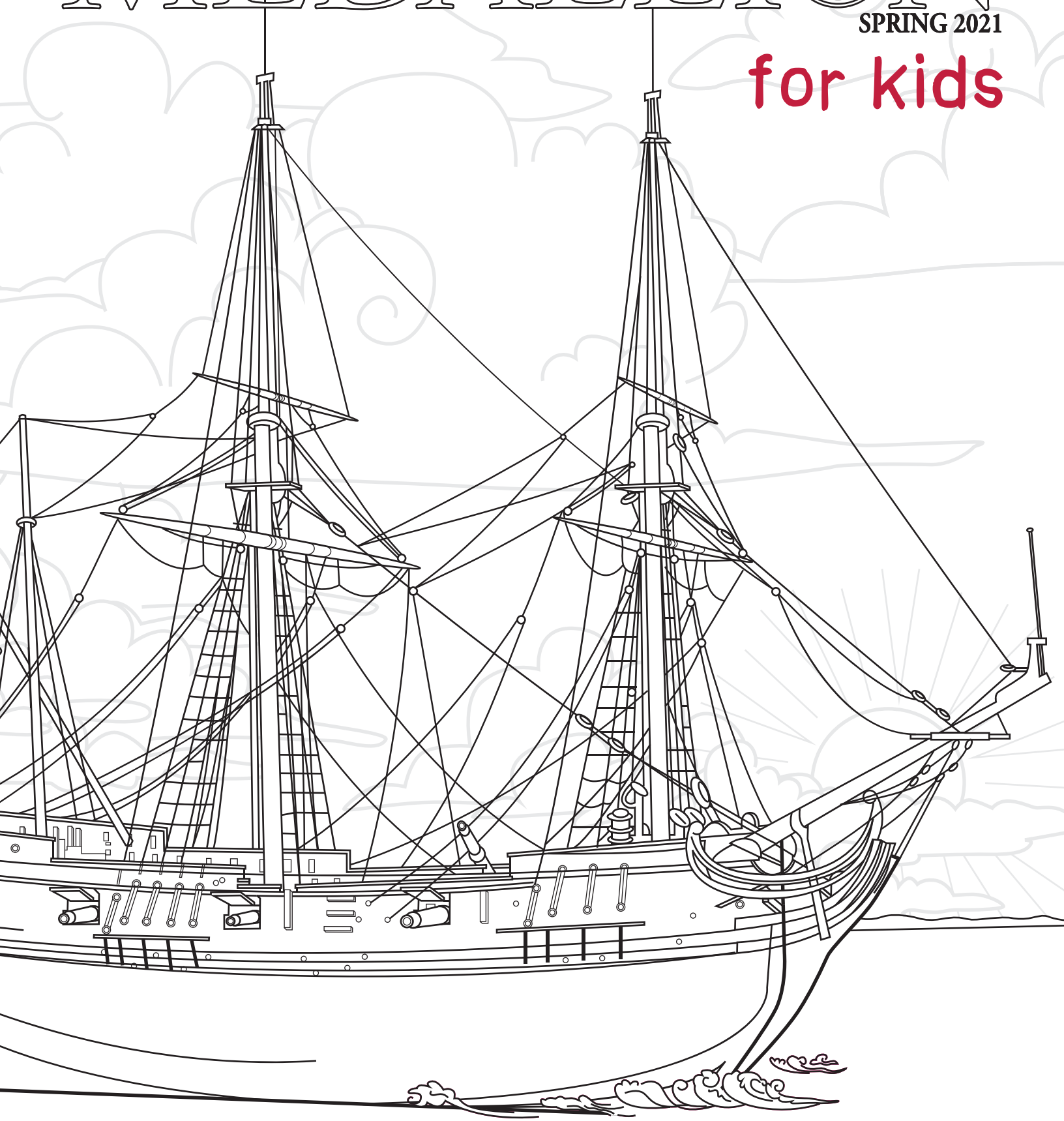

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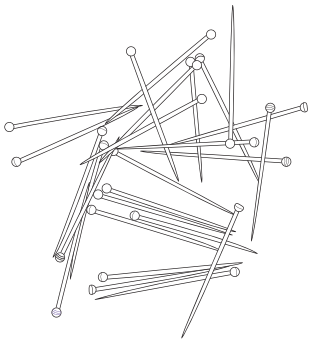
BECOMING FRIENDS

The origins of the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission (FTHC) lie nearly 12 feet below the surface of the Gulf Coast. In fact, the story can be traced all the way back to 1686, when La Salle's ship *La Belle* met its fateful end.

CAN YOU IDENTIFY *LA BELLE*'S ARTIFACTS?



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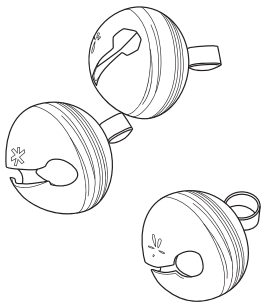

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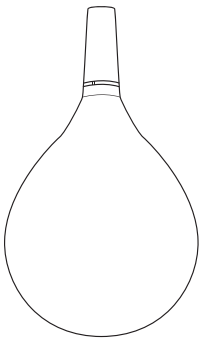

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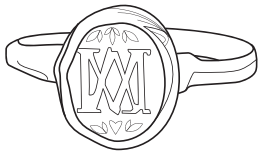

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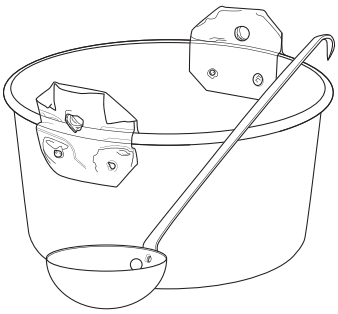


3. Coo_ing p_t and la_ _e

6. F_re po_ with g_ena_e and li_

Resource: thestoryoftexas.com/la-belle/the-exhibit/artifacts. Answers on page 4.

WEE TALE

The THC marine archeologists were able to find *La Belle* using

a map

of Matagorda Bay, drawn by Spanish explorers nearly 350 years ago!

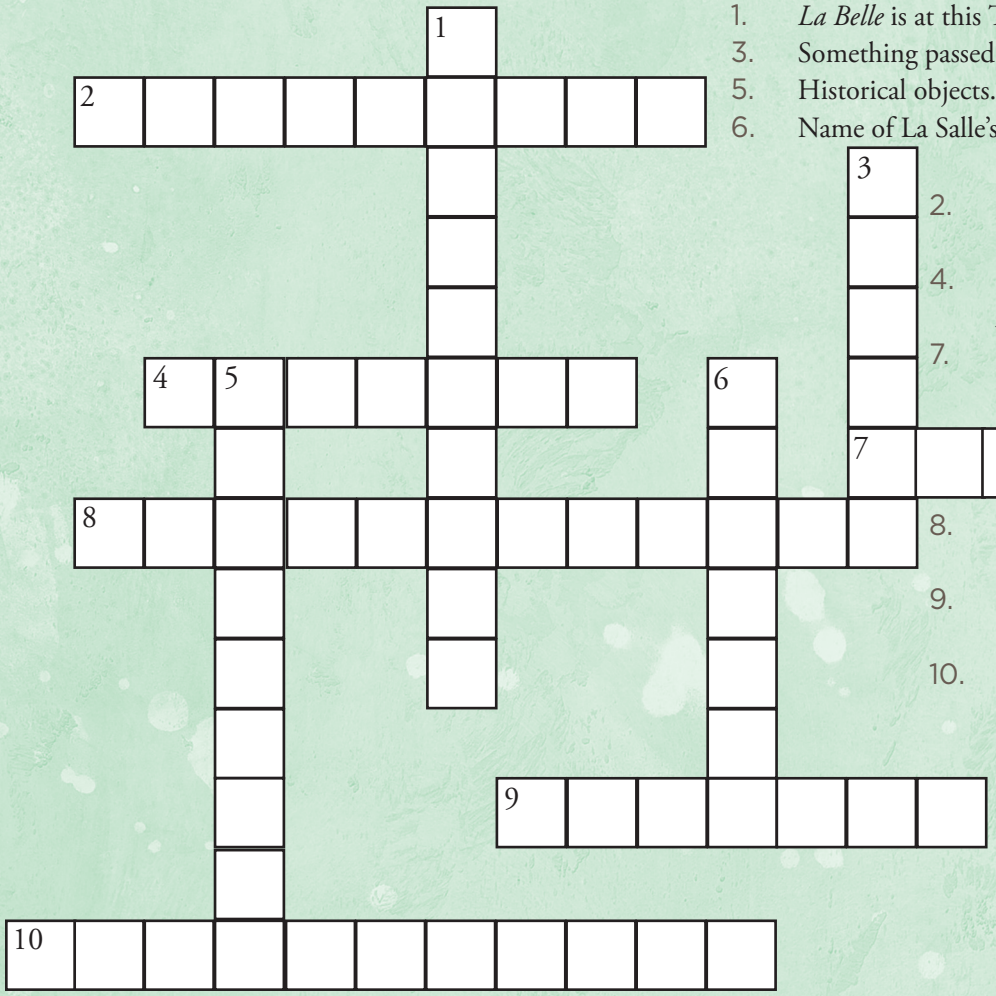
FRIENDS HELP FRIENDS

Friends Groups can raise money and help the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) state historic sites with projects and events. The Landmark Inn Friends Group cut and dried bamboo pole, then strung them with new lines and tackle for the Kid Fish event. The Sam Bell Maxey House Friends Group helped restore the home's 1860s formal gardens.

Know how to fish? Teach a friend who doesn't.

Don't have a green thumb? Ask a friend to help you plant some flowers or vegetables.

ALL ABOUT *LA BELLE*



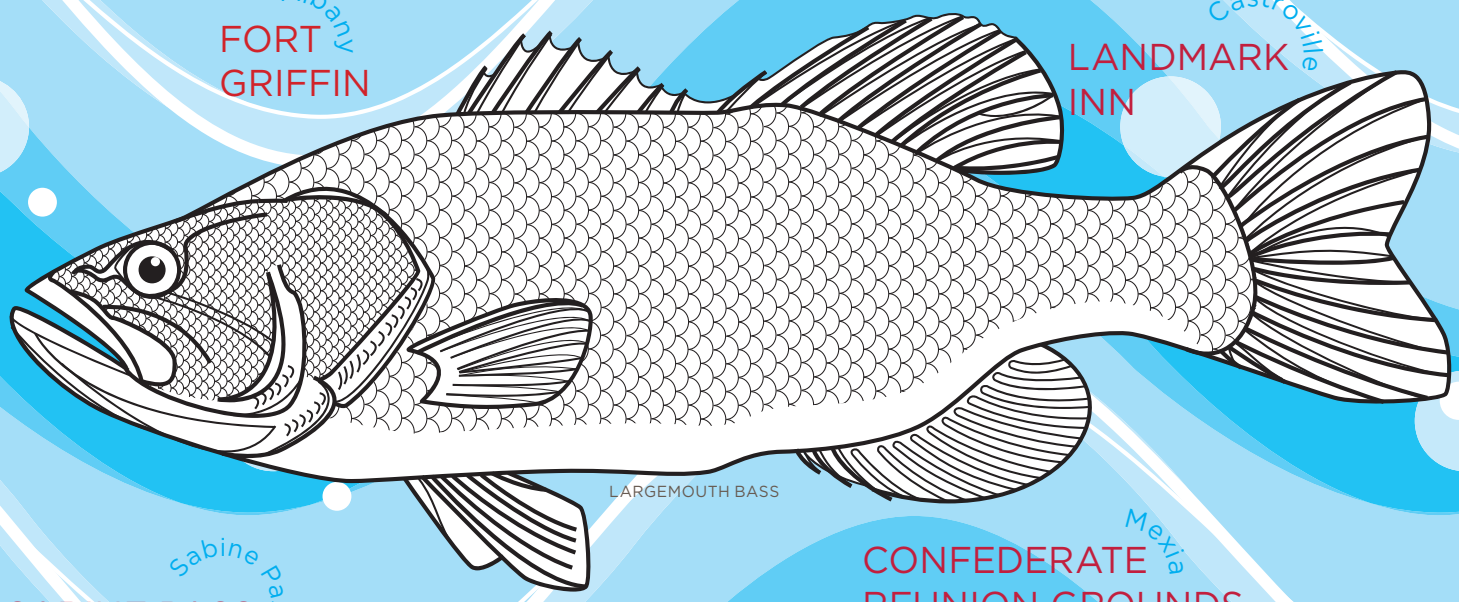
Down:

1. *La Belle* is at this Texas State History Museum.
3. Something passed down from people who have come before.
5. Historical objects.
6. Name of La Salle's ship.

Across:

2. *La Belle* was discovered along this part of Texas.
4. Man whose goal in 1685 was to find North America and claim land for France.
7. A large gun rolling guns used to fire metal balls.
8. Body of water where there are hundreds of shipwrecks.
9. Fundraising group that raised money to remove La Belle from sea floor.
10. River La Salle was looking for.

GO FISH! DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN FISH AT STATE HISTORIC SITES NEAR YOU?



LARGEMOUTH BASS

Albany
FORT GRIFFIN

Castroville
LANDMARK INN

Sabine Pass
SABINE PASS BATTLEGROUND

Mexia
CONFEDERATE REUNION GROUNDS

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REAL PLACES TELLING REAL STORIES

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Looking for more fun? You can find educator resources, Texas history stories, activity pages, historic recipes, and *The Medallion*.

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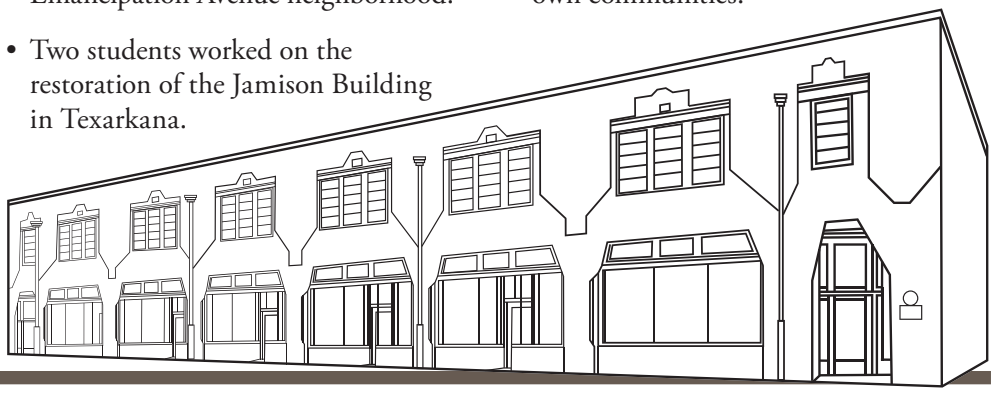
INTERNSHIPS BUILD GOALS

Today's students are tomorrow's preservationists. The Friends of the Texas Historical Commission created the Preservation Scholars Program for under-represented students in 2007. Some of the projects students worked on include:

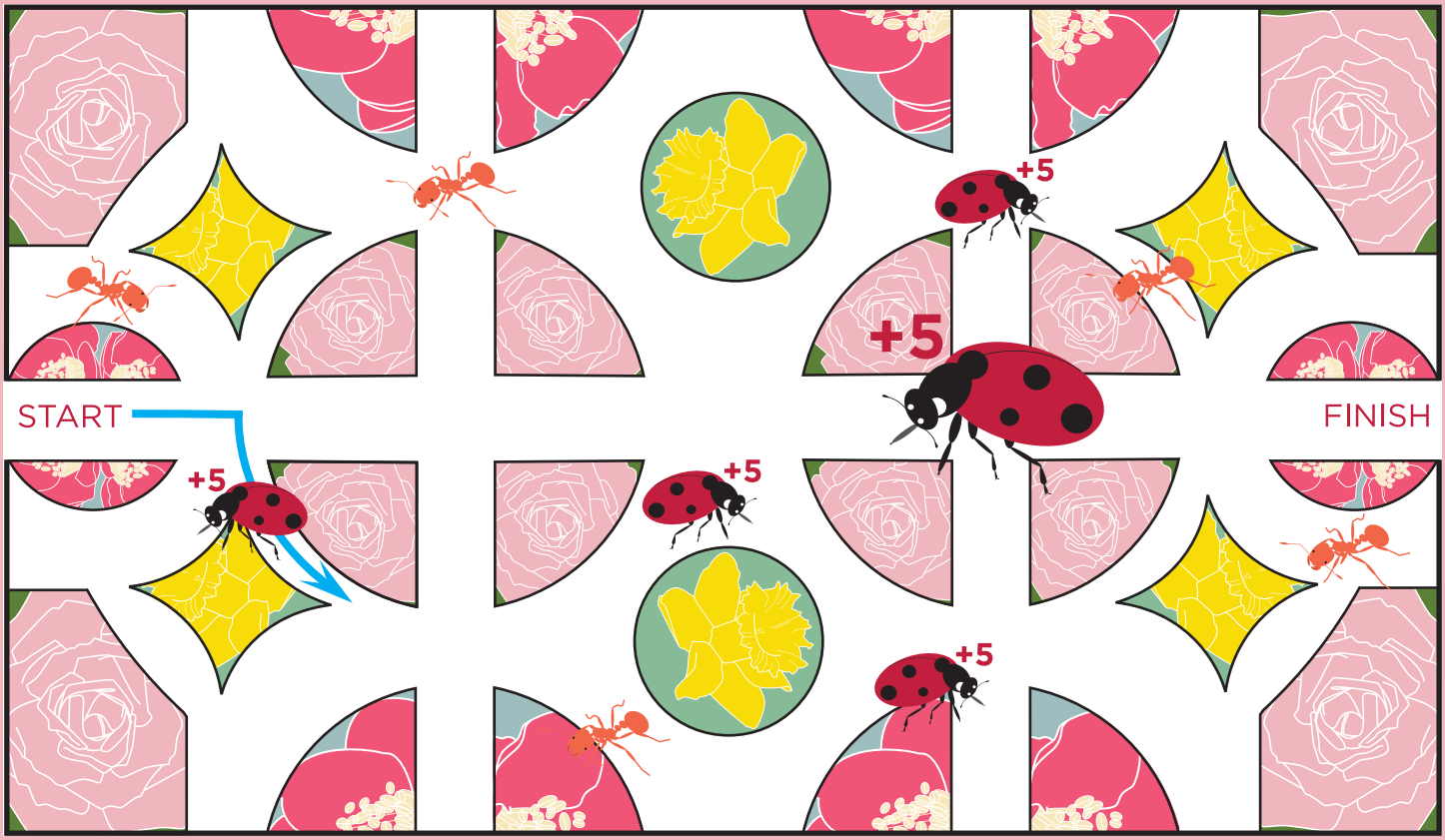
- Temporary pop-up retail establishments in Houston's historic Emancipation Avenue neighborhood.
- Two students worked on the restoration of the Jamison Building in Texarkana.
- A cemetery preservation resource guide for volunteers to use within their own communities.



SAM BELL MAXEY HOUSE FORMAL GARDEN

FOLLOW THE LADY BUGS (AND AVOID THE FIRE ANTS!) Find your way from start to finish through the formal garden the Friends of Sam Bell Maxey House recently cleaned up and planted to look like it did back in the late 1880s. Can you get all 25 points?

TRIVIA AND BONUS POINTS: Marilda Maxey was the first to bring crepe myrtles to Paris, Texas. Can you name another bush, flower, or ornamental plant the Friends planted this spring?



Answers: BECOMING FRIENDS 1. Pins, 2. Gun powder flask, 3. Cooking pot and ladle, 4. Hawk bells, 5. Ring, and 6. Fire pot with grenade and lid. SAM BELL MAXEY HOUSE BONUS POINTS: Roses, quince, daffodils, and artesia (wormwood).