Heritage Society Luncheon Features Joe Holley

A sold-out crowd of 101 guests gathered to hear Speaker Joe Holley recount little-known stories of Houston’s past at the Houston Heritage Society’s luncheon. His most recent book, “Hurricane Season: The Unforgettable Story of the 2017 Houston Astros and the Resilience of a City” was released on May 1 and a signed copy was available in the silent auction.

A native Texan, he is a former editor of the Texas Observer and a regular contributor to Texas Monthly. He has been an editorial writer and columnist for newspapers in San Antonio and Houston, as well as San Diego, California, and was a 2017 Pulitzer Prize finalist for a series of editorials on guns and gun culture in Texas. He also worked as a press secretary and speech writer for Texas Governor Ann Richards until she lost her bid for re-election in 1994 to George W. Bush.

Catherine Campbell Brock and Nita Vandiver Jackson co-chaired the event, held at the Bayou Club.

The Heritage Society Museum is located at 1100 Bagby Street, Sam Houston Park. Founded in 1954, The Heritage Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to tell the stories of the diverse history of Houston and Texas through collections, exhibits, educational programs, film, video, and other content. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the historic structures are open for tours Thursday through Saturday. There is an admission charge for the historic structure tours with special rates for seniors, students and children. For more information about The Heritage Society call (713) 655-1912.