

The Lamplighter

TEXAS RURAL ELECTRIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Kathy Shipp, President

President's Message

Keep TREWA Weird

We riverwalked our way through the 2016 TREWA Arts & Crafts Show which was a complete success. The show raised more than \$56,000 at the TEC Annual Meeting in San Antonio. Mark your calendars to join TREWA in Austin for the 2017 TEC Annual Meeting.

Austin has so much to offer culturally and artiscally which lends to their motto— Keep Austin Weird. Austin is dripping with talent and so is TREWA. And over the years, our arts & crafts show has exhibited donations by artists from all over Texas. Our success is driven by those great artists along with the generous sponsorship support from vendors and cooperatives. So I would say our show is similar to the vibe that Austin puts off because of the variety of art and handmade items we receive. And it gets better every year. I hope you will join us and Keep TREWA Weird.

The funds that are raised from this show support the TREWA Scholarship Program, Rural Friends/ACRE and the Government-in-Action Youth Tour.

If you have a craft item or artwork you would like to donate, please see page 3 for details on how to get those items to us. We have seven months to gather and prepare for another successful year.



The Texas Rural Electric Women's Association helps improve life in rural Texas by supporting education and fostering a unified understanding of electric cooperatives and the communities they power.

Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., 1122 Colorado St., 24th Floor, Austin, TX 78701

How are we
making a
difference?

YOUTH TOUR
144  Students



SCHOLARSHIPS
\$10,000

RURAL FRIENDS/ACRE
\$20,000



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Silent Auction & Craft Sale Donation Form

YES! I will donate Craft/Art Item

Name _____

City, State, Zip _____

Item Donated _____

Item Value _____

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please designate someone to bring your item for you.

To send a craft item or make a donation to TREWA, please mail it to Bobbi Byford, Trinity Valley EC, P.O. Box 888, Kaufman, TX 75142. You can also give your craft or silent auction item to any TREWA board member. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Your donated items help provide funds for TREWA scholarships and donations to Rural Friends/ACRE.

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Why are you a TREWA Member?

“TREWA was formed many years ago to help educate others about Rural Electrification and support education. TREWA not only raises funds to provide scholarships, they also support the Government-In-Action Youth Tour program and Rural Friends/ACRE. I am a member because it is important to me as both a cooperative employee and an individual that there are avenues such as Rural Friends/ACRE on the front lines of our government addressing issues that affect cooperatives. I love my job and it is nice to know there is another layer of individuals that find cooperatives valuable.” ~Bobbi Byford

TREWA Membership

Current memberships expire July 31, 2017.

TREWA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership valid August 1, 2016, through July 31, 2017.

Membership: Renewal New Member

Membership Fees

Please check the appropriate dues assessments:

\$10 (1 year) \$20 (2 years)

First name _____

Last name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP _____

Home phone _____

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Cooperative (spell out) _____

Relationship to cooperative:

Employee Director Member
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Return to:

Mail: TREWA
 Christina Martinez
 Membership Chair
 1122 Colorado St., 24th Floor
 Austin, TX 78701

Email: christina.martinez@bluebonnet.coop



The TREWA Board of Directors thanks you for your continued support of this organization.

TREWA membership is open to men and women of rural electric cooperatives. We encourage you to become a part of our growing organization as we continue to light the lamp of knowledge for the future.

Membership has its privileges. The children of TREWA members are eligible to apply for scholarships sponsored by TREWA. Members also receive an edition of The Lamplighter, which is sent twice a year via email.

Regular membership price is \$10 per year and, to date, we have almost 1,000 members. Once again, TREWA is offering membership at \$5 per person to cooperatives that enroll 100 percent of their directors, directors' spouses and employees (or spouse of an employee). We would like to acknowledge and thank the cooperatives that currently have 100 percent membership:

- Comanche EC, Group 4
- CoServ Electric, Group 3
- Heart of Texas EC, Group 2
- Houston County EC, Group 1
- North Plains EC, Group 5
- Taylor EC, Group 4
- Tri-County EC, Group 3

Renew your membership today by completing and returning the form at right. TREWA membership forms are also available at trewa.org.