

Bolivar's Jane Long Society



Members of THE JANE LONG SOCIETY stand in front of a painting of The Alamo which is displayed in the Texas state capitol building. Pictured are Barbara Prenger, Marcel Elissalde, Linda C. Elissalde, Patty Hagstrom, Chairperson Margo Johnson, Dr. Melanie Wallace, and Mack Wallace. Artist Patty Hagstrom created the official Jane Long Festival logo.

Members of the newly organized Jane Long Society traveled to Austin, TX to witness a Texas flag flying over the State Capital building in honor of Jane Long on her birthday, July 23.

Ms. Long was born in 1798 in Charles County, Maryland, yet she was called the "Mother of Texas" even during her lifetime, because she was one of the earliest Anglo women in Texas and claimed to be the first English-speaking woman to bear a child in Texas. Her third daughter, Mary James, was born December 21, 1821 on the Bolivar Peninsula.



The Texas flag flies over the State Capital building in Austin in celebration of Jane Long's birthday. The Jane Long Society plans to meet with Galveston County Commissioners' Court after receiving the flag and documentation from the State of Texas pursuing more plans to honor Ms. Long and revive Texas history on the Bolivar Peninsula.

The Jane Long Society is planning a festival in honor of Ms. Long to be held October 9, 2010 at Fort Travis on the Bolivar Peninsula.