

Guest Speaker and Author:

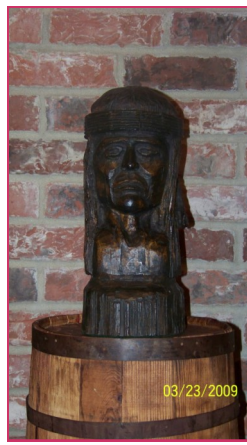
Frederick Matt Matthias grew up in Manhattan, New York City. He spent four years in the Air force. After discharge, he married a girl from Louisiana and they raised four children. He flew crop dusters for thirty years and later worked for a large aircraft corporation.

Horses and the Western frontier have always been within him. He raised and broke Appaloosa horses, wrote Western stories and does Western woodcarving.

BORDER RIDER — Diablo and a dangerous band of outlaws raiding into Mexico steal a wagonload of gold coins. They escape into Arizona Territory where Diablo buys a large cattle ranch and becomes a respectable rancher named Robert Marlow. With his eye on another ranch that borders his, Robert decides to court Mary Callahan, the daughter of the wealthy rancher.

Meanwhile a lone border rider the Mexicans call El Jinete receives a mysterious set of pistols to defend those who need protection. He settles into a secret hidden valley to raise horses. When he rides to town for supplies, he is ambushed, and left for dead.

Mary, about to say yes to marry Robert Marlow, finds a stranger on the road to her ranch. When the wounded man awakens, they find he has amnesia and Mary is falling in love with him. Now the deadly duel for the woman and land begins.



Woodcarvings by Mr. Matthias will be on display

Autographed copies of Mr. Matthias' book will be available for purchase.

Lynda Carlberg was the former director of the Calcasieu Parish Library System, 1978-1997. She was active in state, regional and national Library activities and many local community activities. She was the heart of Libraries Southwest.

The Carlberg award was established to honor the memory of a dear friend, and honor special individuals for their contributions to Libraries.

Previous recipients of the Libraries Southwest Lynda Carlberg Award recipients are:

Sallie Farrell, 1998

Minnie Lou Lynch, 1999

Tom Jaques, 2000

Joy Lowe, 2002

Ralph Boe, 2004

Joe Landrum, 2005

Gretchen Fairbanks, 2007

This year's recipient is Sona Dombourian, Director of the Lafayette Parish Public Library. Sona received her MLS from LSU in 1977. After graduation, she became the Administrative Librarian for the Assumption Parish Library, overseeing \$100,000 budget, the main library and 2 bookmobiles. After several years, she moved to Lafayette and became the Assistant Director of the Lafayette Public Library. Her responsibilities as Assistant Director included preparing and administering the budget and overseeing the Reference, Adult, and Circulation Service areas in the Main Library.

After moving to Lafayette, she became interested in computers and library applications. She earned her MS in CS from USL and spearheaded Lafayette Public Library's automation project, which went live in 1996.

In 2004, she became Interim Library Director. In 2005, she was selected as the Library Director. She oversees the Library's building program - a result of a \$40 million bond issue. They have opened two regional libraries and are in the planning process of 3 others, including a complete renovation of the 36 year old Main Library. Their operating budget is now over \$7 million.

Sona has served on state committees - including the LSTA



and statistics committees, LLA (and the Public Section) in several capacities - Parliamentarian of LLA, Chair of PLS, Handbook Committee for PLS (including a stint as Chair), Swap 'n' Shop Coordinator back in the 'early days', Conference Program Chair and co-chair. She also co-coordinates the (usually annual) Bayouland I Love Technology Workshop with Trudy Patterson and Jackie Choate.

Libraries Southwest

Libraries Southwest is a non-profit corporation of libraries, librarians, trustees, and individuals interested in the promotion and enhancement of libraries and library services in Southwest Louisiana.

Libraries Southwest institutional members are:

Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Jeff Davis, and Vernon Parish Libraries, McNeese State University and Northwestern University Library at Fort Polk, SOWELA Community Technical College and Calcasieu Parish School Libraries.

Membership in Libraries Southwest is \$6.00 a year.

Menu

Appetizer : Bite-size Catfish

Entrée (choose one)

Crawfish Etouffee

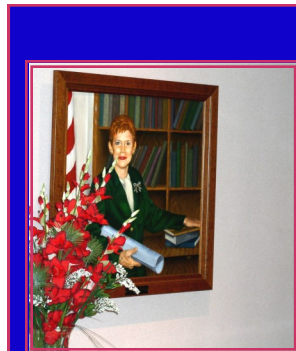
Stuffed Snapper

Broiled Italian Chicken Breast

Ribeye Steak

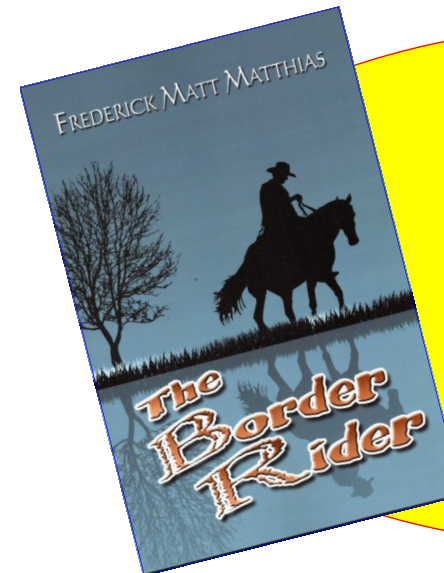
Dessert: Bread Pudding with Rum Sauce

All entrees are served with a dinner salad, dinner rolls & a beverage.



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Libraries Southwest Annual Author's Dinner



Guest Speaker:

Frederick "Matt" Matthias

Author of:

The Border Rider

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Cash bar 6:30 p.m. — Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Meal and Program: \$30.00

Send Registration to your local Libraries Southwest Library

by **October 13, 2009**

Pats of Henderson

1500 Siebarth Dr. (Located I-210 Loop, Legion St. exit),

Lake Charles, La.