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Celebration of Local Author's Debut Novel to Benefit Rosenberg Library

Historical Fiction Brings Galveston Storm Back to Life

PEARLAND, Texas - May 13, 2019 – An event celebrating the publication of a local author's debut novel will be donating 10% of profits to benefit the Galveston and Texas History Center of the Rosenberg Library. Pearland author Whitney Vandiver will be hosting the event to announce the publication of her debut novel, *Oleanders in June*, which is based in Galveston.

"The Rosenberg Library is a key center of Galveston culture, with a rich history of its own," says Vandiver. "The GTHC's efforts to preserve Galveston's written and oral histories is an essential step in educating the public about the island and the Great Storm of 1900."

The Galveston and Texas History Center, a division of the Rosenberg Library, collects and preserves documents that chronicle Galveston life from 1839 to present day. Of special note is the center's project to document victims of the Great Storm of 1900, with 5,132 names of the more than 8,000 victims known. The center's efforts have a strong connection with the forthcoming book.

Oleanders in June is a historical fiction novel that explores Galveston society in 1900 through the eyes of a newly arrived meteorologist who works with the infamous Isaac Cline. As the summer draws to an end and a romance begins to blossom, a storm brews on the horizon, and the U.S. Weather Bureau is left with only hours to save Galveston Island.

The book release event will include a talk about the Great Storm of 1900 by Casey Greene, Rosenberg Scholar, and a discussion of the book and signing by Whitney Vandiver. The event will be held at the Rosenberg Library from 1:00-3:00 PM on June 8, 2019 and is free for the public. The book will be available to order on June 8th through Amazon and the author's website. Attendees at the event will have the opportunity to purchase a signed copy.

More event details are available at www.WhitneyVandiver.com.

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An avid reader, Whitney Vandiver wrote her first story when she was 8 years-old and has grown up to be a bibliophile with more books than shelves. She writes historical fiction and mysteries and resides in Pearland, Texas, with her spouse and cat. *Oleanders in June* is her first novel.