

Tales 'n' Trails

MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS!

New members at TnT since the last newsletter include Crista Tompkins, Nicki Allen, Cindy Browning, Patti Morton Gibbs, Christie Halbardier, E. Sam Campbell, Gene & Helen Fitzgerald, Sara King, Jerry Dan & LaDonna Davis.

New volunteers include Kathy Lee and Crista Tompkins.

THANK YOU!!



The story of barbed-wire in Texas is a tale of innovation and imagination, entrepreneurship and salesmanship, legislation and lawlessness — liberally peppered with acts of raw intimidation and many episodes of bloodshed. Daddy Sam's Saloon is the place to be Saturday, April 26th for Barbs, Bullets and Blood, the fascinating story of barbed wire and how it changed society. We will kick off at 10:30 AM with two speakers, have lunch on the patio, then enjoy two more lively speakers.

Our story tellers include Author Clifford R. Caldwell who will explore the origins and operation of the Texas cattle industry in the days of the Open Range. Harold D. Jobs is a cattle rancher and retired state government executive, and member of many Texas historical associations. His upcoming book examines the fence cutting wars of Texas. Bob Alexander is a Retired Special Agent with the U.S. Treasury Dept. and award winning author of several books on the wild west who will relate accounts of the

blood letting and pleas for intervention by the Texas Rangers. Michael Barr, a retired educator and ardent student of the West will be discussing the societal impacts of barbed-wire. Admission to this event is \$20 per person for non-members of Tales 'n' Trails Museum. Members pay only \$15 and are also welcome to a "members only" reception with the speakers the evening before. Join us at the museum Friday, April 25, at 7 pm. The speakers will have their books available for sale.

Wild West Review



Wild West Review book signing was held January 18 at the museum. Bob Alexander talked about the Texas Rangers and reviewed his book "Winchester Warriors - Texas Rangers of Co. D 1874-1901". His wife Jan

Devereaux discussed her book "Pistols, Petticoats, and Poker" about an infamous female gambler of the old west, Lottie Deno, who later was who Miss Kitty on Gunsmoke was modeled after. Bob Alexander is one of the most renowned historians of the Old West. A native Texan and veteran lawman, Bob retired as a special agent with the US Treas-

ury Dept. and began a second career as an author. The National Outlaw/Lawman History Association honored Alexander in 2004 with its Literary Award for Outstanding Contributions to Western Historical Writing. Bob will head up our speakers for "Barbs, Bullets, and Blood. Call the museum for ticket information. 940-825-5330.

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Get the Kids Involved During their Museum Visit with the TnT Scavenger Hunt! There's one for any age!

Honor Someone Special

TnT gladly accepts donations in honor or memory of individuals for any amount. Notifications are sent to the recipient or their family. Bricks (from Nocona downtown streets) can also be purchased for engraving for \$50 each. These will be used for the walkways in our outdoor exhibits. Call the museum for more information or go to www.talesntrails.org.

Why Be a Member?

Several levels of membership are available from \$30 to \$1000 per year. Different benefits include:

- * Free admission to TnT for one year
- * Free admission to over 650 other museums
- * Free admission for family and friends accompanying you to museum
- * Meal Tickets for our annual Shebang
- * Admission passes to share with others
- * Quarterly newsletter
- * Special member-only events
- * 10% discount on gift shop purchases (excluding consignment items)
- * Listing in newsletter and website

Why Be a Volunteer?

- * Help preserve history for future generations
- * Help tell our stories!
- * Help keep our museum something our community can be proud of!
- * Whatever talent you have can be utilized in some way!
- * Meet people from all over who visit us!
- * Help plan educational youth activities for area youth!
- * No experience necessary, we train!
- * Enjoy working with others with the same interests—it's fun and it's free!

4TH ANNUAL BOOT COMPANY SHOW AND TELL



The 4th Annual Nocona Boot Co. "Show & Tell" Reunion was held February 15th. Former employees, friends and families shared photos, mementos, and tales.



ARTISTS OF YESTERYEAR

Paintings and crafts from Montague County- artists who are no longer with us. Come by and see all of the unique and in some cases "lost art" items. Examples of tatting, quilting, fabric design, china, paintings, & more.



Thank You to Our Patrons and Benefactors!

David Fenoglio

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NEW AT TNT

A colorful collection of Native American art has been generously donated to us by Roger Wilson of San Antonio. The pieces are primarily Kiowa & Comanche, from the 1980's and are part of a collection that belonged to Mr. Wilson's father, W.H. Wilson, formerly of Nocona.

Some special "friends" of TnT recently purchased a saddle made by Roy "Preach" Taylor who was a legally blind saddle maker in Nocona years ago. It was made for his brother, James S. Taylor in the 1940's. The saddle was given to Preach's grandson, William "Bill" Taylor who has donated it to the museum.

These gifts are a great addition to our Native American, Western Heritage, and Leather collections. Thank you to our donors!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Suzanne Storey is our volunteer spotlight for spring 2014....and that is me! The newsletter is my main volunteer effort at the Museum; of course there are many things that I have had a hand in like all other volunteers; we all wear many hats. I enjoy creating the newsletter and reliving all of the events while putting them down on paper. My favorite thing about the museum is that my children know more about it than I do. Abby (14) is becoming very well acquainted with many of the displays and my son Wyatt (4) goes straight for the tattoo station every time he walks (runs) through the door. The events that I have enjoyed most have been those that are held in the Joe Benton room such as meetings, showers, retirement parties and get-togethers. It is such a wildly interesting room and neat place to gather! The exhibit I seek out most is the Nokona exhibit. I look for my grandparent's (Bob and Mary Nell Storey) 50th anniversary photo and a photo of my dad, Jim Storey. What amazes me the most about the museum is seeing folks that live just down the street come in for their very first visit and then seeing people traveling Hwy. 82 from far away just stopping by to see what we have to offer. Their stories are always interesting to hear.

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW WEBSITE:

www.talesntrails.org

LEARN ABOUT OUR-COLLECTIONS, WAYS TO BECOME INVOLVED, OR EVEN SHOP FOR GIFTS ONLINE! PLUS MORE PICTURES & INFORMATION. IT IS FABULOUS!

THANK YOU!

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Where can you get things you can't seem to find ANYWHERE else? Stop by the museum gift shop!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM

March 3 - Nocona Photography Club meets at 5pm and every 1st Monday of the month with new photo challenges.

March 4— **Vote** at the Museum

March 6— Thursday Literary Club at TnT

March 17 & 18—Panola Jambalaya Lunch at TnT

April 5—Photography Classes with Iris Greenwell

April 26 - Barbs, Bullets and Blood

Mystery Photo



Basket Weaving
Classes May 2 & 3rd

**Basket Weaving
Back By Popular
Demand! Two Days
of Classes With
Jan Schmidt
May 2 & 3**

This photograph came out of an old Justin family scrapbook donated by Brad Taylor. We believe it is the H.J. Justin home to the right and the "playhouse" to the left. We would appreciate any information you could give us on these houses. Anyone who would like to come look at the scrapbook & help identify anything in it is welcome to!