



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Marty Humphrey

I hope everyone survived the recent rains and didn't suffer any property damage. We did need the rain, but not all in one week. I am really hoping for spring and lots of beautiful flowers. With that in mind, the planning for the spring field trip is coming along great and an announcement will soon reveal the when and where.

It has been a while since the Stockyards had a week-long festival ending with a concert, but we had that the last week of the month; unfortunately, it rained most of the week. RFD had their fan festival during the week and on Saturday evening, Delbert McClinton had a concert on the lawn of the Exchange Building. He is still in great voice.

Melissa Hunter and I have been watching the planning and design committee agendas and it appears there is some movement for development in the Stockyards. A recent proposal for changes to the streetscape along Exchange was scheduled, but it has been rescheduled for next month since many of the business owners and stakeholders did not get notice of the plans and the hearing. The Society did not receive notice, so City Planning and Development was contacted questioning why we weren't on the notification list. A clear explanation was not forthcoming, but we are now on the list. Another proposal for the site up on the hill is also in the works. We will keep watch on the agendas and try our best to attend the meetings and make sure our questions are answered.

Last Sunday, Ed Brown, Skip Humphrey, and I opened the museum in the afternoon for a special tour for the National Association of Interpretation. The National Association for Interpretation (NAI) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) professional association for those involved in the interpretation of natural and cultural heritage resources in settings such as parks, zoos, museums, nature centers, aquaria, botanical gardens, and historical sites. The group visiting us was composed of tour guides for the south central region and they totally enjoyed their visit to the Stockyards and especially the museum. Skip, Ed, and I had a great time too.

A few days ago, since they were planning to clean out the area, Bradley Hickman invited Teresa to go down in the basement with him to look for anything that might belong to us or if there was anything else we might want. Teresa found some boxes of photos, newspaper clippings, booklets and other files. Today I sat in the museum office and looked through the boxes, the memories of earlier times, people, and events were all there. It makes you wonder what someone will see ten, twenty, or fifty years from today packed away in a box in a basement or attic. With digital cameras, will there be photos. With news viewed on the Internet instead of a paper, will there be news clippings. Let's hope we can always be a part of the preservation, the displays, and sharing the stories with another generation. That is our mission, so don't forget to renew your membership, we appreciate all our members and we need you to keep history alive. ~Marty



Membership Newsletter March 2018

**Join us on March 8th at 7pm
With special guest Jeffrey Smith.**

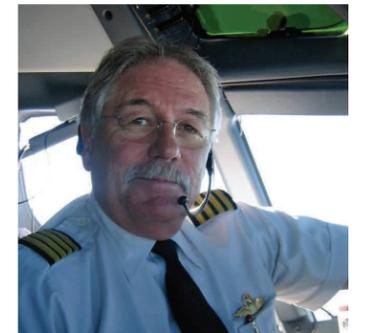
Mr. Smith is renovating and reopening the New Isis Theater.
He will share the plans and his vision with us.

Inside the Livestock Exchange Building.



JIM HODGSON, TO MAKE THE CASE FOR MUSEUMS ON CAPITOL HILL

Jim Hodgson, the Executive Director of the Fort Worth Aviation Museum and NFWHS member, went to Washington, D.C. on February 27-28 to petition our government and make the case for museums. Joined by other museum leaders from Texas, Mr. Hodgson visited members of Congress to make the case for federal support of America's museums. He was among more than 300 museum professionals and supporters from across the country participating in the 10th annual Museums Advocacy Day, organized by the American Alliance of Museums.



"Today, legislators have a lot of issues on their plates, and we can't expect them to fully appreciate our field unless we bring the message to their doorstep," said Hodgson. "We want to make sure Congress knows about the vital work museums do, and their role as educational and economic assets."

Thank you Mr. Hodgson for your efforts and support of small museums everywhere!

Welcome New Members!

Mike and Lavonne Stark Dana Williams Edwin Esparza
Patrick Hughes Katie and Tom Hogg

Glimpses of the Past...

Hogs in the Fort Worth Stockyards

Texas is known for raising cattle. Raising hogs just wasn't a cowman's "cup of tea." So, to convince Texans to raise hogs the Fort Worth Stockyards Company created special dividends and Pig Clubs for the youth.

Their efforts began to pay off and by the early twentieth century the stockyards were receiving 75,000 hogs a month.

Hog production in Texas gradually increased and the Fort Worth Stockyards Company kept expanding their hog pens accordingly. Hog receipts finally reached 1 million for the first time in 1917.



NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



Our sincere condolences go out to the family of Ray Farmer at his passing on December 16, 2017. Mr. Farmer was a long time member of the North Fort Worth Historical Society.

Would you like to help decorate a float and be in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade? Put on your best green outfit or leprechaun clothes and join the NFWHS crew on March 17th at 2:30 to decorate and then ride on the float in the parade at 4pm, following the cattle drive. For more information email nfwhs@sbcglobal.net or call the museum at 817-625-5082.

Congratulations to NFWHS Board Member, Debi Carl!

She has been selected by Yellow Rose Films for the role of Mrs. Barlow in their newest film "Moon Crossing."

This is the third production that she has been in by Yellow Rose Films. Break a leg Debi!



Congratulations to NFWHS member James Madewell!

James has been chosen for a featured role in an upcoming movie called No Mans Land, produced by Micah Lyons and Breath of Life Productions. Release date is set for January 2019.

James has been in several television shows and movies but this is his first featured role. Break a leg James!



There is a new Niles City Hall!

There is a new establishment located at 112 E. Exchange Ave. called Niles City Hall that opened mid-February by Hub Baker, Joe Hub Baker and Tim Lanier.

It was previously The Bull Ring and they have given it a facelift inside and created ambiance. It is a cozy little pub where you can enjoy a drink and conversations with friends. Congratulations to the Bakers and Mr. Lanier on the new business endeavor and thank you for keeping history alive by naming it Niles City Hall.

