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**There is a special treat in store for you this month at the
Haltom City Public Library
4809 Haltom Road
Thursday - August 22, 2013
7:00 PM**

**The next meeting of Birdville Historical Society will be in conjunction
with the very special “Swartz Photo Exhibit”
Presented by Dr. Rick Selcer**



The Wild Bunch

Photo taken in downtown Fort Worth in the Swartz Studio

Seated L-R

Harry Longabaugh (Sundance Kid), Ben Kilpatrick, Robert Leroy Parker (Butch Cassidy)

Standing L-R

Will Carver, Harvey Logan

The Swartz Brothers: Tarrant County's First Family of Photographers

Photo Exhibit

August 1-31, 2013

HALTOM CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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"The Wild Bunch"
(Photo by John Swartz, 1900)

Seated, l to r: Harry Longabaugh
(Sundance Kid), Ben Kilpatrick,
Robert Leroy Parker (Butch Cassidy)
Standing, l to r: Will Carver, Harvey Logan

Exhibit Programs

- ◆ A Night at the Library — discussion, book-signing, and exhibit tour led by Dr. Richard F. Selcer
Thursday, August 22, 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Displays courtesy of the Birdville Museum
- ◆ Docents tours, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Tuesdays in August and Saturdays, August 3, 17, and 31, 2013

Sponsored by the Friends of the
Haltom City Public Library

The Swartz brothers—David, John, and Charles—arrived in Fort Worth in the mid-1880s. Over the next 33 years, they observed the city through the lens of a camera, snapping pictures of people, events and architecture. They collectively created thousands of photographs.

Hundreds of those images have survived, although the brothers are largely forgotten. The best-known photograph shows the five members of the "Wild Bunch" posed in John's studio in November 1900.

Join us in August at the Haltom City Public Library as we celebrate the Swartz brothers' legacy. The exhibit—sembled by historian Dr. Richard F. Selcer and genealogist Donna Donnell—highlights 46 examples of the brothers' work.

Exhibition made possible by support of the Amon G. Carter Foundation, the Fort Worth Promotion and Development Fund, Scott Barker, Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame, and others who contributed funding and photographs.



A World of Information
Un Mundo de Información
Kho Tàng Của Sự Thông Thái

Donations

The Museum receives items daily and would be happy to care for your treasures when you are ready to make them a donation. According to BHS By-Laws, if the Birdville Museum is ever forced to close, all items would go to the Tarrant County Archives in downtown Fort Worth. Your treasures will always be preserved.

Two braided rugs for log cabin, razor strap, eye glasses, whet stone, 1919 book "The art of Literature" – donated by Mr. & Mrs. Grissom
Book – "Texas Women of Distinction" – donated by Haltom City Public Library
Complete set of Harper's Weekly Newspapers 1861-1865 – donated by Pam Calloway
Homemade anvil and hoe – donated by Darwin Watson in honor of the Stewardson Family

Books: “The Delta Kappa Gamma” yearbook, “Literature” Richland High School book of poetry and Richland High School Graduation Book – donated by Patsy Sullivan
Handmade quilt made by teachers of W.T. Francisco Elementary to honor Principal Claude Speak – donated by Claude Speak
Two antique apple crates – donated by Kenneth Thach
1959 Memory Book of South Birdville Elementary – donated by Carly Fitzgibbons
Signed Haltom High School baseball, Book – “The Century”, Book “Early Fort Worth in the 1930’s and 40’s, Book “When Panthers Roared”, Book “School Bells & Chalk Dust” donated from the Jack Collier estate
Book by Kelly Miller – donated by Sue Thompson
Book “Where the West Begins” donated by Linda McLarty
Receipts received by Hiram Calloway 1830’s-1870’s – donated by Ray Johnson
Several photos from BISD retired Athletic Coach, Willa Gipson
5’ Wooden Indian in glass case – donated by Watauga Middle School

Who is this person? When was this photo taken?



Be the first to call me with your answer 817-834-1239
Winner will be announced in next newsletter

Engraved Bricks

The Museum is almost ready for the bricks to be installed in the front lawn area of the museum. There are some items that we are responsible for and trying to get all done and ready for installation. I had hoped it would be done by midsummer but it will now be early fall. If there are any last minute purchases, please call me at 817-834-1239. Thank you

If you have relatives or friends who would like to bequeath items to the Birdville Historical Society, we are recognized by the IRS as an official 501©3 organization and all donations will be tax deductible. In the case of a death in your family, you can be assured that any donations made in memory or in honor of your loved one in the way of photos, documents or historical objects, will be preserved in the best way possible. This is one way to insure that the work of preservation will continue in Birdville and would be a great time for you to contribute to the future of preservation in our hometown.

If you have not had opportunity to join or pay your dues for 2013, please do so at this time. Mail your checks or contributions to Birdville Historical Society, P.O. Box 14246, Haltom City, Texas 76117

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