

February Highlights Black History Month

February, 2010 Black History Month— We will feature Bill Picket and his accomplishments and story. In addition, we will have a book signing with Bob Ray Sanders on February 20 from 1—3 p.m., for his new book, *Calvin Littlejohn: A Portrait of a Community in Black and White*. Be sure to put this on your calendar.

March, 2010 This is traditionally spring break month and we hope to have some emphasis on children's activities in North Fort Worth during the early 20th century. If anyone has an old toy that can be displayed to illustrate toys and books that were popular during the first half of the 20th century, we would welcome the loan for a display.



Bob Ray Sanders

Mark Your Calendars Now—February 11 is the next membership meeting and Bob Ray Sanders will have a book signing on Saturday, February 20 from 1—3 p.m.

BOOKS ETC.

Going Out of Business Sale — 30% off on all Books

Open: Wed. though Sat. 10 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

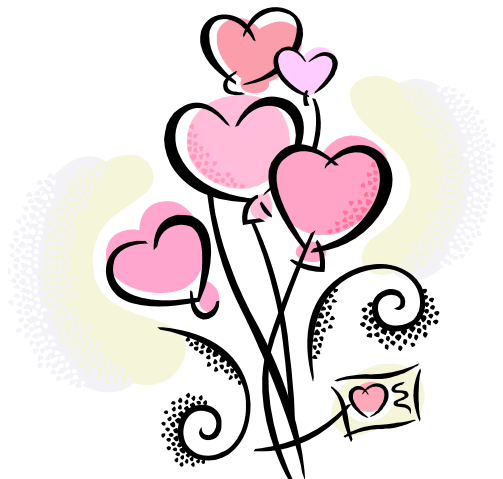
January 27—February 6

Or by appointment—817.535.6283

Complete Liquidation February 17—20

Make an offer on any or all remaining items.

Bookcases, showcases and miscellaneous items.



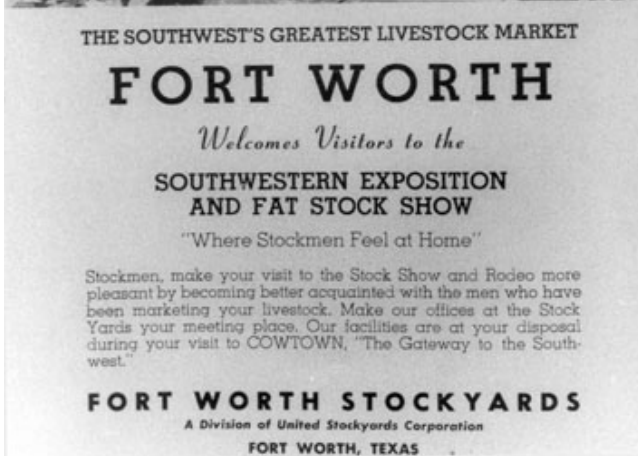
Happy Valentines Day

Highlights of the Feeders and Breeders Show and Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show Featured at the Stockyards Museum

The Stockyards Museum featured some great images and artifacts from the Feeders and Breeders Stock Show and the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Shows held in the North Fort Worth Stockyards from 1896 through 1942. The images shown here are just a few of the great artifacts and images we displayed during January. Visit this month for the Black History Month displays featuring Bulldogger Billy Pickett.



Upper right: Ester Haltom was the Kirmis Stock Show Queen in 1924. Her crown and scepter are on display. Left is a poster from the 1930s. Below shows a typical stock show parade where the queen and her court are introduced.



Don Loyd Photo of the last Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show held at the North Fort Worth Coliseum and Exhibition facilities. The next year, 1943, the exhibition halls were used to assemble aircraft. In 1944 the SE&FSS moved to its present location at Will Rogers Coliseum.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Tom Wiederhold



The New Year has kicked off with the usual cold, wind and rain. Welcome to Texas ! We have a great program this month with our own Gene Smith as the speaker. I hope you all are able to attend! Later in February we will have a book signing with Bob Ray Sanders that I am really excited about! There's a lot to look forward to this year as we continue to improve our ability to store and display items of historical value to the Stockyards and Northside.

I would like to remind everyone that the Society can not pay for food or drink items for its members at the meetings. This is why we pass the bucket around. You are free to have any snacks and drinks whether you contribute or not. I do not intend to play the role of overseer and make sure you don't take a cookie if you don't put something in the

bucket. From now on, though, the bucket will be placed only on the table. I want to take this time to personally thank Diane and Jimmy Carter and Gerlind Capling for their tireless and awesome efforts, as well as the great food they bring each month! Thank You!!!

We have a "new" poster display for selling our posters and maps, I hope it helps us sell more of these items by making them easier to view. Speaking of stores, Dr. Platt, our long time neighbor across the hall will be closing up for good this month. Please take time to drop in and wish him well and thank him for all he has done for the NFWHS! Dr. Platt is going into his second retirement and will still sell items at trade shows. He is always a pleasure to talk with and always has a smile on his face! We are going to miss him across the way!

I want to express my condolences to Marty and Skip Humphrey over

the passing of Marty's mother recently. She was 90 years young and made everyone smile when they talked with her.

As a final note for the month please drop me a note at the museum with any ideas or thoughts you have for improving the visual aspects of the museum while maintaining the charm of a small town feel. We really want folks to feel like they got their contributions worth when they leave the museum. Also if you have any thoughts for store items let Joni or me know. I am interested in smaller quality TEXAS MADE items that can't be picked up in other stores in the Stockyards. Think about it this way, if you were here on vacation, what would you look for as a reminder of your visit.

Thanks Y'all! See you Thursday!

Tom

Museum Musings ★ Joni Wells

Membership Renewals. The society and the museum are still dedicated to the preservation of the Stockyards and North Fort Worth's colorful history. Membership renewal reminders have been sent to you all. If you joined since September of this year (2009) you are paid through 2010. Thanks to our many members who have renewed. We have also received new memberships from Paula Simpson, and Jerry Eastman. For those of you who ordered name badges, they are ready for pick up. Be sure to attend the

next meeting, too.

Christmas Decorations. Thank you to Diane and Jimmy Carter for their great help getting the Christmas tree undecorated and the decorations put in boxes. They spent much time getting the lights off the tree and testing them to find which lines are still good and which are not. With Tom's help, we got everything put back in the storage building and the research library and archive rooms are now able to get cleaned up and set up to get artifacts ready to be catalogues.

Congratulations to Carol Blais

on her art showing at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center. Her art joins several other award-winning artists who live and work in the Fort Worth Community. Her art will be on display from January 8 through February 20 this year.

Condolences to Marty and Skip Humphrey on the loss of Marty's mother, Mildred Boehm. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jenkins Garrett, long-time NFWHS member, Fort Worth attorney and revered Fort Worth historian and philanthropist passed away January 28. Our condolences go to his wife and family.

Meeting Programs Set

The following speakers or events are scheduled so mark your calendars for all these dates! All times are at 7 p.m. unless noted.

FEB 11 Gene Allen Smith, professor of history, director of the Center for Texas Studies at TCU, and curator of History at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, will offer a presentation on the Museum's renewed focus on history. The first major Fort Worth history exhibition uses the street car as a way to understand the growth and development of city. Looking at five distinct parts of the city that the street car visited, visitors can observe how different parts of the city contributed to Fort Worth's unique story. Join us as we explore that journey.



MAR 11 Libby Willis will speak at our March meeting. She is active in many venues around Fort Worth and is especially interested in the North Main Street Corridor.

Thanks to everyone who helped clean up

Sunday, January 10 several ladies (and one man) arrived to clean up the museum displays. How much fun it was! We polished the display cases inside and out, dusted the artifacts and talked about the history, our pasts, and the museum's future. Toward the end of the day I heard three voices singing the Northside

High School song. Too fun!! We finished getting things moved to storage on Jan 17.

Thank you to Lynnette Wilhelm, Sandy Bunch, Judy Pueblo, Jerry Jo Young, Bob Ubaldo, Carol Blais, Pat Simpson, Melissa Hunter, Tom Wiederhold and Bennie Stone.

As a thank you to our clean up team and the museum volunteers, I am going to put all your names in a hat and draw for a gift certificate for the Stockyards Station—

generously donated for this purpose. Since it's hard to get everyone together at one time, I will draw before the next meeting and have the winner announced then and awarded the gift certificate.

123rd Anniversary of the Legendary Luke Short - Jim Courtright Gunfight

This year's event celebrates the 123rd anniversary of the deadly shoot-out between Luke Short and Long Hair Jim Courtright.

- ✦ **What:** Luke Short - Jim Courtright Gunfight
- ✦ **When:** Monday, February 8th, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
- ✦ **Where:** In front of the White Elephant Saloon in the heart of the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District. (106 East Exchange Avenue Fort Worth, Texas 76106; 817.624.8273)
- Why:** Celebrate the Old West. Plus, it's free!

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