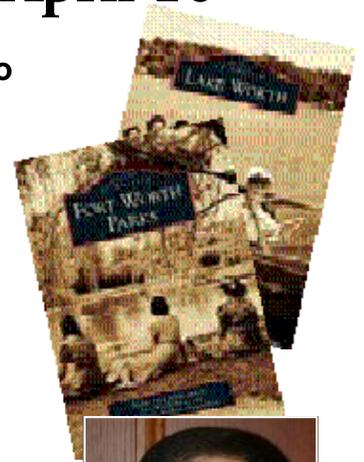




Membership Newsletter April 2010

## Book Signing by Mauldin and Kline—April 10

Lawanda Mauldin and Susan Kline will be at the Stockyards Museum to sign their new books published by Arcadia Press. Mauldin's book, "Lake Worth" and Kline's, "Fort Worth Parks", are both available at the museum and I encourage you to visit us from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, April 10 to talk to the authors and purchase your autographed copy. Members receive a 15% discount on all merchandise.



### SPRING NFWHS PROGRAMS

**APRIL 8** **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.



*Smith*

**MAY 13** **Libby Willis** will present a program to NFWHS in May on Oakhurst's history and the historical connections between Oakhurst and the North Side. When revered Fort Worth businessman John P. King developed the Oakhurst neighborhood in 1924, many North Side families involved in various Stockyards and other businesses moved there. The Society supported the Oakhurst Neighborhood Association's project to list the Oakhurst in the National Register as a way to obtain more historical documentation on the connections between the neighborhood and the North Side. Libby Willis is president of the Fort Worth League of Neighborhoods. She served for five years as president of the Oakhurst Neighborhood Association where she led the project to list the 710 household Riverside neighborhood as a district in the National Register of Historic Places, the largest neighborhood in Tarrant County to be so listed since 1990.



*Willis*

**JUNE 10** **Shirley Apley** will present a program entitled, "Soiled Doves: An Historical Look at Prostitution in Fort Worth." Shirley comes from South Dakota and has worked for the Fort Worth Library for over 15 years. She has taught "Advanced Genealogy" classes at Tarrant County College and enjoys research and working with others to find their family heritage.



*Apley*

**Mark Your Calendars to Attend All of These Great Programs !**

## Visit the Museum to View Our Children's Toy Collection and Information on Early 20th Century Toys

We have put together a small but fun and informational exhibition of toys and photos from the early twentieth century. Information panels explain some of the history of toys and Gerlind Capling's wonderful collection of early toys are colorful and fun. The displays will remain up through the summer. Here is some of the information included with the exhibition.

At the turn of the 19th Century into the 20th Century, life was very different than it is today.

Child labor was common at the turn of the century, and many families needed the income earned by their children to survive. The 1900 census counted 1.75 million individuals aged 10 to 15 who were gainful workers. At that time, these children comprised 6 percent of the labor force. No national laws existed that governed child labor, and, while some States enacted and enforced such laws, most did not. By 1999, Federal and State law regulated child labor; and Federal law effectively prohibited full-time workers under the age of 16.

Education played an important role in the advancement of the individual worker, the workforce, and the economy; and during the 20th century, there was a steady increase in educational attainment. In 1900, less than 14 percent of all Americans graduated from high school. By 1999, that figure had increased to 83 percent. In 1910, the first year for which estimates are available, less than 3 percent of the population had graduated from a school of higher learning.

Playing outside with other children meant making up games, and, often making up the equipment needed to play. Hide and seek - no tools were needed. Stick ball required just a stick and a ball.



Listening to the radio and reading books became the best way to spend an evening inside. Girls made paper dolls, just using crayons and drawing out the dolls and her clothing free hand. Boys could play walkie-talkie using two cans and a string. Stick horses were ridden to friend's homes.

In the early 20th century, children had chores to perform. There were few conveniences such as we know now so the homemaker and children had to pitch in to ensure dinner was served, the clothing clean and the vegetables picked.

In the 20th century, the cinema and later TV, has had a major influence on the retail of toys from Buck Rogers and Cowboys and Indians to Thomas the Tank Engine and My Little Pony. But, many popular toys have been around for centuries like tops that originated as early as Egyptian times, BC.

The popularity of many toys goes in cycles as new generations rediscover the toys for themselves. The principles behind the toys are often the same with clockwork train replaced by the electric, the walking and talking doll relying on batteries rather than clockwork and string. Now there is also a return to wooden toys, traditional looking teddy bears and simple games such as marbles and spinning tops.



# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



*Tom  
Wiederhold*

Howdy Y'all and happy Spring. It's certainly nice to see colorful flowers and trees finally.

## **Saturday, April 10, is the Fort Worth Police Historical Association open house.**

This year's theme is "Women in Law Enforcement." I hope you will all come out to see the displays and what the Women of the FWPD have done through the years as well as all other historical displays related to the FWPD.

We are ramping up for the **May Open House at Jim and Janet Lane's home**. This is an invitation only party with the opportunity to view his great home on Grand Avenue. I am thrilled that Jim, Janet and Jake offered us the opportunity to use their home to

raise money for the NFWHS. Thanks from all of us! Carol will have more information at the meeting.

Several projects are on our immediate list for 2010.

- Order chairs for our meetings—more comfortable. The money is from Aliene Pokluda's memorial fund at her request.
- Design and produce new signs for outside of the Live-stock Exchange Building and the front of the museum.
- Create a time line of the history of North Fort Worth and the Stockyards and create display panels for display so our visitors can understand the development of the area.
- Write and submit grants for exhibitions and to repair the

floor of the museum and update the lighting in the display cases.

Any member interested in these projects please contact me or Joni.

Remember that the **Frontier Forts Muster** is coming up May 7-8, and we will be checking in volunteers to help. Saturday will be very busy in the museum, so put on your badges and come in to help!

We are also working on a **Super Bowl** promotion for the February 6, 2011, game in Arlington. Anyone interested on being on this committee, please contact Joni.

Thanks Y'all! See you Thursday night! *Tom*

## Museum Musings ★ Joni Wells

**Volunteers Are Needed:** the spring and summer seasons are very busy for the museum. To ensure each visitor receives a great experience while in the museum, please consider volunteering two days per month to share your knowledge with our visitors. Currently the busiest days are Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. During the Summer we will need one or two folks each Sunday. We will be open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. If you can volunteer one Sunday during this time, it will be greatly helpful!!! Don't worry about opening or the cash register, I will be here most of the time to open,

assist and close.

**Name Badges** are here for those who ordered them. I still have a few from last year: John Galle, Debbie Johnson, and Membership Cards are available also. I will be mailing those to our members who do not get email.

**Get Well** to a few of our members: George Butler, Ruel Barbee (he is in the VA Hospital in Dallas), and Bill Flickinger. Welcome back to Keith Bridwell who back volunteering now! If you know of any others who have been ill or are hospitalized, please let me know.

**Our Sympathy** goes out to Jack and Susan Edmondson on the

loss of his mother last month. We have received several media groups interested in the light bulb recently. Joel Thomas from local TV Channel 11 was here on April 5 to film the light bulb and interview volunteers Diane and Jimmy Carter. The Travel Channel is interested in a story about it for a trip report on Texas Travel.

Welcome to new members, Mike Costanza and Tabatha Korea from Exhibitions Building Partnership. We are also happy to welcome to all who have renewed their membership for 2010. Be sure to encourage friends and relative to join or rejoin the NFWHS—their support is vital to our mission of rediscovering, perpetuating and preserving our great history in North Fort Worth and the Stockyards.

# Tour of Jim Lane's Home to Benefit North Fort Worth Historical Society

NFWHS Vice President, Carol Blais, has been working with Jim and Janet Lane to schedule a fun event at their home this Spring. Invitations will be going out next month for this great event featuring a tour of the home with NFWHS docents dressed in period costumes, margaritas and Mexican hors d'oeuvres on the deck. The cost will be \$75.00 per person for the evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 8:30. More information will be forthcoming as Carol's committee brings all the details to finality. All proceeds benefit NFWHS.



## Texas Association of Museums Annual Conference

Thanks to our board of directors and volunteers, I was able to attend the 2010 TAM annual conference in College Station. This event was a great opportunity for me to meet and network with many of the small museums in Texas. The workshops offered great ideas and necessary information to make the museum and my job easier. Visitor encouragement, display suggestions, sharing exhibitions, financial requirements for non profit organizations and much more.

We visited many of the museums in the area. The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum at Texas A&M was truly wonderful, great displays wonderful information and a magnificent building.

Four museums in Bryan offered a wide variety of exhibitions and focuses. The Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History hosted us with a nice buffet for dinner and the museum displays are really wonderful and informative. After this stop we went to down-

town Bryan to visit the Children's Museum, the African American Museum and the Forsyth Center Galleries.

Thursday's workshops were great and it was hard to choose between the many options during each time frame. Archival suggestions and opening the doors to inclusiveness were my choices along with a session on public policy, legal and regulatory issues facing nonprofits. That evening we were bused to Washington on the Brazos for a great tour of the Barrington Living History Farm, the Star of the Republic Museum and Independence Hall. A great barbeque dinner with entertainment followed and you felt you were with the original 59 delegates who declared Texas an independent country in 1836.

I truly hope to use most of the information I gained and continue discussions with the many small museums in North Texas to benefit our wonderful little museum.

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