



Membership Newsletter November 2010

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## Attend our Next Meeting November 11, 6 p.m., at the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame and Museum

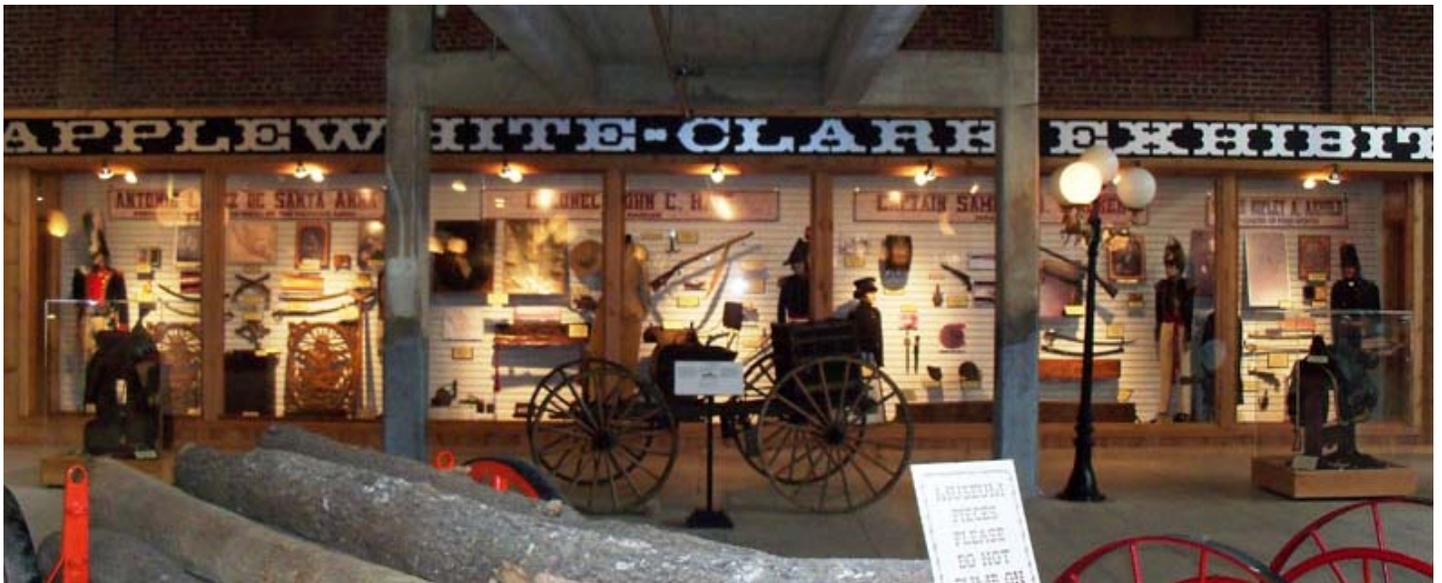
Nov 11 Evenin' With Applewhite-Clark Exhibition and Guided Tour of Texas  
Cowboy Hall of Fame. **NOTE TIME CHANGE**

6:15 p.m. Guide Tour of Hall of Fame

6:45 p.m. Refreshments

7-8 p.m. Applewhite-Clark

**The Applewhite-Clark Exhibition** features four well-known influential Texas icons whose involvement in the Republic of Texas was instrumental in Texas gaining their independence. Amazing uniforms and artifacts worn and used by Major Ripley Arnold, Colonel John Hays, Captain Samuel Walker and General Antonio Santa Anna are on display until December 31, 2011. *This is a great opportunity to see this rare collection—FREE.*



## NFWHS Holiday Decorating Party—Sunday, November 21

Join us for a decorating party at the Stockyards Museum. From 12 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 21, we will decorate our tree in the Livestock Exchange Lobby, decorate the museum and the surrounding hallway area, place wreaths on doors and the upstairs railings and then have a sale of any decorations not used and in good shape. Join us for an old fashioned holiday decorating party with punch, cookies and good cheer. Call Joni for more information at 817.625.5082.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*By Tom  
Wiederhold*

November is upon us, the cooler weather is here and it's raining. I hope you all are well and getting ready for start of the Holiday season.

**The 2010 Oakwood Tour** is now in the books and we had great crowds both days. By all accounts it was the best yet. Therefore, I call it a real success! If you weren't able to make it, you missed something special. Thank You to all the volunteers and reenactors from the bottom of my heart. You made the tour the best ever.

A special thanks to Sarah, Sue Ann, Denise and Marty for all their hard work!!

Please consider attending the meeting of the Fort Worth Police Historical Association on Tuesday, November 9, at 6 p.m. at the Fort Worth Police and Fire Training Center, 1000 Calvert St. The speaker is a special guest Phil Vinson, a photojournalist who was at the Oswald funeral. It will be a very interesting evening.

As you can see we have moved the Christmas Party location this year to the Cattlemen's Steak House. We have elected to change the way we handle the food this year. This year each person may order off the menu and be responsible for their own

dinner and beverage bill. This way you chose what you want to eat and how much. If you decide you don't please attend and we are asking \$5.00 per couple or \$2.50 per person to help defray some expenses related to the party. We do ask that you RSVP and let us know if you will be attending so that we plan accordingly. I am sure that everyone will have a wonderful time.

**The November meeting** is going to be very educational as well as interesting so please come out. Many of the board will not be there due to other commitments. I may have to miss as well but I can promise you I will do my best to be there as I want to hear this program.

I would like to hear from all of you about which member YOU feel deserves special recognition for their work within the society. Please leave me a note at the museum office.

Other matters of society interest will be the possible closing of the Museum in February for repairs to the floor and perhaps another raffle/fund raiser. Again I am asking for ideas and suggestions from the membership. We need to think about how we may raise more funds to offset the drop in donations due to the economy.

Thanks for all you as members to make this a fantastic organization and keep it up!

Tom

## Museum Musings ★ Joni Wells

**Thank You to some of our members and volunteers.** UTA Intern **Don Gross** created a new porch sign for the museum and is working on another one for the yard in front of the building. **Neil Isbell** found a couple of NSHS Steers megaphones from the 40s or 50s to add to our school exhibition. **Jerrie Jo Young** brought in a signs listing the significant events of the stockyards. **Dan Lamb** has presented talks about the stockyards history to many area organizations and researched the history of North Fort Worth football stars who became pro players over the past 90 years. Look for this exhibition in January to coincide with the Super Bowl game on February 6.

**Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame Inductees Announced.** The newest honorees will join the ranks of the previous distinguished inductees. They are: Mr. Jerry Diaz, Mr. Myrtis Dightman, Mr. Tom Lucia, Ms. Alice Walton, and Mr. Jack Ward.

The Induction Ceremony will be held at the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame and Museum, Thursday, January 13, 2011, inside the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame. The event begins at 6:00 p.m.

**Welcome to new members:** Jimmy and Diane Aycox and Jack and Diane Dyess both from Haltom City.

# Nearly 500 enjoyed the Oakwood Tours

The popular Oakwood Cemetery Tours were a great success this year with more than 450 folks attending. Cool weather, Halloween and great performances made for a successful event.

The Twilight tour sold out for the 2nd year in a row and received rave reviews for the performances of Keith Olivier and the wonderful choir.

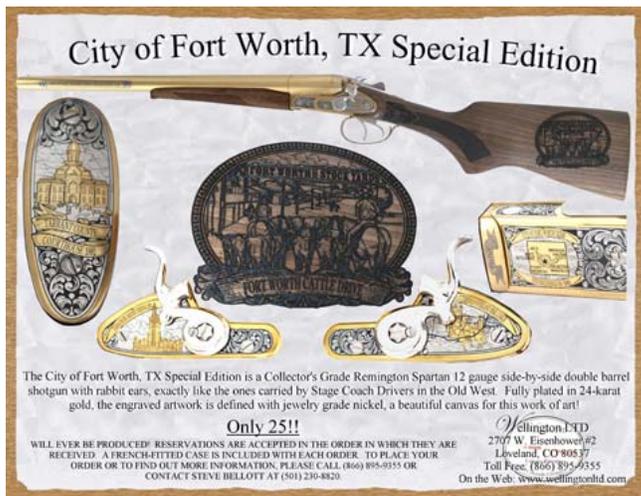
For more photos of this fun event, visit our web page at [www.stockyardsmuseum.org](http://www.stockyardsmuseum.org).



*Rosalie McLeod, Rick Selcer, Pat Simpson and an unidentified volunteer work at the book table. Note Bud Kennedy in the background.*

## Glen Cameron Picks Up His Raffle Prize

Wow—What a surprise we had at the October meeting. Glen Campbell, the young Australian cowboy who won the 2009 Fort Worth shotgun raffle, showed up at the museum. He was introduced to those attending the meeting and then he and Tom Wiederhold and other board members discussed the transfer of the shotgun to him.



### 2010-2011 NFWHS Officers

President	Tom Wiederhold
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3rd VP Budg	Becky Marshall
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### Museum Director

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# Plan Now to Attend Holiday Party

The North Fort Worth Historical Society annual Holiday party will be held at the historic Cattlemen’s Restaurant on Thursday, December 2, at 6 p.m. Cost this year is \$5.00 per couple for the entertainment. We will order off the menu and pay for our own food and beverages.

The Cattlemen Restaurant has been a fixture in the Fort Worth Stockyards since 1963. Marti Taylor promises to make certain our evening will be perfect. Plan now to attend, invitations and RSVP’s will be in the mail shortly.



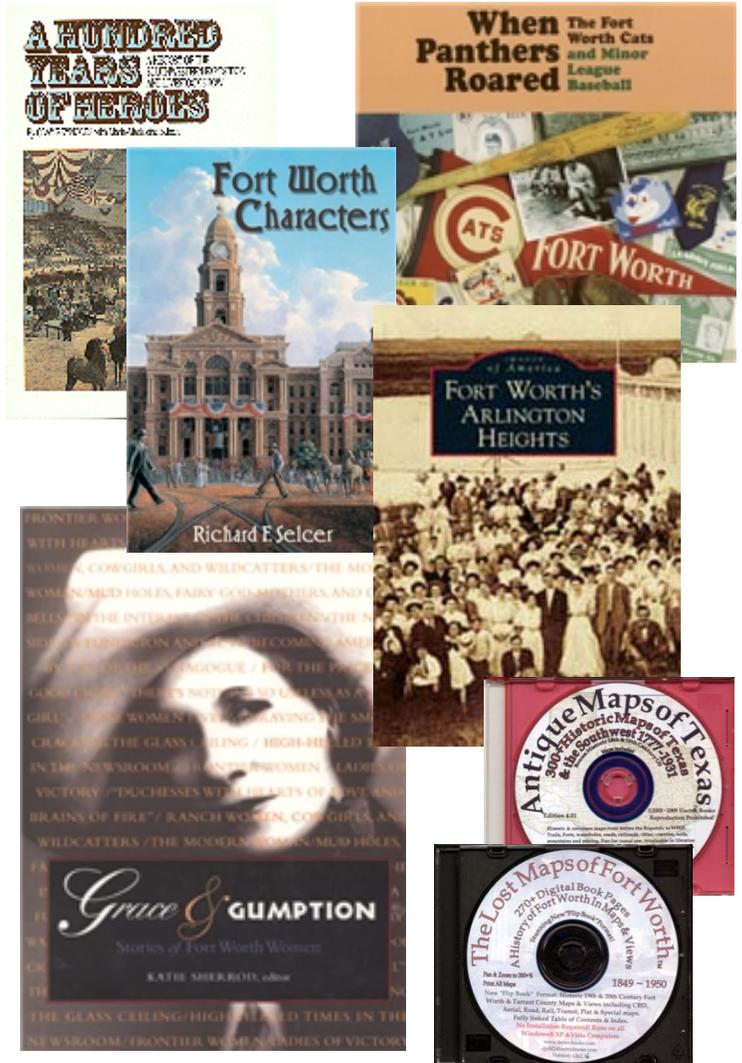
# Holidays in the Stockyards - Shop the Museum

Trying to find unique and interesting gifts for family and friends this year, consider coming to the Stockyards Museum.

Antique Maps of Texas and Fort Worth in print and on CD by NFWHS member Pete Charlton are really popular with many folks and great gifts.

Books by many of our members and local historians are available: J’Nell Pate, Richard Womack, Quentin McGown, Horace Craig, Bob Ray Sanders, Reby Cary, Jan Jones, Bill Sloan, Leonard Sanders, Carol Roark, Phil Vinson, Carlos Cuellar, Susan Kline, Juliet George, Ann Arnold and many more. Our newest books are “Cold War Peacemaker” by Don Preatt and “Written in Blood” by Rick Selcer.

**Remember that members receive a 15% discount on gift shop merchandise.**



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**Museum Hours:**  
 Monday–Saturday 10a.m.–5p.m.

# 2010 Saints and Sinners Oakwood Tour—Cast and Photos



*Chuck Holland portrayed Oakwood's devoted sexton, Phillip Morgett (1856-1913)*



*Loretta Hudson (right) portrayed the youngest daughter of the Halsell ranching family, Ella Halsell Waggoner, who married W. T. Waggoner, Sr. in 1865. Mrs. Waggoner was born in 1859 and died in 1959.*



*Rick Selcer portrayed Jefferson McLean (1870-1907), was killed as he raided the Stag Saloon in Hell Half Acre's.*



*Travis Downs portrayed Hamil Scott (1865-1907), one of the boldest peace officers Tarrant County ever had. Also killed in the Stag Saloon raid.*



*Fern Marin, Jerry Eastman and Skip Humphrey cut up a bit between tours. Fernando Marin portrayed his great grandfather, Theodore Solano (1876-1970) who rode with Pancho Villa between 1910-1920. After the revolution failed, he moved to Fort worth where he raised his family. Eastman portrayed Luke Short (1854-1893) the dapper but deadly gambler who was the proprietor of the White Elephant Saloon and killed Long-Haired Jim Courtright in 1887. Skip Humphrey filled in as needed during the tours.*



*Tom Wiederhold portrayed Ben U. Bell (1856-1927), who became the hero in the clash between Jeff McLean and One-Armed Bill Thomason (portrayed by Jack Edmondson), who killed Scott and McLean in 1907.*

# The Armstrongs of Grand Avenue

*The story of William Louis Armstrong (1845-1924) is one of success, honor, hardship, sadness and now lore. Capt Armstrong came to Texas from Alabama after the Civil War, where he served in the Confederate Army. He was a prisoner of war at Camp Chase, Ohio, when Robert E. Lee surrendered. Pictured near right is Keith Bridwell as Capt Armstrong.*

*Pictured far right, Marty Humphrey portrayed Gussie Armstrong (1879-1954) who was Capt Armstrong's daughter. When his wife died, Capt Armstrong asked his eldest daughter, Gussie, to break her engagement and come to Fort Worth to care for her brothers and sisters. He offered to build her a fine house on the north bluff overlooking the Trinity. Gussie devoted the rest of her life to taking care of the family. To this day, she is said to still reside in that home—the home of Jim, Janet and Jake Lane on Grand Avenue.*



## Volunteers Made the Two-Day Event Run Smoothly!



*Judy Bridwell and Diane Carter; Jimmy Cater is pictured at right.*



*Quentin McGown pictured above led tours!*



*NFWHS President Tom Wiederhold, Oakwood Cemetery Director Sarah Biles and Travis Downs.*

## And Many More . . .



*Buttermilk Junction (above) provide great old-time music between tours.*