



Membership Newsletter December 2010

Plan Now to Attend Holiday Party



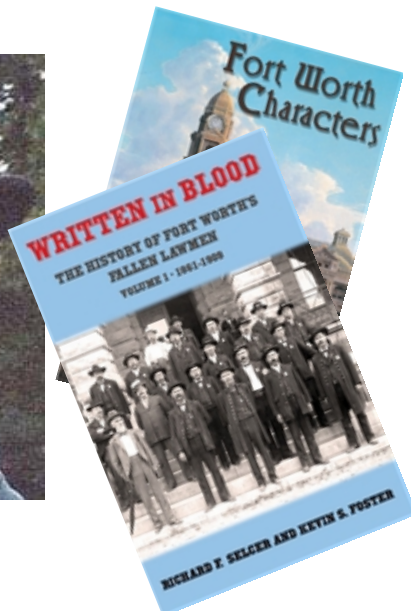
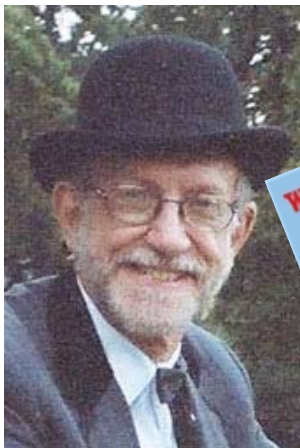
The North Fort Worth Historical Society annual Holiday party will be held at the historic Cattlemen's Restaurant on Thursday, December 2, at 6 p.m. Cost this year is \$5.00 per couple for the entertainment. We will order off the menu and pay for our own food and beverages.

The Cattlemen Restaurant has been a fixture in the Fort Worth Stockyards since 1963. Cattlemen's Proprietor Marti Taylor promises to make certain

our evening will be perfect. Plan now to attend. Please call Joni at 817.625.5082 by November 30 for reservations. Due to my recent illness, I didn't get the invitations mailed, so count this as your official invitation—**call now for reservations!**



Save the Date—January 13 is the next NFWHS Meeting



After our membership meeting starting at 7 p.m., Rick Selcer will speak on the "Adventures in Writing" including many of his interesting things that have happened on the way to writing a book. He is the author a few of our favorite books *Fort Worth Characters* (UNT Press) , *Hell's Half-Acre: The Life and Legend of a Red-Light District*, *Fort Worth: A Texas Original* and co-author of *Legendary Watering Holes: The Saloons that made Texas Famous*.

Rick will also sign books for us before and after the meeting. All of his books are on sale at the Stockyards Museum and make great Christmas gifts.



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*By Tom
Wiederhold*

Greetings everyone! I hope everyone had a wonderful and fruitful Thanksgiving Holiday. Gwen and I spent it in New York with family. We will take Amtrak on the return trip. Travel by rail is a great experience and we plan to see more of the country after Gwen retires. This will be our first real test run as all other trips have only been short runs between here and San Antonio and Oklahoma City.

The November meeting was a fantastic step back in history and I encourage everyone to visit the exhibit at the Cowboy Hall of Fame to see the Applewhite-Clark Exhibition.

The Christmas party is on December 2. I hope to see everyone there ready to share song and friendship! We will have a Chinese Christmas gift exchange. Bring a small gift, something under \$10, wrap it and do not put your name on it. Only those who decide to take part and bring a gift will play so leave it with me and I'll note your name on a list. Then we will start the game! Remember there are rules and I will make them up as we go (Just kidding)!

Please remember we will have to close a portion of the museum in February for up to 3 weeks and we will need some help with taking down and reinstalling most displays. We will also lose a bit of money. Speaking of finances, we have experienced the same issues as other non profits and face a tough economic time. We need to come up with some ways

to generate funds. As it is now, I am halting archiving purchases and improvements in all but the most critical areas. We have made some vast improvements and, while I hate to see us stop, we can't continue without funding. We need to obtain some grants or find some fundraising methods. I have asked for suggestions and ideas and have received only a couple. Lets get creative!

January's meeting (Jan 13) is the same night as the Cowboy Hall of Fame inductions and I suspect some folks will want to attend that. We will have a meeting as well in which I will talk about the pending construction and the financial status. Afterward we will hear Rick Selcer—be sure to attend.

Last month Gwen was contacted by a city employee who stated he had his grandfathers police badge and whistle. The kicker on this is that he was an officer for Niles

City! I have not seen a badge other than through pictures so this will be a real treat. He states he also has some related photos. If you have any information hidden away on the Niles City Police Department please let me know. I am meeting with the gentleman soon and hope he will agree to let us display the items he has.

We would like to increase our Stockyards items and get displays set up into a time line. If you would like to help, let Joni know after the first of the year. The North Fort Worth Historical Society and Stockyards Museum has been mentioned in several publications and conversations. We make a difference and I want us to build on the great work done by Sue and Charlie and all the others who helped get the Society off the ground back in 1976.

**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!**

Tom



The November meeting of NFWHS was held at the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame and Museum. Director Jami Hoffman welcomed our members and introduced Shirley and Marvin Applewhite. Shirley informed us about the collecting of their amazing artifacts from early Texas history. Marvin gave a great history of each man featured in the exhibition: General Lopez de Santa Anna, Colonel John Coffee Hays, Captain Samuel Hamilton Walker and Major Ripley Allen Arnold, who founded the fort at Fort Worth in 1849.

Museum Musings ★ Joni Wells

Welcome to new members—corrected names Jimmy and Mary Aycox. My apologies for copying the Mary's name down incorrectly.

Thanks to Hannah Williams who returned to help during her Thanksgiving break. It's so nice to have her back again.

Thank you to all our speakers this year—all were great speakers and the presentations informational. Speakers during 2010 were: Debi Carl, Sam Rosen, Dr. Gene Smith, Libby Willis, Shirley Apley, Quentin McGown, Pete Charlton, Jim Lane, Richard Womack and Marvin and Shirley Applewhite. I'm sure next year's slate will be as interesting.

During the past year, I attended many meetings and seminars about museum management and

historic developments: Texas Association of Museums (TAM), Texas Lakes Trails, Tarrant Co. Super Bowl planning, Stockyards development planning and building issues, Informal Educators of Tarrant County (area museums), Historic Marine Village Advisory Committee and Northside Economic Development. Keeping up with the activities around the Northside and area help keep the NFWHS in the loop of all activities.

In addition, we were open on Sundays during the summer. Hannah Williams volunteered during the summer. Jake Blackwell and Don Gross interned at the museum. We sponsored a great fundraising event at Jim and Janet Lane's historic home.

My goals for 2011 include surviving the repairs to the

museum during February, rearranging a few items to improve the flow of information in the museum and finishing the archive room filing.

We have a lot of holiday decorations stored in the museum archives room. If you are interested in taking some of it, please contact Joni after Thanksgiving. We used to decorate the whole building, but that has been a lot of work and expensive. Getting a lot of these decorations removed will give us much more storage space for artifacts and other historic documents.

Cataloging and filing of the museum's collection is about two-thirds complete at this time. We will continue storing, cataloging and labeling as long as the supplies we have on hand last. All of the items can be used for display and research.

I am currently working on fundraising to cover the cost of rearranging the museum and finishing the archival of our current collection. Your assistance will help us complete these goals

Volunteer and Board Member, George Butler, Remembered

George A. Butler, 71, passed away Monday, November 8 after a brief illness. The family requests donations to the Susan G. Komen Foundation or the Am Heart Association.

George graduated from Northside High School in 1957. After retiring from Bell Helicopter, he devoted his time serving on the Fire Department Board and volunteering with the Hurst Citizen Police Patrol and the North Fort Worth Historical Society and Stockyards Museum. For the past few years, George had been 2nd Vice Pres (Membership) for NFWHS and was a wonderful volunteer



on Thursdays in the museum. He is survived by his wife, Mary; son, Chuck and son-in-law, David Morrison; brother Wayne and five adored grandchildren.

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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.

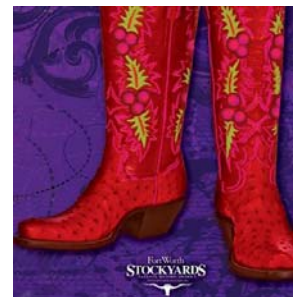
Thank You for Your Help Decorating the Museum

Thank you to the great volunteers who showed up to decorate for the holidays on Sunday, November 21. Skip Humphrey, Pat Simpson, Don Gross, Gerlind Capling, Jake Blackwell and John Pugh all pitched in to get the hallways, banisters and Christmas tree decorated—and, it all looks wonderful!

Gerlind reported that a couple of small children said they had never had a Christmas tree and asked if they could put a decoration on ours. She said their faces lit up brightly while doing it.



Christmas in the Stockyards



A special day for families will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2-6 p.m. Enjoy a holiday parade, lighting of the Christmas Tree, Cowboy Santa, pony rides, chicken roping, petting zoo, caroling and much, much more.

The Stockyards Museum will be open during the day for your enjoyment. Plan to come to start your holiday festivities.



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