THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Tom Wiederhold

Happy Halloween my friends!! October is here and that means the Oakwood Cemetery Tour is here as well. Wow, has it been a whole year since we last visited our friends from the past? I hope that I see many of the NFWHS members in attendance, either as volunteers or as visitors! Support the Oakwood Cemetery and the NFWHS by encouraging everyone you know to drop by!

There are many ways to spread the word about the Stockyards Museum and NFWHS, one of them is through Facebook. If you are not computer literate or simply chose not to use Facebook, I understand. Some of us were forced to learn computers because of work. I can assure you, just like many in the past, I resisted change. I have learned though that Facebook is a great way to spread information. If you have not seen the Stockyards Museum Facebook page you are missing out on some wonderful information and photographs. Our Facebook page has grown from less than 50 just 12 months ago to over 850 people. We posted one recent photo that was shared 165 times with others, that means that in addition to the folks on our page who saw it, everyone who views those other 165 pages saw it as well. Now if you are conservative, and only have 100 friends on your page we still hit thousands of folks this past weekend! The biggest challenge now is to convert those folks into dues paying members! I am working on it. Teresa and I manage to post something new and interesting nearly every day. We have a large following. The same is true for the Oakwood Cemetery Tour Facebook page. We have over 700 followers on that page and many share what is posted with their friends. Social media can be a very effective tool if used correctly. It does not have to be the dreaded "demon" some make it out to be. Learn how to use it, no one controls your page but you. You choose who to have as friends and what pages to like. You choose who can see what you post, if anything, and you choose what you want to see. No one says you have to have hundreds of friends. It's the future, it might be a good time to learn about it. So, if you do Facebook and have not seen our pages, go to "Stockyards Museum, Fort Worth Texas" or "Oakwood Cemetery Tour" and say hello! Remember to come dressed up for the meeting this month! Listen to ghost stories and let's just have some fun this month!! - *Tom*

HAPPY HALLOWEEN AND HAVE A FABULOUS FALL!

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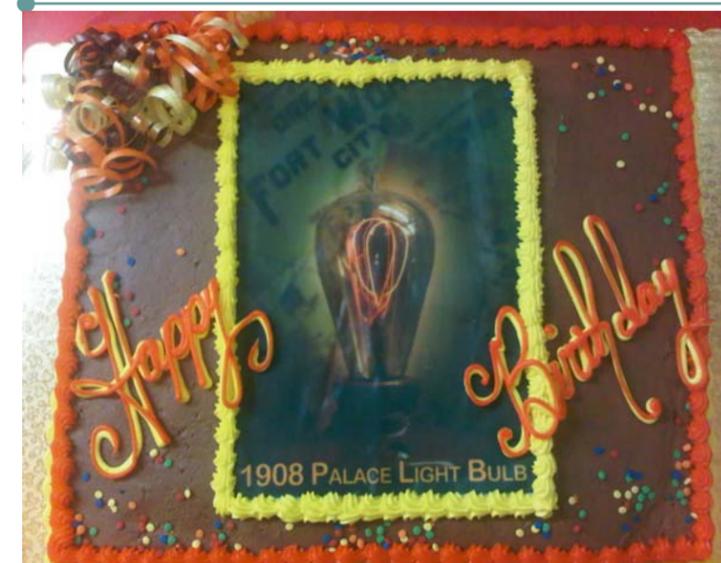
Membership Newsletter October 2012

Put on your **Scariest** or **Funniest** Costume for the October Meeting.

It is a Costume Contest!

Prizes will be awarded to the Best Over-All, Best Male and Best Female costumes.

Boo there for the fun and **tell your favorite Ghost story** on October 11 at 7pm at the Livestock Exchange Building.

The legendary **1908 Palace Theater Light Bulb** celebrated its **104t**h Birthday on Friday, September 21.

A few old friends stopped by for cake and some new friends too. The cake was delicious!

Here's looking forward to another 104 years!

North Fort Worth Historical Society
Presents the 7th Annual

Oakwood Cemetery Saints and Sinners Tour

October 26–28, 2012

Walk under magnificent oaks on graveled paths to meet many of the famous and infamous characters of early Fort Worth as they tell the stories of their lives.

Walking Tours at 1:00 pm and 3:30 pm on Saturday and Sunday Only.
The paths are uneven, so please wear comfortable walking shoes.
Walking Tours: Tickets at Main Cemetery Entrance

Twilight Tours on Friday and Saturday at 6:30 pm
Limited Tickets, Reservation required for the Twilight Tours
Twilight Tours: Tickets Available by calling (817) 625-5082

Adults $10
Students/Children (12 and under) $ 5
Twilight Tour $ 20

**Oakwood Cemetery
701 Grand Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas**

STOCKYARDS MUSEUM
NFWHS

Proceeds benefit the Oakwood Cemetery Association and the North Fort Worth Historical Society, which operates the Stockyards Museum in the Historic Livestock Building

NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson

We are saddened by the loss of one of our most dedicated members and a former volunteer, Libby Ross.

Libby passed away on August 31 and was buried beside her husband, Amos, at Oakwood Cemetery.

Libby had not been able to get out very much in recent years, but she was always interested in the NFWHS and lent her support.

You might say Libby and Amos set the standard for a loving couple, and it always showed on the days when they worked together in the Stockyards Museum.

Libby was at her best when she was up to gentle mischief. Anyone remember the spectacular Molly (the longhorn) she made with her special cheese spread for our Christmas party one year? The spread of the horns was almost as big as the real thing!

We have six new volunteers in the Museum!
John Pugh, Dan Lamb, Gerlind Capling , Robert and Lonna Baker and Meredith Neff are now regular volunteers. They are very appreciated as are all of the volunteers. We couldn't do what we do without their help. A big thank you goes to Sue Ann Hayley, Walter Moten, J.J. Pueblo, Sandy Bunch, Pat Simpson, Keith Bridwell, Diane and Jimmy Carter and Skip Humphrey.

And during the summer Debi Carl and Sarah Biles volunteered to work one Sunday a month. And last, but certainly not least, our junior volunteers, Morgan Harding, Charles Harding and Hannah Williams.

"The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others." - DeAnn Hollis

Stockyards Calendar of Events

October 6: The Great TRAIL DRIVE Fort Worth Stockyards to downtown along the Trinity River. For more information on sponsor packages, contact Pam Fitch at pamfitch1@verizon.net.

October 26th - 28th: Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering. 22nd Anniversary Celebration.

October 27: Texas Trail of Fame Induction Ceremony. 10am

October 31: Treat Street In The Fort Worth Stockyards (6:00-8:00p.m.) Join Stockyards Station and RADIO DISNEY for a safe, family-friendly Halloween Party in the Historic Fort Worth Stockyards that's FREE and FUN