



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Tom Wiederhold

Greetings from hurricane country!!! Seriously I am putting this column together while headed to New York. I am in Western New York enjoying what is left of fall leaves after the winds. I will not be at the November meeting as I am volunteering for the Lone Star Film Festival. Maybe I will see some of you there one of the five days it runs.

We had a great time at the Oakwood Cemetery Tour! I sure missed seeing many of our membership at one of the tours! This event is not just one of our fund raisers, but it is also a real fun time.

Teresa will be setting up the Christmas party and I sure hope to see a great big showing! Let's all come the Christmas party dressed in our best holiday garb. I may just have a prize for the most festive outfit! Gift exchanges will be the same as the last year. Let's try and keep it to around \$15 and good for a man or woman. There will be a time limit for picking so we move faster!! Have a wonderful and happy Thanksgiving and I will see you in December!

~ Tom



A Glimpse Into the Past ~

As you travel down the streets in the Stockyards take a look at the red bricks you are walking on. Many of them have the name Thurber stamped on them. The bricks for the streets in the Stockyards were manufactured at the Thurber Brick Co.



Thurber (located midway between Fort Worth and Abilene on Interstate 20), now considered a ghost town, was a company owned town, founded and controlled from around 1888 through the 1930's by Texas and Pacific Coal Co. At its height, it was the largest town between Fort Worth and El Paso. Every building and inch of ground was owned 100% by Texas and Pacific Coal Co. Every resident lived in a company house, shopped at company stores, drank at the company saloon, attended a company school, danced at the company opera house, and worshiped in company churches.

Thurber Brick paved hundreds of miles of Texas highways and streets: Congress Avenue in Austin; the Galveston sea wall; the Bankhead Highway; Camp Bowie, Main Street, and the Stockyards in Fort Worth.



Membership Newsletter November 2012

**The NFWHS Meeting is
November 8 at 7pm**
in the Livestock Exchange Building.

**Into the Great Wide Open:
Early Land Claims and Settlement Along
the Forks of the Trinity
with Dr. Dawn Youngblood.**

Dr. Youngblood has a PhD in Anthropology from Southern Methodist University in 2003 and worked full time at SMU as a curator and professor. In January 2011, Dawn began her current position as Tarrant County Archivist.



**The December 13th meeting will be the
North Fort Worth Historical Society's
Christmas Party.**

We're having a Ho-Ho-Ho Down!

Join us for fun and festivities at 7pm at the
Cattleman's Steakhouse.

Bring a gift, in the \$15 price range, if you want
to participate in the Gift Exchange.

You pay for your meal but the fun is free!
There will be a cash bar.



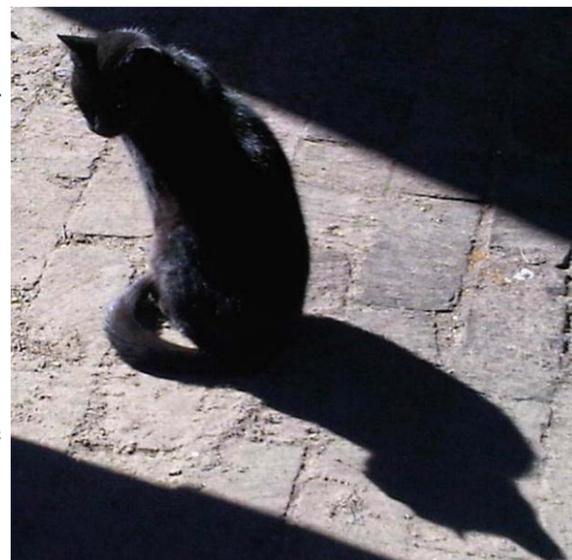
Scenes from Oakwood Saints and Sinners Tour 2012



A Note From The Museum

Many of you know that a few NFWHS members care for the cats that live at the Livestock Exchange Building. Over the years many of them have been spayed and neutered and fed and given medical attention by certain people. And at times, some of the tenants in the Exchange Building donate food. Some of the cats have lived here all of their lives, such as Miss Tiger who lived to be 15 years old.

Last month our beloved little Chloe had to be put to sleep at the age of 14. Many cats have come and gone but Chloe was a favorite. Every morning she would greet me at the sidewalk and she charmed many a tourist. She will be missed! ~ Teresa Burleson

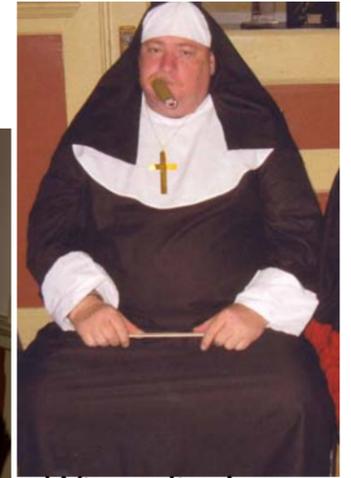


Chloe and her shadow

NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



The winner of the October Costume Contest was Jim Aycox. His costume needs no explanation. A good time was had by all!



Winner, Jim Aycox



Teresa Burleson and her husband Bobby were invited to participate in the Chuckwagon Competition at the Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering, October 26-27. One of the requirements is that the wagon be road worthy. All chuckwagons had to be pulled by horse or mule from LaGrave Field to Exchange Avenue. Here is a photo of their wagon as it turns onto E. Exchange Avenue. Aboard the wagon is Bobby Burleson and daughter Jennifer.

There is a new exhibit at the Central Library you may want to see.

Comanche Nation: The Story of Quanah and Cynthia Ann Parker

It will run through December 15, 2012. There will be lectures each week.

For more information call 817-392-7705 or visit www.fortworthlibrary.org.

