



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Tom Wiederhold

April showers have brought May flowers! Of course that saying applies better in the NE United States, as Texas follows its own time line. Blue Bonnets can be found all around and I was one of those thousands who went out in April and took pictures. There are some beautiful pastures this year!

In April John Pugh and I helped with the Tarrant County Historical Commissions Courthouse Tours during Main Street Arts Festival. We had a great time meeting people from all over the country and the world! The kids are always excited to see us dressed in our 19th Century apparel. That day we missed Debi Carl, Marty Humphrey, Debi Clark, Keith Bridwell and others who normally are with us.

May is now here and our meeting will be a bit different. At the meeting, our members who are veterans will speak about their experiences. I would like to stress that Memorial Day is a day set aside for those who died while in service to our country. Veterans Day in November is for all veterans. However any opportunity to honor veterans is a good thing. I will honor my Uncle who was killed in Korea. Any member who had a military veteran that died in service would be welcome to pay tribute to them.

The new membership levels are in place and it benefits us all to get business members to sign up and support the museum and Society.

See you at the meeting and until then, have a wonderful spring! - *TOM*

Debi Carl will be hosting a tour of Phase II of the exhibition

Violent Motion: The Bronzes of Frederic Remington

on Saturday May 18.

Meet at the Sid Richardson Museum, 309 Main St. at 6pm.

We'll go eat afterwards!

Please RSVP to Teresa by May 17th. (817-625-5082)



Happy Spring!

And don't forget Mothers Day on May 10.



Membership Newsletter May 2013

Honoring All Who Served



The NFWHS meeting on May 9th, 2013 will honor all our Veterans. We would like for each Veteran to tell us a little about your service.

Bring photos and memorabilia to share.

Meeting starts at 7pm in the Livestock Exchange Building.



Glimpses of the Past

This photo of the Old Time Fiddlers Contest was taken on the steps of the Fort Worth City Hall in 1901 by Charles. L. Swartz.

The winner, Henry C. Gillian of Parker County, was awarded a gold watch. They also had a contest for the oldest, ugliest, tallest, shortest and one-eyed fiddler players and the biggest foot, longest beard, and baldest head.

PHOTO BY C. L. SWARTZ.

OLD FIDDLERS CONTEST FT. WORTH, TEX., APR. 13, 1901.

Notice: A change has been made to the NFWHS By-Laws. The changes were voted on and passed at the April meeting. There has been an addition to the levels of membership available.

There are now 3 new Corporate levels of membership, and are as follows.

Commission Agent—\$1,000.00

Brand Inspector—\$2,500.00

Stockyards Cattle Baron—\$5,000.00

Each Corporate Member will have their name or the name of their business on a board located in the museum and each new Corporate Member will receive a Wall Street of the West DVD and a copy of Historic Stockyards by Horace Craig. If you would like to be a Corporate Member or know someone that would, more information can be obtained by calling the museum and ask for Teresa at 817-625-5082 .



The North Fort Worth Historical Society

Proudly announces a raffle of the

The Fort Worth Heritage Rifle



Mossberg 30/30 Lever Action.

Made and engraved in the U.S.A. Each rifle is individually numbered.

The NFWHS rifle is number 18 out of 100.

Tickets available for \$10 each; 6 for \$50 or 12 for \$100. Drawing date: Nov. 14, 2013.

Winner need not be present to win. Must be 21 or older and must be citizen of and live in the United States. Complete rules may be found at www.stockyardsmuseum.org or by contacting 817-625-5082 or nfwhs@sbcglobal.net.

Proceeds benefit the North Fort Worth Historical Society, a 501(c)(3) organization.

NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



The NFWHS send out a big thank you to Russell Feed in Saginaw for the gracious donation of 12 bales of straw to use as seats on the parade float.

Thank you to Signs by Tomorrow for all the help and for expediting our order for the banners used on the parade float.

Walter Moten has been having some health problems and could use positive thoughts and prayers. We sure miss him on Tuesdays in the museum.

Becky Marshall has been under the weather so keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Get well wishes to Gary Bowie, even though rumor has it he's well enough to harass Helen.

Condolences to the family of long-time NFWHS member, Doris Jernigan-Batson,. She passed away on Tuesday, April 16, 2013.

We have 2 new volunteers! James and Sandy Madewell have committed to volunteering in the Stockyards Museum every other Wednesday. They say they enjoyed their first day. They did a great job.

If you would like to volunteer call 817-625-5082 and ask for Teresa.

A personal note from Teresa Burleson:

In case you didn't catch it in the last newsletter, I am adding something new. Every month there will be a Volunteer of the Month section. PLEASE KNOW that ALL of the volunteers are important to me and the order that they appear as volunteers of the month is not the order of importance.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The volunteer of the month for May is actually 2 volunteers but they are a team. Robert and Lonna Baker volunteer in the museum every other Friday. I jokingly call Lonna, Mrs. Clean-it and Robert is Mr. Fix-it. (Although I have caught Robert with a dust rag a few times.) They have also been deemed the "Secretaries of Parades" and Robert is in the process of building a float to use in the parades to represent the NFWHS. Thanks to the Bakers and ALL of the volunteers!



Lonna and Robert Baker

"Volunteers don't just do the work ~ they make it work."
-Carol Pettit