



# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*By Marty Humphrey*

Spring seems to be popping out all over, the trees are budding and flowers are blooming. The bluebonnets will be here soon and I can't wait to get started in the yard.

Things have been blooming for the Society too, we have two members who have renewed their membership at the higher corporate level. Lydia Hill has renewed her membership at the \$1,000 level and so has Stockyards Station. We are so blessed to have friends who believe in preserving the history of the Stockyards and are showing their support through their corporate memberships. We will be adding two more plates to our corporate and sponsor plaque in the Museum and to Lydia Hill and Stockyards Station we say "thank you" and will continue to do our best to keep the history of the Stockyards visible to all.

The North Fort Worth Historical Society was well represented in the Stockyards Goes Green Parade...in fact we won first place! A huge thank you to Robert and Lonna Baker for securing a trailer and doing a wonderful job decorating it. Joining Robert, Lonna and their grandson, Bentley, on the float were Debi Carl, John Pugh, Ed Brown, Gerlind Capling, Debbie Clarke, and Skip Humphrey. Thanks to all of you for proudly showing your green.

We have a great group of volunteers in the Museum and they would love it if you dropped by and said "hey," so try to make it by one day...and bring a friend or family member along. We have been fortunate to see some long-time members dropping by lately and sharing their memories with Teresa. I've said it before, but it can never be said enough, we have the best members and supporters anyone could ever ask for!! To our long-time members, our new members, our volunteers, our Museum Director, and my fellow Board Members, thanks for helping us keep the history of the Stockyards real.

See you at the meeting. —*Marty*



Membership Newsletter April 2015

**The NFWHS will be April 9th at 7pm,  
Inside the Livestock Exchange Building.**



Cowboy Poetry

brought to you by

Teresa Burleson and David Hansford.

Teresa Burleson, the 2010 Academy of Western Artists, Cowgirl Poet of the Year, and David Hansford, the resident Cowboy Poet of the Cowtown Opry, will entertain you with their contemporary and classic Cowboy Poetry.

If you miss it, you will miss a good time!



## The NFWHS/Stockyards Museum Takes First Place in Parade!

Using a trailer donated for the day by, Charles Lawhon Trailer World, NFWHS members donned their best green attire and used their best parade wave, while they sat on bales of straw provided by Russell Feed. The decorations and truck pulling the trailer were provided by Lone Star Legacy. Thanks to all of the sponsors and participants, they were awarded First Place!



## Museum Musings by Teresa Burleson

Most of the funny stories in the museum involve children because after all, “Kids Say the Darndest Things!”

One day while volunteer, Sue Ann Haley, was working she overheard a conversation between two little girls that were standing in front of the Kirmis Queen display.

The girls were going back and forth, trying to decide which one should ask a question, One would say, “you ask her,” and the other would say, “ No, you ask her”

Sue Ann heard what was going on so she asked the girls if they had a question. The girls looked at each other and one finally said, pointing at Esther Haltom's photo, “Is that lady buried in there?”

Sue Ann assured them she wasn't. I suppose with the blue drape and the roses it resembled a casket.

Another story involving the Kirmis Queen display is not as funny but equally interesting. A young lady visiting from Russia was in the museum and she pointed out to us that the costumes the ladies wore in the Kirmis Queen Pageants were very similar to the clothing worn by Russian Royalty at the turn of the 20th century.



**Kirmis Queen Display**



### Raffle Winner

The winner of the 2015 Cabela's Raffle was Travis Bryant of Willis, Texas. However, Travis didn't buy his raffle ticket, it was a gift to him from his girlfriend, Hannah Williams.

As you can see from the photo, Travis is an avid outdoorsman and will put this Cabela's gift card to good use!

Thank you to everyone that purchased raffle tickets and for your support.

## NFWHS News



### Peter Records Charlton 1936 ~ 2015

Pete lost his bout with pancreatic cancer on March 8. His family & friends laid him to rest on March 22 on a hill in Oakwood Cemetery with his favorite view—the railroad bridge, the Trinity River, and the bluff where Fort Worth got its start.

Pete worked in radio for many years, then taught himself how to program and make the most of computers, creating one of the first automated radio applications. He loved Fort Worth history, Texas cattle trails and early transportation. To study those, he had to have maps. He put together a large collection that he was able to reproduce on DVDs and in print.

Pete was a good friend to the NFWHS, but refused to be recognized for the things he did or donated. He designed & maintained our first website for many years. He printed all kinds of signs, posters, & programs, including those for the Oakwood Cemetery tours. He donated his printed maps and DVDs for us to sell in the museum gift shop, and our files are full of historic photographs & small artifacts he bought on *eBay* to give to the Society. We miss him already.



### Thank you to our 2015 Corporate Members!

The NFWHS created the Corporate Memberships to offer a higher level of support for those that were interested.

We want to acknowledge and thank the Corporate Members we have so far in 2015.

**Bill and Mitzie Davis**

**Lyda Hill**

**Stockyards Station**

We are grateful for all of our members, Individual, Family, Patron or Corporate.

Your support is imperative in perpetuating the Stockyards and North Fort Worth.

**Thank you to Charles Lawhon Trailer World** for the use of a trailer for a day to be used in the Stockyards Goes green Parade.

Be sure to visit Lawhon's Trailer World for any of your trailer needs.

Located at 4111 East Loop 820 South, Fort Worth.

