



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Marty Humphrey

October is here and this is going to be a busy, but exciting, month for the Society. First off, after many years of shuttered doors, the Fort Worth Stockyards Auction Arena will again be buzzing with activity! And what better way to start off than with a longhorn cattle auction and those big longhorns have some really cute names. The Arena looks great!! Thanks to Heritage Development Group and Majestic Realty for pulling all stops and doing a wonderful job on getting the arena back in shape in such a short time. This historical event is bringing the Texas longhorn back home to the Stockyards. It's a beautiful sight to see all those longhorns in the pens out back, every pen was full! Skip and I attended the first auction on Friday night with Bluegrass being auctioned off and it was phenomenal! Everything was done first rate, so well in fact that Friday night another auction was announced for March 2017.

The last weekend of October will be very busy for us, and timing will be critical on Saturday, October 29. At 10:00 am on the front steps of the Livestock Exchange Building, the North Fort Worth Historical Society will proudly be accepting the award for induction into the Texas Trail of Fame. Wow, what an honor! We will hold a place of distinction along with the fellow inductees who have been presented this award through the years. We wouldn't have made it this far without the magnificent members of the Society who have kept us up and going for 40 years. And a sincere thank you to the person who nominated us for the award and the Trail of Fame board for voting for us.

And finally, drum roll please...at 1:00 pm on that same Saturday, the walking tour of the Oakwood Saints and Sinners Tour begins (that's the reference to critical timing). I know that several of the Oakwood residents want to be at the Trail of Fame ceremony, so they will have to beat a path for Oakwood Cemetery after the ceremony. Thank goodness they can appear and disappear with a blink. The Twilight Tour (which starts on Friday the 28th) has sold out, but there are plenty of opportunities to meet the residents on Saturday and Sunday. The walking tours are at 1:00 pm and 3:30 pm both days. Remember, this is a fund-raiser for us, but more importantly, it serves our mission of educating about our history. If you've never been to the Oakwood Tour, then by golly put it on your bucket list and get there October 29th and 30th, you won't regret it.



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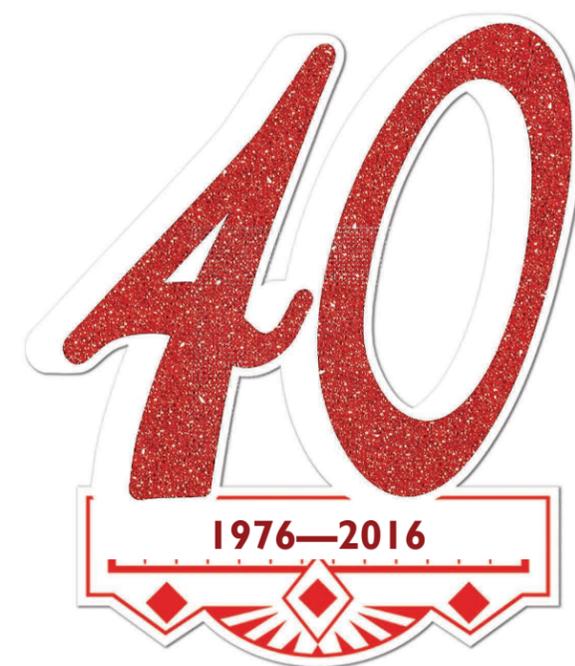
The NFWHS Meeting is on October 13 at 7pm

At the Stockyards Museum

Our guest is Steve Myers

An avid western history buff, Steve has been interested in the history of the Chisholm Trail since he was a young boy. He grew up near Abilene, Kansas, a famous cowtown and the last stop for cattle herded up the Chisholm Trail from south Texas.

When he became a "Texan" over 35 years ago, he started tracing the history of the Chisholm trail drivers from Texas through Oklahoma to Kansas. This passion for Chisholm Trail history has led Steve to sharing the story with the public. He has been working on a project with the County Historical Commissions to identify locations and place markers in counties to commemorate the trail drives. He has taken on the role as director of the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the Chisholm Trail in Texas in 2017.



Celebrating 40 years!

1976 – 2016

The NFWHS is 40 years old!

We will be combining the annual Christmas Party with a 40th Anniversary Party. It will be held at River Ranch, December 8th.

Mark Your Calendars!

Seating is limited!

More Details to Come!

Fort Worth Stockyards Longhorn Auction

On September 29th and 30th an auction was held in the historic Stockyards Auction Arena. The sale, presented by Hudson/Valentine Enterprises, auctioned off 100 registered Texas Longhorns including, Lazy J's Bluegrass, the Guinness Book of World Record holder for the longest horn spread at 119 1/2 inches. That makes Bluegrass the longest horned steer in the World! Bluegrass was consigned to the sale by Joe and Stephanie Sedlacek, Greenleaf, KS. Bluegrass, a 10 year old steer, sold for \$49,000 and went to his new home in Oklahoma.

It was an exciting weekend and it was great to see cattle in the pens and the Auction Arena being used again. Another Auction is planned for March, 2017.



Bluegrass, the World's Longest Horned Steer.

Cattle that were waiting to be sold, in the pens of the Stockyards.



The Auction Barn has recently been revived.



NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



Thank you!

North Texas Giving Day was a great success! The North Fort Worth Historical Society and Stockyards Museum would like to thank all those that gave.

Without your generous donations, big or small, we couldn't do what we do.

We'd like to send out **Get Well** wishes to Keith Bridwell. Keith has been in the hospital but at this time he has greatly improved! Get well soon! We miss you Keith!

Exciting News! The North Fort Worth Historical Society is being inducted into the Texas Trail of Fame. The ceremony will be held in the Stockyards on October 29th at 10am. The NFWHS Trail of Fame bronze disc will be placed in the sidewalk in front of the Livestock Exchange Building.

Welcome New Members!

Paul Hicks Fort Worth Firefighters Museum Christine Norton
Joel Fowler Stockyards Preservation/Friends of the Coliseum

The North Fort Worth Historical Society's 11th Annual *Saints and Sinners Tour*

Oakwood Cemetery
701 Grand Ave.
Fort Worth, TX

October 28—30, 2016

Walking Tours

Saturday and Sunday at 1pm and 3:30pm
\$10.00 for adults ~ **\$5.00** for Students & Children
Pay Admission at the Gate the Day of the Tour.

For more information call 817-625-5082

