



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Marty Humphrey

January was a fairly quiet month, both in weather and in activity. I sure did miss seeing all our friends at the monthly meeting; hopefully, everyone will be ready to start the meeting year off February 9th. There isn't a huge happening this month so I'm going to update you with a bunch of items.

First off, we still don't have a form-based code for the Stockyards. It seems there were plenty of comments sent in and it might take a little while to go through all of them. But it makes me feel good about the involvement of all the various parties, people are speaking their minds and making recommendations which is always a good deal.

This year is the 100th anniversary of Camp Bowie, not the street, the military camp. Teresa will be keeping her eyes and ears open and will let us know anytime she hears of an event or interesting article.

Speaking of Teresa, she had a run in with a staff member at the Coliseum one morning, or a should say they ran into her. Teresa is fine, she headed back home for a warm bath and some aspirin and Skip took off work and ran the Museum for the day. Teresa's truck didn't fare as well, so she said her good-byes and is driving a sports utility vehicle now.

Many of you may have seen that there were several viewings of the Wall Street of the West on KERA (PBS), appropriately scheduled to coincide with Fort Worth's time to go cowboy for the Stock Show. It really boosted the sales for the video. After all these years, people still love to hear the stories of the early Stockyard years which were so skillfully written by Horace Craig and narrated by Barry Corbin. We were so lucky to have such a good friend and member with Horace.

Thanks to Ed Brown for making life easier for the museum volunteers. Ed set up a remote system for the various desk lights which saves time and steps when opening and closing the museum. Thanks Ed, it is also easy on the back and knees.

Skip and Paul are considering the various options for our Spring Trip. They aren't sharing the locations with me, but they must really be coming up with a great trip with the time they spend on the computer checking sites and texting.

Please don't forget to renew your membership and hopefully I will see you at the meetings this year, we have such great programs, so you don't want to miss any of them. ~ *Marty*

Happy Valentine's Day!



Membership Newsletter February 2017

Don't Miss the Historical Society Meeting!

February 9, 2017 at 7pm in the Livestock Exchange Building.

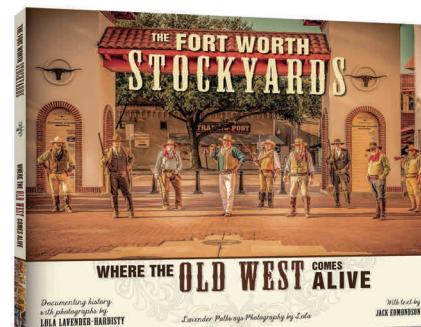
Our Special Guests Will Be

Lola Lavender-Hardisty and Jack Edmondson

Featuring Their Book:

Fort Worth Stockyards

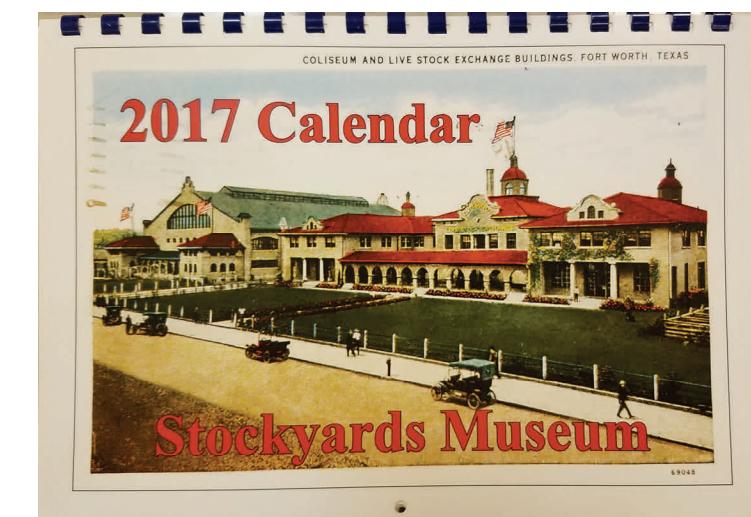
Where the Old West Comes Alive



Mitzie Bridwell Duke

Welcome to New Members!

Kenneth Parrish



Do You Have Your 2017 Stockyards Calendar?!

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**You can only get it at the Stockyards Museum!**

## Glimpses of the Past...

This photo was taken at the 1910 Feeders and Breeders Show, which was later called the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show. The Stock Show started in the Historic Fort Worth Stockyards. A conversation between rancher Charles McFarland and Charles French, marketing manager for the Fort Worth Stockyards, resulted in the first stock show in the Spring of 1896. This event was the first of what would eventually become known as the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show. The stock show was held along Marine Creek, in a location with no buildings or enclosures, and only a few trees to provide shade for the animals and patrons. That first show was such a success that organizers gathered again in the fall of 1896 for a two-day event in October to coincide with the National Livestock Exchange Convention meeting. A parade opened the fall show and has become a Stock Show tradition.

(This photo is featured in the 2017 Stockyards Calendar on the month of January.)



## NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson

**Get Well Wishes** go out to Clara Ruddell-Holmes. After volunteering at the Stock Show, Clara and her husband Bob were leaving and walking through the cattle barn. A steer broke loose and ran over Clara. Clara had surgery for a broken hip but is at home doing well.

**Our heartfelt condolences** go out to the Eric Luecker Family. Eric and his wife Stacy are members of the North Fort Worth Historical Society. A Memorial Service will be held on Feb. 11 at 5:30 at the Southside Preservation Hall; 1519 Lipscomb St, Fort Worth, 76104.

**Is it time to renew your NFWHS membership?** You can renew with your credit/debit card on-line at [www.stockyardsmuseum.org](http://www.stockyardsmuseum.org) or you can call the museum at 817-625-5082 and ask for Teresa. Or you may use the form below .



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