



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Marty Humphrey

March was a very busy month for the Historical Society; so many events are starting and will continue through the summer months. Speaking of summer months, we will start opening for Sunday (noon to 5:00 pm) from Memorial Day to Labor Day and we would love to have volunteers for a Sunday or more during that time. Check with Teresa if you can help out.

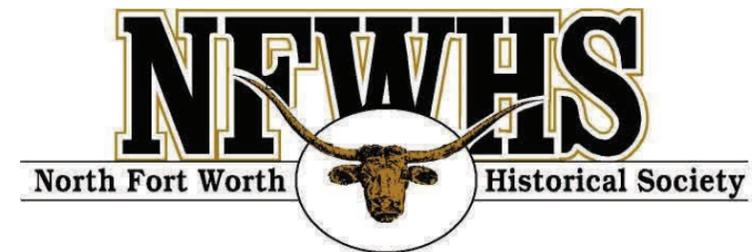
Several of our members (and friends) got together for the St. Patrick's Day parade. The float looked great thanks to Gerlind Capling, John Pugh, Debbie Clarke, Robert and Lonna Baker, and Paul and Melissa Hunter. Joining us on the float was Jim and Jake Lane with Jake's friend Jason and the Wild West gang from Texas Western Legends, Robert and Lonna Baker's great grandson Bentley and our own Ed Brown. We had a great time and the TWL group really got the crowd stroked with their yell contests along the way. It was wonderful to see the NFWHS out there again for everyone to see.

The guys, Paul and Skip, are ready to announce our Spring Field Trip. We will be caravanning to....Mineral Wells. Along the way we will be stopping at Greenwood Cemetery in Weatherford where we will visit the graves of legends Oliver Goodnight and his trusted friend Bose Ikard, Mary Martin, and Governor Samuel Lanham. We will then visit the Vietnam War Museum in Mineral Wells, and the Clark Gardens (no, it's not Debbie's back yard), and the memorial at Fort Wolters. We will finish the trip with late lunch/early dinner in the big city of Mineral Wells. Plans are for May 7th. Please let Teresa know if you are interested in joining us so we can keep you up to date. The plan to visit the Vietnam War Museum comes between the traveling Wall That Heals which was here in the Stockyards last month and the release in September of Ken Burns documentary series of the Vietnam War. Just think it has been over 40 years since the Vietnam War ended in 1975!

On the last Saturday of March, John Pugh and I joined the former employees of the Swift and Armour Packing Plants at their annual reunion hosted by XTO in its beautiful building at the top of the stairs. It was so delightful to talk with the men and women, and a special thanks to Pat and Warren Davenport for letting me say a few words about the North Fort Worth Historical Society and our Stockyards Museum. The people were interesting, the food was delicious, and the location was beautiful since XTO did such a fantastic job of restoring the Swift office building. I know it brought joy to the former employees to see it in its glory.

A tip of the hat to members Bill Davis, Hub Baker, Don Jury, and Jim Lane for their continuing support of the preservation of the history of the Stockyards and the encouragement they provide to the NFWHS.

That was our March and now for April...did you know it is National Volunteer Month? So let's celebrate by recognizing those who give of themselves to help others and let's get motivated to join the effort! To our fantastic volunteers, THANK YOU!!! ~ Marty

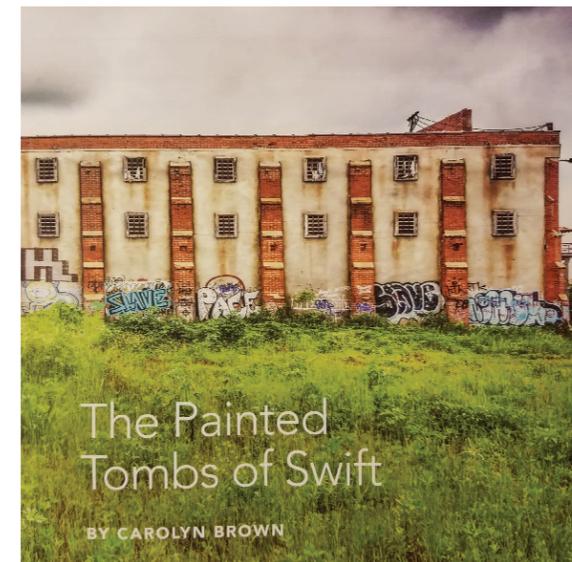


Membership Newsletter April 2017

The April Meeting is on the 13th!

Our special guest is photographer Carolyn Brown.

She will share with us her experience while photographing the ruins of the Swift meat packing plant and the making of the book, *The Painted Tombs of Swift*.



In the summer of 2016 the Swift plant was demolished but now before Ms. Brown was able to document the buildings with photographs.

"In the spring of 2016 I was hired to record the Swift Meat Packing campus for preservation records. In a career spanning four decades nothing could have prepared me for the wonderment that I would find at the site. It was utterly transformed from its original purpose." Ms. Brown said of her experience.

The meeting will be held at 7pm in the Livestock Exchange building.



Spring Road Trip!

Sunday, May 7th

This is a full day trip by caravan (individual vehicles). Everyone should bring something to drink and snack on along the way. We plan to eat late afternoon in Mineral Wells.

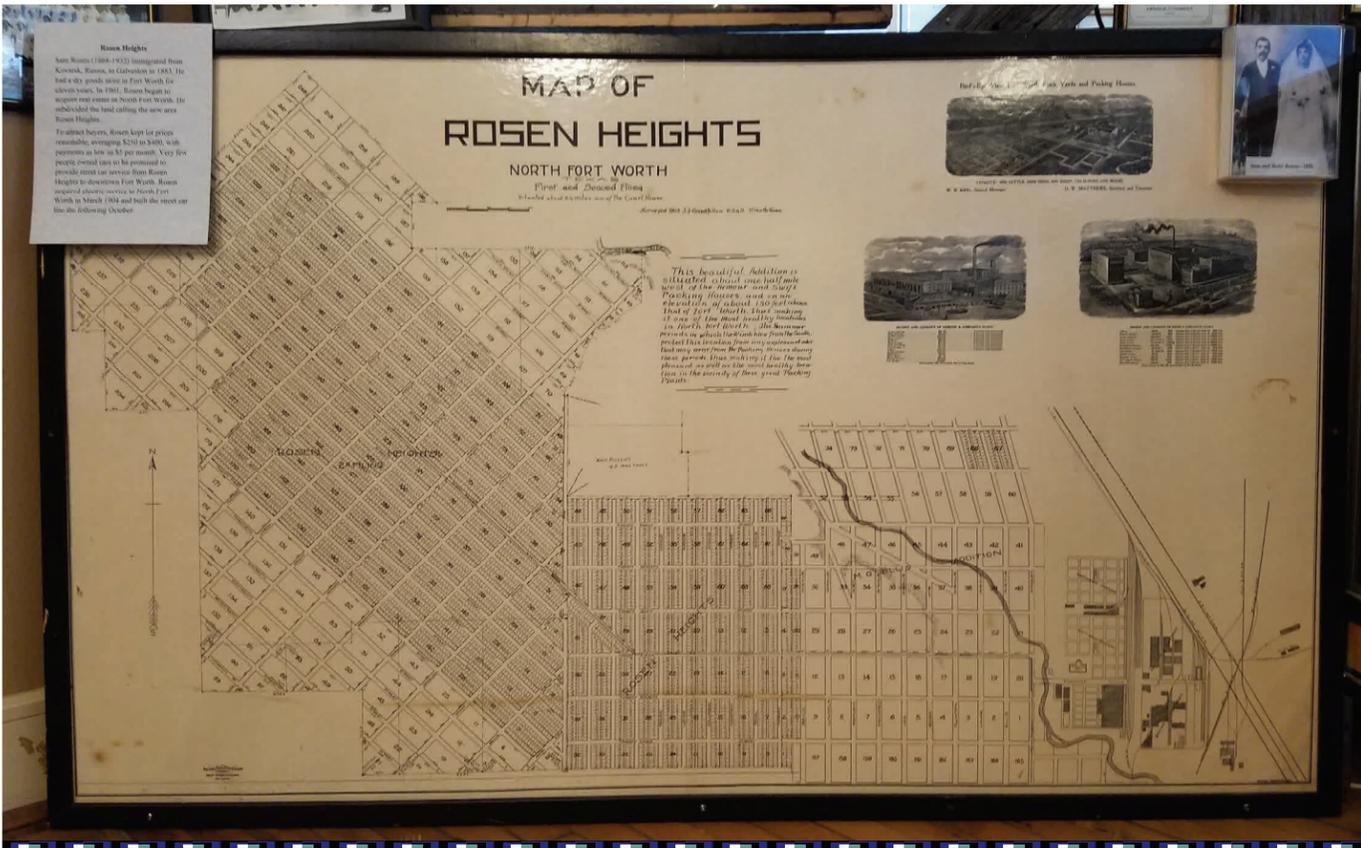
Itinerary: Meet at 8:30 at Bob Bolen Public Safety Complex parking lot. Leave around 9am.

- **Greenwood Cemetery**, Weatherford, visit the final resting place of Oliver Loveing & Bose Ikard.
- **National Viet-Nam War Museum**, Mineral Wells.
- **Clark Gardens**, Mineral Wells, Admission is \$9 for Adults, \$7 for Seniors and \$5 Children 4-12.
- **Medal of Honor Memorial—Camp Wolters**, Mineral Wells

If you would like to go call Teresa at the museum, 817-625-5082, or Skip at 817-475-0942 for more information.

Glimpses of the Past...

This map of Rosen Heights is a new addition to the museum. Sam Rosen (1868-1932) immigrated from Kovarsk, Russia to Texas in 1883. Rosen moved to Fort Worth and opened a dry goods store in "Hell's Half Acre." He remained in the dry goods business in Fort Worth for eleven years. In 1901, Rosen began to acquire investment real estate in North Fort Worth. He subdivided the land calling the new area Rosen Heights. In 1903, he sold his dry goods store and conducted his real estate business full time. To attract buyers, Rosen kept lot prices reasonable, averaging \$250 to \$400, with payments as low as \$5 per month. He donated land for Sam Rosen Elementary School, built in 1909, as well as for numerous churches in Rosen Heights.



Exciting News!

The Fort Worth Military Museum is relocating to the Fort Worth Stockyards!

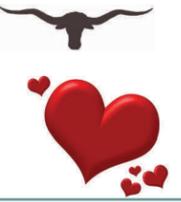
The move-in date has not been set but it will be soon. We are very pleased to welcome them to the neighborhood!



NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



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Thank you to ALL of our Volunteers!



~Welcome New Members~

Roger and Jannette Barritt ~ Robert Castillo ~ Andra Beatty ~ James Farek

Saint Patrick's Day Parade

