
BOSQUE MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER

April 2007

PO Box 345, Clifton, TX 76634

“The Romance Of Dance”

The New 1920’s Era Exhibit to Bosque Museum



The new museum exhibit brings the fashions of the 20’s in retrospect with installation of sixteen dresses from that era to the exhibit space in the gallery. Included in this exhibit are significant items relating to this period which have been selected and placed in the shadow boxes opposite to the large showcase.

The gowns represent the Museum’s collection, also six on loan from the Historic Waco Foundation, and four from local lenders: Betty Bronstad, Mary Orbeck, Carolyn Tyssen and Lexie Van Tassel. Other memorabilia for the shadow boxes are on loan from Carolyn Flanagan.

This exhibit features the styles that were introduced during the early twenties. A sense of “going modern” can be observed in the shorter dresses which represented a new freedom for women. Hair styles were revolutionized with bobbing of hair, and make-up was the rage for this decade. A multitude of issues were exposed to define the future of America and openly reviewed in movies, music, novels and politics. This period was a time of change for America, and modernism was a trend

that had its beginning in this era.

Every generation represents itself in the fashion world, in the selection of clothing, hair styles, cosmetics, photography and more. Fortunately, photos from the past have been saved to help with exhibit design and to provide learning experiences for us and future generations.

The period seems to reflect a time of fun and frivolity where we, by observation, can garnish a moment of vicarious pleasure in the study of their lives and their fashions.

The opening of the new exhibit will be Sunday, April 29, 2007 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for museum members. Opening for the public will be Tuesday, May 1, 2007.

We look forward to your visit to the museum and hope that you find the exhibit another good experience.

“The Romance of Dance”
Creator Coordinator: Mary Orbeck. Shadow Boxes: Carolyn Flanagan. Assistants: Nancy Bratcher, Sudie Knudson, Willene Pack, Sue Posey, Tricia Seavolt, and Ann Wiland.



-Mary Orbeck

Schedule of Events

- April 19 Education Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.
- April 24 Rex Ziak Lecture at the Conservatory,
6:30 p.m., **Before and After Lewis &
Clark**
- April 25 Docent trip to Austin, 8:00 a.m.
- April 29 Changing Exhibit Opening, **The
Romance of Dance, 1920's**, 3:00-
5:00 p.m.
- May 10 Docent meeting 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

New Members & Renewals

December, January, February, March

Thank you for your continued support.

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*denotes new member(s)

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Memorials

The following gifts have been received since the publication of our last newsletter.

In Memory of

Franklin Anz Mr & Mrs Kenneth Kruse	Jimmie Jones Mr & Mrs Kenneth Kruse
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VISITORS FROM AFAR

The museum was surprised and honored to have one of Texas' most prominent archeologists, Dr. Gentry Steele, of Texas A & M University visit the museum on January 31. Dr. Steele was accompanied by a former student, Suzanne Patrick, and Albert Redder. Their response to the Horn Shelter Exhibit was most favorable.



Leif J. Braaten, Ph.D., a professor of Clinical Psychology, who taught at the University of Chicago in 1958, and is now a resident of Oslo, Norway, visited the museum with his companion Ellen Haehre, who is the Headmaster at a Vocational School in Oslo. The couple was in Clifton visiting relatives Anne and Bruce Wiland, who accompanied them to the museum.

Mr. Braaten was in the states to attend the American Group Therapy Association Congress in Austin, Texas, of which he is a member and a fellow of the organization.

Leif's great grandfather was Norman Ole Knudson who is buried at Norse Cemetery.



Students and instructors from Danielson School in Bergen, Norway, and Svein Holst Andreassen, Royal Norwegian Consulate General from Houston, Texas viewed the museum and were impressed by the Norwegian heritage of Clifton.

Kopperl School brought their 3rd graders to the museum, and as always the children are lots of fun.

Since January 1, 2007, over 670 people have visited the museum. Thank you to everyone for your interest and support of Bosque Museum.

New Artifacts Donated to the Museum

Carpenter Square Set donated by Herbert Shultz of Clifton, Texas. Mr. Shultz has also donated a number of books and reference material to the museum.

Baptismal Gown, Slip and Cap donated by Dr. Morris Theodore, Jr. (Ted) and Betty Bronstad of Cranfills Gap, Texas. The ensemble was on loan for the Rock-A-Bye Baby Exhibit and was donated to the museum. They were worn by Morris Theodore Bronstad Sr. at Norse church in 1885 and also by Morris Theodore Bronstad Jr. (Ted) in 1921 for his baptismal in Dennison, Texas.

1920's Evening Gown donated by Henry Snyder of Waco, Texas. The evening gown was worn by Ida Anurrd for parties and was later used for on stage performances. The gown is now part of the museum's new exhibit, "The Romance of Dance."

Trunk with personal memorabilia, wedding items, cameras, Curtis Larson's military items, lady's hat collection designed by Mrs. Larson and many personal items donated by Myrtice Nygaard Larson of Arlington, Texas. Mrs. Larson is always very generous to donate items to the museum.

Grinding Stone donated by LaVerne Dutton of Clifton, Texas.

Sable Stole donated by Wilma Ray of Clifton, Texas. The stole is from the Lizzie Borden family estate of New England.

New Gun Cabinet Exhibit

Installation of the Edwin Larson handgun collection into the drawers of the new gun display case is continuing at the museum. Lee Donner, Jose Cano, and Frank Smith are sorting, classifying and labeling the guns for installation and display in the various drawers. The museum is grateful for their time and expertise. Special thanks are also given to Charles Robelia for his contribution of the styrofoam panels to be used in displaying the guns in the various drawers. The larger drawers in the center portion of the cabinet will be used to display the museum's sword collection. Work will continue on the collection for the next few months with an expected completion date sometime this summer.

Rex Ziak's Before and After Lewis & Clark Lecture

Bosque Museum is please to announce the return engagement of Rex Ziak as speaker in its annual lecture series on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in the Tin Building Theater located in the Bosque Conservatory. Mr. Ziak received rave reviews following his last lecture and the museum received many requests for his return. Mr. Ziak will present the story of American exploration before and after the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The lecture will be divided into two parts, each approximately 45 minutes long. The initial lecture will present the discovery of the Americas by the Europeans and will travel in time up to the birth of Thomas Jefferson in 1743. The second lecture will begin after the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1806. The lecture explains expansion of the West from the time of Lewis and Clark up through the Oregon Trail and concludes with the annexation of Texas. Mr. Ziak, in his own unique way, will tell how the west evolved from explorers to mountain men and finally to the homesteaders.

Admission is free but seating will be limited to available chairs in the theater. Reservations are recommended since the lecture last year had standing room only attendees. Tickets may be obtained at the Bosque Museum at 301 S. Ave. Q, Clifton. There will be opportunity to give a donation in the theater lobby to help defray expenses for next year's lecture series.



*Museum
Celebrates
Chinese
New Year*

The Year of the Pig was warmly welcomed by more than 75 museum patrons and guests on February 16, 2007. The festive New Year celebration was a premium party event for museum members and their guests. The museum was decorated with Chinese lanterns and decorations. Chinese inspired costumes were the dress of the day. The generous assortment of food was provided by Bestyett of Waco. As usual the desserts were outstanding. Music for the evening was provided by the Charles Niemek Band from West, Texas. Special thanks are given to Bryan Davis for the Dragon Dance. No Chinese party would be complete without at least one Dragon. Decorations for the evening came from San Francisco's Chinatown. Bernie Dutton's daughter, Lea Hartwell from San Rafael, California, spent one day in Chinatown searching for the perfect Dragon Head and other assorted party material. Thank you Lea for your hard work. The Chinese New Year celebration was a continuation of our celebration of the opening of the Horn Shelter Exhibit. Current scientific speculation is that the skeletal remains found in the Horn Shelter are closely akin to the Ainu people in Northeastern Asia. What better way then to continue our exhibit opening than to celebrate Chinese New Year.

Thrivent Financial Will Match Grant to Appraisal Faire 2007

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be providing a \$500 matching grant to benefit the museum's educational programs for county school children. The museum's match for the grant was raised through its annual Antique and Collectables Appraisal Fair held on Saturday, February 24 at the Clifton Civic Center. The annual fair was the seventh such event to be sponsored by the museum.

Dozens of appraisers were on hand during the fair to offer verbal, non-binding appraisals on items ranging from antique guns, tools, prints, crockery, pottery, china, baskets, quilts, silver, jewelry, dolls, toys, coins, furniture, and a myriad of miscellaneous collectibles.

The day also featured a successful Gourmet Bake Sale, which offered specialties from some of Bosque County's finest cooks. The bake sale was a sell-out and raised over \$800. Spring flowering plants provided color at the appraisal tables and were also available for sale.

Museum Director George Larson expressed thanks to the community, museum volunteers and those who served as appraisers. He said more than fifty volunteers were involved and more than 160 volunteer hours were given to the event. He also expressed thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for their provision of a matching grant for this project.



Horn Shelter Campaign, Phase II

The Bosque Museum concluded its Horn Shelter Campaign, Phase II, in March 2007 and exceeded its initial goal of \$6,000. The Museum successfully met the requirements for a \$6,000 matching grant offered by a museum patron and achieved a total contribution of \$14,000. The funds will be used to enlarge and enhance the current Horn Shelter exhibit. The major change is the addition of an exhibit describing archeology and how archeologists work. The contributions of archeologists Albert Redder, Frank Watt and Robert Forrester will be highlighted. Exhibit modifications are currently being made by Terry McDonald and Bernie Dutton.

The museum board is particularly grateful to the following individuals for their support of the campaign:

Mr. & Mrs. Wylie Basham
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 Mrs. Mary Wood.



Top: Bernie Dutton and George Larson sift dirt collected from the Horn Shelter cave site. Right: Sue Posey and Terry McDonald add texture and color to the Horn Shelter Phase II exhibit. Left: Terry McDonald textures exhibit wall.

Flood Closes Museum

The extreme rains on Thursday, March 29, resulted in flooding of the front room of the Museum. The drains in the courtyard apparently clogged and water backed up into the museum. Luckily, the museum was still open and the staff was able to quickly remove the water with push brooms. Total Restoration from Waco came to the museum that night and was able to begin the drying out process. No artifacts were affected. The museum remained closed for a week while dehumidifiers and blowers ran continuously. The staff restored the artifacts and exhibits by Thursday, April 5. The museum opened to the public again on Friday, April 6.

Special thanks are given to the museum staff, Bernie Dutton and Terry McDonald for their time and effort during this extraordinary event. The museum board is currently evaluating options to remediate the drainage problems. The museum staff appreciates the many good wishes and offers of help given by the museum patrons and members.