

January 2007

Clifton Lutheran Sunset Home Gives Land to Museum

On December 11, 2006 a significant and historical event occurred in the history of the Bosque Museum. On this day the Board of the Clifton Lutheran Sunset Home signed an agreement deeding the land on which the museum is located to the Bosque Memorial Museum Board. The property extends south from the corner of West 9th and Avenue Q to the parking lot located back of the Jacob Olson Log cabin. The property extends west from Avenue Q to the sidewalk located back of the museum. The museum's title to the land will enable future expansion and modernization of the property.

Originally the museum's property as well as most of the land owned by the Sunset Home and the Bosque Conservatory belonged to Clifton College. In 1896 the newly organized college was given five acres of land by N. Jacob Nelson and three additional acres by T.T. Hogevoold. Later, when Clifton College merged with Texas Lutheran College in 1954, the eight acres was given to the Clifton Lutheran Sunset Home Corporation with the provision that land and initial funds for a building be set aside for the housing of the museum located in Clifton Junior College. Much of the museum's collection was originally given to the college in 1923 by Mr. Jacob Olson, a Norwegian immigrant, with the stipulation that it would never leave Bosque County. A museum association was formed in 1954 to care for the collection. The first president of the museum association was Mrs. Sadie Hoel. Under her leadership the museum became a major cultural force in the community. The early development of the museum could not have occurred without the support and encouragement of the Sunset Home.

The Sunset Home, the Museum and the Bosque Conservatory are direct heirs of the Clifton

College tradition and all three organizations have a mutual respect for the heritage and individuals who were the forerunners of these organizations. The museum maintains permanent displays relating to the college years as well as an extensive archive of pictures and documents from the college. Hopefully though these exhibits showing the aspirations and accomplishments of these pioneers will be remembered and preserved. Likewise the Sunset Home continues the Lutheran traditions of community service in the county through its special ministry to the aging. The modernization of its physical plant will allow the home to continue its tradition of providing quality long term care. The Clifton College Administration Building is now part of the Bosque Conservatory and continues to be an active place of education and learning. The building has been recently modernized and made accessible to the handicapped. Through its many incarnations, College Hill has been and will continue to be a place of community involvement and service.

In recognition of the mutual regard and transition of both organizations, the Museum Board will give an appreciation reception for the Board of the Sunset Home on Sunday, February 23, 2007. Past Presidents on the Sunset Home and the museum will also be invited.



Photo courtesy of The Clifton Record

Schedule of Events

February 16 Premium Patron Party
(By Paid Ticket Only)

February 6 Board Meeting

February 24 Appraisal Faire

Thank You

Special thanks to Ken Van Tassell for the restoration of the Bosque Memorial Museum sign located on the corner of Avenue Q and 9th Street.

New Members & Renewals September, October, November 2006

Thank you for your continued support.

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

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Ralph & Nadine Heid

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Record Museum Attendance

The average monthly attendance since the opening of the Horn Shelter on October 5, 2006 has averaged approximately 700 visitors a month. Since our opening we have had 2,184 visitors and of that number 1549 have been from out of town. The museum board and staff are both pleasantly surprised and pleased that the attendance has been maintained despite the Christmas Season and the inclement weather during the last few weeks. Even on our snowy and icy days we had five to seven visitors to the museum.

The visitor attendance has greatly exceeded our expectations. In the nine month period preceding the opening, the museum had 2300 visitors for an average of 250+ visitors a month. Following our opening we had almost as many visitors in the last three months of the year as we had in the first nine months of 2006. For many of our out-of-town visitors this is their first visit to the Clifton area.

The recent feature article in Texas CO-OP Magazine has attracted much attention and we had many visitors come to the museum because of what they read in the article. The phrase "Ancient Texans" seems to resonate with many of our visitors and they are very appreciative of the Horn Shelter Display.

Visitors are asked to indicate their opinion of the exhibit on a five point scale with five being excellent. Ninety percent of our visitors rated the exhibit as a four or higher on the five point scale, indicating high acceptance of the exhibit and its content. While the board and the staff are very pleased with the public's acceptance of the current exhibit, changes in content and presentation format will be made as new information becomes available. We will, of course, keep you informed when these modifications are made.



Horn Shelter Campaign, Phase II



Expansion of the Horn Shelter Exhibit has begun. An enlarged picture of the Horn Shelter and additional introductory text has been added to the east wall. New pictures and text are being added to the left half of the shelter space. A display of the archeologist's trade along with an explanation of how the excavation was carried out in the Horn Shelter will be presented. Special thanks are given to patron Frank Smith for helping with repair of the "rock." Albert Redder is enthusiastic about the expanded exhibit and has agreed to give us some of the tools used for his 26 years of excavation at the Horn Shelter. More importantly he will give us his notebook in which he recorded his field notes. The expansion of the exhibit is particularly timely because the display will compliment the educational grant the museum recently received from First Choice.

Estimated costs for exhibit changes and additions are approximately \$10,000. An anonymous donor has agreed to match any funds raised up to \$6,000. At this time \$4,000 has been given toward this match. If you wish to support this project and have not yet given a contribution we ask that you consider doing so soon. A contribution of any size will help the museum defray the costs of this new special permanent exhibit. For all the help and support you have given to the museum in the past year we want to once again thank you. The museum could not have achieved its currently level of quality without your support.

Horn Shelter Contributors

The Board and I would like to sincerely thank the following people for their financial support and encouragement during our recent Horn Shelter Campaign. Your support has made a significant impact on this museum and community. We truly appreciate your trust and confidence. You have shown that we can achieve much when we work together.

-George W. Larson, Ph.D.
Museum Director

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Bosque County Students Visit Museum



Carolyn Flanagan of the Bosque Museum Education Committee gives Clifton Elementary 2nd grade students a tour and explains the history of the Horn Shelter.

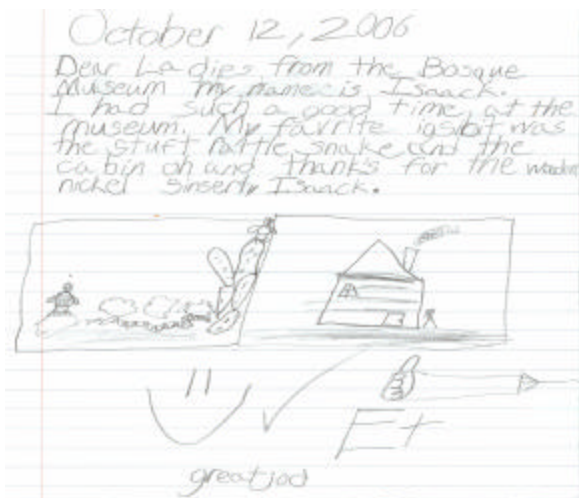
Bosque County students have been visiting the museum. Eighty 2nd graders from Clifton came on October 12. Forty-one 5th and 6th graders from Kopperl came on October 27. Ten students from the Bosque County Co-op came on November 15. All groups were very attentive and interested in all of our new exhibits. The museum was well staffed with our docents; Sudie Knudson, Rose Ann Grissett, Gwen Owen, J.J. Frambes, Carolyn Flanagan, Marge Shafer, and board member Kathy Kruse. Their enthusiasm and knowledge insured that all students had a very successful museum visit.

The Bosque Museum Education Committee; Vicki Thiele, Rose Ann Grissett, Celia Kennedy, Sudie Knudson, Kathy Kruse and Carolyn Flanagan are developing teaching materials and in-service procedures for implementation of the First Choice Grant relating to the Horn Shelter.

This committee braved the weather on January 16 to visit Mayborn Museum in Waco. We met with Jill Barrow and Denise Seaman and learned many helpful “tips” for the development of teaching Kits or “discovery boxes” that can be “checked out” for use in the classroom.

The \$5000. grant from First Choice must be spent by July 1 when the final report on the completion of this project is due.

One of many thank you notes from Bosque Co. students.



Museum docent J.J. Frambes gives Clifton Elementary 2nd grade students a look into Jacob Olson's cabin.

BOSQUE MUSEUM RECEIVES GRANT FROM



The Bosque Memorial Museum has received a \$5,000 grant from First Choice for its Horn Shelter Educational Program. The museum's program will teach school children in Bosque County about the Horn Shelter and its importance to them. Currently there are 1562 elementary age children in eight different county schools districts and many of them have not visited this museum. The grant will enable the museum to assist and support teachers in county schools in the teaching of Bosque County history and about the Horn Shelter Site in particular.

The museum will use three different methods in supporting the teacher. First, the museum will prepare curriculum and teaching aids for use in 3^d, 4th and 5th grade classrooms. The museum is fortunate to have an Education Committee of six recently retired elementary teachers with a combination of 180 plus years of teaching experience. The committee's objective will be to develop curriculum guides, student handbooks and teaching aids for three different topics relating to the Horn Shelter exhibit. All the materials for each topic will be contained in a "teaching kit" which will be loaned to classroom teachers. The student handbooks will be given to each child to take home.

Secondly, the education committee and museum staff will prepare docent handbooks and conduct training sessions for school tour guides. Ideally the classroom teacher will present the materials in the teaching kit first before the children visit the museum. Docent education will emphasize the archeological process and the scientific approach taken in such excavations. Methods for engaging the children in the experience will also be discussed.

Finally, the third instructional approach will be the preparation of a script and a DVD presentation about the Horn Shelter Site. This presentation will be tailored to the older student (5th, 6th, and 7th grades) and will emphasize the archeological process and the site's implications on the history of early man in North America. Trained Museum Docents will visit classrooms, make a 30-40 minute presentation, and answer questions about the site.

Prior to the initiation of this project the museum will invite school administrators and interested teachers to a half-day training session at the museum. Suggested

use of the teaching resource kits and other museum resources will be presented and explained.

Since this project will have grant support by First Choice, all materials are available for loan to county schools at no cost. All student materials will be given free to each child. The education committee and the museum board sincerely thank museum members and the community for their past support of the appraisal fair which made this grant possible. The museum's financial match for this grant was provided in part by the museum's annual Appraisal Faire.

Chinese New Year

Did your New Year start with a whimper and not a bang? Do you want your year to start all over again? Then come celebrate the New Year (Chinese Style) on Friday, February 16 at the museum. Come dressed in your favorite Chinese outfit and since this is the Year of the Pig, pig outfits are welcomed too. Food will be provided by Best Yett and your favorite dance music will be provided by Charles Nemec. Invitations will be coming shortly. There will be a \$25 charge per person for this premium event. Your guests are welcome. Please mark your calendars and come prepared for a night of fun and merriment.

Appraisal Faire

The 2007 edition of the Appraisal Fair will be held Saturday, February 24, at the Clifton Civic Center. Most of our favorite appraisers will return and they are anxious to appraise your hidden treasures and recent finds. Tickets are \$10.00 per item and \$25.00 for three items. This opportunity only comes once a year and this is the time to search your closets and open your cabinets. A hidden jewel is waiting to be found.

The museum docents will also have their annual bake and plant sale. This is a chance to get some of the best desserts that can be found in Bosque County. Make plans now to be there.

The Rock-A-Bye-Baby Exhibit

The Rock -A-Bye-Baby exhibit is scheduled to come down on February 26 in order to make way for a new and exciting exhibit. The unveiling of the changing exhibit will be announce at a later date.

VISITORS FROM AFAR

Karl Blaasaas and his mother Astrid Blaasaas from Oslo, Norway visited the Museum while on a tour throughout the United States. Their visit through the states took them to Washington D.C., Colorado, California and Texas.



Age Falkeid from Stravenger, Norway stopped by the museum after a 12 day Route 66 motorcycle tour. He began his motorcycle tour with 40 other people from Norway, ending the tour in Los Angeles. He rented a car there and drove to Yosemite, Death Valley and to Texas. Age is employed by Exxon Oil Company and was going to Houston from Clifton.

Other visitors from various countries included Ian and Faye Brooker from British Columbia, Canada, Given Kachepa from Zambia, Africa and Mary Banks from London, England—the sister of Clifton's Larry Banks. Also, accompanied by Kathy Radde of Clifton was Hilde John of Germany.

The museum's opening of the Horn Shelter Exhibit brought many visitors from all over the United States. Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and many visitors from all over the state of Texas. Herb & Janet Dann of Corning, New York said, "The museum is one of the best we have ever seen."

New Artifacts Donated to the Museum

School Bell donated by Peggy Berry of Irving, Texas. The school bell belonged to her mother Ruth Ethel Townley Berry and was used in area schools—Meridian Creek, Cooper and Norse from 1930-37.

Brass Label-National Vigilance Association 1885 donated by Dee Sharp of Iredell, Texas. The brass plate was from the blacksmith's door on the Diamond S Ranch in Iredell.

Vintage Clothing donated by Helen Blassin-game of Clifton, Texas. The clothing belonged to her great aunt Mary E. Robinson (1858-1917) of Clifton, Texas.

Piccolo donated by Dorothy Zimmerman of Clifton, Texas. The piccolo belonged to her brother Dennis Schultz who played in the Norse band in 1930.

Artwork Print of the Old World Bridge and Mill donated by Opal Rystad of Grand Prairie, Texas.

Antique Glider donated by Kenneth Nelson of Clifton, Texas. The glider is 100 years old and belonged to Mr. Nelson's grandfather, Anton Nelson.

Governor Clements Visits Museum

On Tuesday, January 23, the museum had a surprise visit from former Governor W. P. Clements, Jr. and his son, Gill. Governor Clements is an avid enthusiast of Texas Archeology and he wanted to come and see the Horn Shelter exhibit. He first heard about the exhibit from patron Bob Lane. Bob sent the governor an array of printed information about the archeological site and invited him to come.

The Governor spent an hour and a half at the museum and was very complimentary about the display and the museum. Several times he said this museum was a "jewel" and he did not know why other people did not know about it. Both he and his son said they would bring their friends and come again.