
BOSQUE MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER



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Board Elects New Trustees And Officers

The Bosque Museum began a new year on June 12, 2007 with the election of new Trustees and Officers. New trustees elected for three year terms are Ken Van Tassel and Sudie Knudson. This is Ken Van Tassel's first year, but he has been a Patron for many years and has served on the museum's building and grounds committee. Mrs. Knudson returns to the board after a year's absence. She has an ongoing interest in the museum's education program and collections committee. Mrs. Knudson and Mr. Van Tassel are replacing Bobby Jo Conrad and Rick Lundberg who have completed their three year terms as trustee. Both of these gentlemen have served as officers of the organization, and the museum is deeply indebted to them for their services. Knudson and Van Tassel join on-going board members John P. Gilliam, J. W. Thiele, Mary Hanes, Bernie Dutton, Rodney Joy, Carolyn Flanagan, and Kathleen Kruse.

The Board elected John Phil Gilliam as president of the organization for the coming year. Mr. Gilliam is president of First National Bank and has been a previous trustee of the board for two years. He is joined by Ms. Bernie Dutton as vice-president, J.W. Thiele as secretary, and Mr. Ken Van Tassel as treasurer.

The officers serve as the executive committee of the organization and meet on a regular basis with the museum director, George Larson, regarding museum operations. The board also extended special thanks to Mr. Rodney Joy for his services this past year as president of the board. Mr. Joy helped organize the Horn Shelter Fund Raising Campaign and was instrumental in beginning the museum's lecture series with Rex Ziak as inaugural speaker. Mr. Joy will continue as trustee on the museum board.

The Board decided the primary focus for the coming year will be a self study concerning future goals for the organization. The museum has grown in major ways in the last two years, and the organization is now in need of a better definition of its future objectives. As the trustees proceed with this study, the membership may be asked to contribute input to the board during the next year. The Board will communicate its conclusions to the membership in a future newsletter.

Note From New Board President

There are a lot of good things about our museum. Perhaps the best has been our leadership. Through the executive direction of Dr. George Larson, the recent Board leadership of Rick Lundberg and Rodney Joy, and a visionary and hard working Board; our museum has become not only a protector of that which was Bosque County, but also a cultural asset to those who are Bosque County now. We recognize and thank our patrons and members who have made this possible, and encourage everyone to be involved in the activities of our museum. It's the place to be.

John P. Gilliam

To Friends of the Museum

What a pleasure it was for me to work with Bosque Museum this past year as President. As we all know, the Museum's success does not happen without the involvement of many talented people working together toward a shared goal.

This past year's achievements were possible because of numerous individuals giving charitable gifts of money and hours of dedicated time. I want to thank everyone for helping raise the museum to a higher level and for making all the exhibits and programs of this past year a huge success.

May we always work above and beyond the call of duty to improve our Bosque Museum.

A friend of the museum always,

Rodney G. Joy

Schedule of Events

September 23 Membership Brunch
 October 7 Archeology Lecture/Day at the Conservatory, with Pegi Jodry from the
 Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institute, 2:00 p.m.

Memorials

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

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New Members & Renewals

April, May and June

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VISITORS FROM AFAR

Bosque Museum is always excited to see the flow of local and out-of-community visitors to the museum. The new exhibits and activities have brought people from many places in Texas as well as other states and countries.



Students from area schools toured the museum with the help of the Docents. One hundred and thirty 3rd graders and adults from Glen Rose visited on April 20. On May 2, fifty-seven Valley Mills 2nd graders and adults came to the museum. The children are always very inquisitive about the exhibits at the museum.



On April 14, nine exchange students of Whitney High School visiting from Frankfurt, Germany accompanied by Kathy Radde.



A group of students from a Baylor archeology class visited the museum on May 29. A detailed tour of the Horn Shelter exhibit was given by curator Bernie Dutton.

County wide 4th grade classes visited the museum

on May 1. Thanks to Farm Bureau the annual event brought one hundred and eighty-five students through the museum on that day.

The Central Texas German Society visited on the evening of June 26.

Questad Swenson of Ft. Worth visited the museum on June 16 and was accompanied by his daughter Mildred Austin of Glen Rose. Mr. Swenson's musical tunes soon filled the building as he played the "Old Square Grand Piano" that had belonged to his mother, Alma Peterson Swenson. She was known as an accomplished pianist. The piano was purchased in 1902 from Reeder Amusement Hall in Clifton for \$100 by Mrs. Swenson. It was the first of its kind in Clifton. The Square Grand Piano was given to Bosque Museum in 1964 where it is still used on many occasions.

Mr. Questad at his mother's piano. A photo of his mother sits atop the piano.



May Docent Meeting

A program on gemstones, antique jewelry and tips on taking care of jewelry was presented on May 10 by Bob Hord, a native of Bosque County. A slide presentation was observed by the docents. They were served a light lunch to end the meeting.

Mr. Hord's program was very interesting. A table with a wide array of gems and jewelry was provided for viewing.



Rex Ziak's Before and After Lewis & Clark Lecture

The enthusiastic audience at the Rex Ziak lecture on April 24 was taken for a whirlwind ride through world history. Not only did Mr. Ziak continue the saga of Lewis and Clark after their great expedition in the American West, but he also gave the listener a thorough grounding in all the old and new world events that led up to the expedition. One attendee remarked that he had never had the experience of hearing world history summarized in one half hour. The lecture was well received and many people said they are waiting with great anticipation for Mr. Ziak's next presentation. Over 225 people pre-registered for the Tuesday night lecture.

The museum is making arrangements for Mr. Ziak to give a lecture again next year. More information will be given when arrangements are finalized.

Opening of New Exhibit "The Romance of Dance"

The museum opened its new exhibit entitled "The Romance of Dance" on Sunday afternoon, April 27, 2007. Curator for the



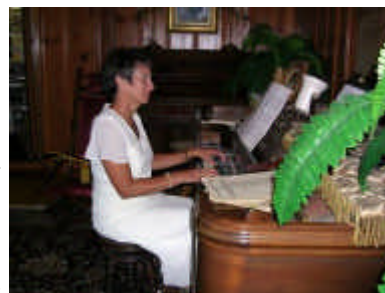
exhibit was Mary Orbeck. The exhibit features sixteen dresses from the 1920s as well as other memorabilia from that day and time. The exhibit brings to life the unique spirit of the time — a time remembered for its daring fashion and social attitude. The 1920s were a happy and fun time and the exhibit attempts to bring that decade to life once more.

Six of the gowns on display are on loan from the Waco Foundation. This exhibit marks the first time the museum and the Waco Foundation have collaborated, and we hope there will many more opportunities in the future. Special thanks is given to Claire Masters of Waco in securing the loan of these garments. Four additional gowns were loaned to the museum from local Bosque County citizens: Mrs. Betty Bronstad, Mrs. Mary Orbeck, Mrs. Carolyn Tyssen, and Mrs. Lexie Van Tassel. The museum thanks all of these donors for their generosity. Special thanks is also extended to everyone who assisted in the installation of the exhibit.

More than seventy-five visitors attended the Sunday afternoon opening. Piano music associ-

ated with the 1920s was provided for the occasion by Linda Grams. The museum documents led by Mrs. Marge Schafer furnished refreshments for the occasion.

The exhibit may be visited during regular museum hours until the beginning of next year.



ExxonMobil

The museum hosted 25 retired ExxonMobil employees on June 13. The visit was coordinated by Patrons Wally and Punky Penberthy and included a visit with lunch at the Conservatory. Bernie Dutton and George Larson conducted the group on a tour of the Horn Shelter Exhibit and the museum. Dr. Larson previously lectured to the group about the Horn Shelter at their March meeting in Waco. At that time the group expressed an interest in the Horn Shelter and decided to come to the museum.

The museum is happy to make arrangements for other groups to visit. Arrangements can be made by calling the museum during business hours.

The Opening of Horn Shelter Phase II

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Who Discovered America?

On Sunday, June 10, 2007, the museum hosted the opening of the Horn Shelter Exhibit, Phase II and the first public showing of the National Geographic special, "Who Discovered America?" Over eighty people attended the opening and viewed the documentary.

The completion of Phase II expanded the Horn Shelter to include an archeological exhibit with tools and equipment used at the actual site, new signage and photographs for the display, additional lighting, and enhancement of the rock façade in the display. The intent was to provide the museum visitor with a more in-depth experience.

The documentary "Who Discovered America?" was greatly anticipated by everyone. The special presented the earliest known history of man in America and emphasized how much of this early history is different from what we previously learned. Of special interest was the description of the burial goods at the Horn Shelter Site as the "Crown Jewels" in the study of these early people. The museum was given permission by the producers to reproduce the documentary for educational purposes. We will be showing the program again in the future.

Museum Docents, coordinated by Virginia Neeley, provided refreshments for the event.

Mimbres Metate And Manos Donated to Museum

Fred Spanabel of Laguna Park donated a Mimbres metate and its two manos along with 52 other manos to the museum for our Indian artifact collection. The oversized troughed type metate was found upside down over the lower half of a female Mimbres Indian skeleton. The Manos were leaning up against the metate. The skeleton was discovered under the floor of a Mimbres ruin on the Mimbres River between Hurley and Demmings, New Mexico. The metate is lying on the floor in the Horn Shelter Room. We invite you to come have a look at our new acquisition.



Mayborn Museum Staff Visit

Jill Barrow and Denise Seaman of the Jeanes Discovery Center at Mayborn Museum on the Baylor University campus, visited the Bosque Museum on April 26 at the invitation of the Education Committee. On an earlier trip to the Mayborn, the committee examined the Discovery Boxes that are available for loan to schools.

The local museum committee subsequently created Horn Shelter Discovery Boxes designed to inform elementary level students about this unique archeological site. Each box contains artifacts, a teacher's guide filled with information and activities, and a booklet for students to take home.

Bosque County grades 3-5 Social Studies teachers will be invited to a brunch and preview of the materials in September.

While in Clifton, the representatives from Baylor Museum Complex enjoyed a tour of the local museum and expressed interest in returning to see the completed Horn Shelter teaching materials.

Pictured working on a Discovery Box are (L-R) Carolyn Flanagan, Jill Barrow, Denise Seaman, Rose Anne Grissett, Celia Kennedy, Kathy Kruse, and Vicki Thiele. Also on committee Sudie Knudson, not in photo.



Juana Books Signing

The Museum has recently republished "Juana" written by Pearl Andrus. This book has been out-of-print, and requests from several book stores and the Somerville Historic Society motivated the museum to publish the book a fourth time. Juana is the story of the founding of Glen Rose and Somerville County. The cover features a sculpture of Juana done by Robert Summers. This sculpture will be installed on the Glen Rose Courthouse Square on Labor Day, 2007.

Mr. Summers agreed to attend a book signing hosted by the museum and An Thompson on Saturday, June 16, at Thompson Gallery in downtown Clifton. He autographed over sixty copies for friends and visitors to the event.

The book is now for sale at the museum gift shop for \$10.50. Autographed copies are available for \$15.00 upon request.

Presentation of National Geographic Documentary

By popular request the museum has made arrangements for the showing of the National Geographic special, "Who Discovered America?", for persons missing the initial viewing on Sunday, June 10. This special documentary contains reference to the Horn Shelter and the importance of the burial goods found there. If you are interested in the history of early man in Bosque County and the importance of the Horn Shelter to modern archeology in America, the museum recommends that you take the opportunity to view this special production.

Beginning Saturday, August 5, the museum will present a viewing of the documentary at 2:00 pm in the special exhibit room. Subsequent showings during the following weeks will be scheduled for Wednesday and Saturday at 2:00 pm. Special arrangements may be made for showings at other times for groups of viewers.

One Last Trip to the Horn Shelter



Bernie Dutton and Albert Redder at the Horn Shelter site.

Albert Redder, Tricia Seavolt, and Bernie Dutton returned to the Horn Shelter in May to get one last load of Horn Shelter Dirt. The dirt was sieved at the shelter to lighten the return load. This last load was used to complete the Horn Shelter Phase II exhibit. Small glass bottles of this Horn Shelter dirt may be found for sale in our gift shop.

Wanted: Information on photographs and German Bible left at the front door of the museum after hours. (254) 675-3845

New Artifacts Donated to the Museum

Hymnals and Bosque County Memorabilia donated by William Pendelton.

Wedding Gown and Accessories donated by Mrs. Virginia Olsen Hubbard, wife of John Barry Hubbard, of Fort Worth, Texas. Mrs. Hubbard, known to some as Patsy after her father Pat Olsen, and Mr. John Barry were married in 1943 in Forrest Glenn, Maryland.

Books donated by Hubert Shultz, George Larson, Leslie Bennett, Darla Gloff Dill, Svein H. Andreassen - the Royal Norwegian Consulate General.

Native American Artifacts—Metatas and Grinding Stones donated by Fred Spanabel of Clifton, Texas. Mr. Spanabel donated a lifelong collection of impressive Native American Artifacts.

Miscellaneous Artifacts found in Bosque County and New Mexico and Mexico donated by George Hallmark of Meridian, Texas. Mr. Hallmark donated arrowheads and bottles found on Campbell Ranch in Bosque County, and also pottery and pottery shards from Old and New Mexico. The collection included fossils, various metal objects and old tin type photos.

Bosque Museum wishes to thank all of the contributors who donate artifacts to our museum collections.

Mark Your Calendar For The October Lecture

On October 7 of 2007, we will be honored with still another Smithsonian researcher, Dr. Pegi Jodrey. Archeologist Dr. Jodrey is an expert on the burial material found at PaleoAmerican sites and has conducted research with the burial goods found at the Horn Shelter. At a recent visit to our museum, Dr. Jodrey agreed to be our guest lecturer for Archeology Awareness Month. In anticipation of a larger crowd than the museum can comfortably hold, we have scheduled the lecture for the Bosque Conservatory.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we enter the summer season and begin a new museum year, I want to thank all the members of the museum for their interest and support during the past year. Since we opened the Horn Shelter Exhibit in October 2006 we have had over 4000 visitors to the museum. Almost 2500 of these visitors were from out of town. For many individuals, their visit was their first introduction to Bosque County. The museum is truly becoming the front door to our community.

While we are all justly proud of our new displays and their impact on our new visitors, an equally important job is going on behind the scenes in our work room. A major purpose of the museum is to conserve and organize the many items in the museum's possession. Items given to the museum are kept in trust and are conserved to the best of our ability for future generations. Much of this work is done by our dedicated full time employees, Tricia Seavolt and Willene Pack. They have worked diligently and without fanfare and have accomplished much. For the first time in our history, we have a fairly accurate idea of the number of items we have in our museum. We have divided these items into four major collections: historical artifacts, documents, photographs and books.

As of this time we have cataloged 2,483 artifacts with about another 600 items left to complete. Each item is photographed and described and its history is documented. These artifacts are historical tangible objects with some important tie to Bosque County history. This collection does not include the "props" we often use to enhance our displays. Props do not relate to county history. Our prop inventory numbers about 1,500 items.

In addition to artifacts, the museum has about 40 linear shelf feet of documents. Each of these items has been cataloged for easy access. This was a tremendous undertaking. Many of these documents relate to the Norwegian migration to Bosque County, Clifton College, and the founding of Clifton. The papers of Jacob Olson and Elise Waerenskjold are considered especially important. An interesting collection is the sheet music collected by Nell Jenson and inherited from her mother.

The museum's photograph collection has grown into a major collection. We estimate we have over 5,500 photographs and we have only cataloged 1,800. As we go through our photographs, we are digitizing all of our pictures since many are old and fading. Many of these photographs are of early settlers, but there are a sizable number showing the life and culture of an earlier time. These photographs

will become valuable in future years.

Our book collection is divided into Norwegian language and English. We estimate we have over 1,600 books on our shelves. Some Norwegian books dating to the 1700s are considered rare. Many were associated with Clifton College and were gifts to the college from early Norwegian Settlers. This collection is unique and is worthy of conservation. This collection is probably the one area with the greatest need for conservation. In addition to our major collections, we have smaller but important collections of drawings and original art, maps of Texas and Bosque County, early firearms, and early children's toys and dolls.

The next time you see Tricia or Willene at the museum, thank them for their ongoing work and dedication. Their record keeping is essential for the future growth of this museum. Your museum truly could not be in better hands.

Horn Shelter Man's New Pedestal

When museum visitors walk through the front door, they are now able to see the Horn Shelter Man as he is meant to be viewed. Mr. Danny Fewins has complete the construction of a new pedestal for the Horn Shelter Man. Measurements provided by Dr. Doug Owsley showed the adult male was five feet, four inches tall. The new pedestal was built so that the top of the reproduced facial reconstruction is exactly five feet four inches tall. For the first time, you will be able to look into the face of the Horn Shelter Man as he would have appeared to you 11,000 years ago.

The new plaque located at the front of the pedestal was made by engraver Tim Watson of Waco. He has made several plaques for museums in Waco and will also produce professional signage for the Horn Shelter Exhibit.



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