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# BOSQUE MUSEUM

## NEWSLETTER

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Walter Raynaud in Civil War costume.

### CIVIL WAR EXHIBIT OPENS

Bosque Museum opened its long-awaited Civil War exhibit on April 20. The exhibit displayed artifacts, selected documents and memorabilia from Bosque County veterans who fought in the Civil War. Additional items were donated from the Mayborn Museum Collection. A listing of all known Bosque County Civil War veterans has been compiled by the museum and is available for public viewing. Special thanks are extended to Nancy Bratcher, Terry McDonald, Patricia Seavolt and Bernie Dutton for assembling and installing the exhibit. This display will be a permanent exhibit.

Accompanying the museum's exhibit is a special display of Civil War items on loan from the collection of museum patron, Mr. Lee Donner. A hand-stitched replica of a McClellan saddle is shown outfitted with gear for a soldier's travels. Also featured is a one-fourth working replica of a 12-pounder Napoleon Cannon. The museum is grateful to Mr. Donner for loaning his special collection for this event.

The museum's firearm collection was also inaugurated at the exhibit opening. The museum's collection of 150 guns was installed into a new display case located in the same room as the Civil War Display. This permanent collection was documented and labeled with the help of museum members Lee Donner, Jose Cano, Frank Smith. The guns were initially cleaned and organized by Rodney Joy, Bill Key, T.F. Crawford, Walter Raynaud and Cal Foster. The firearms were installed by Nancy Bratcher, Bernie Dutton and Patricia Seavolt. This was a tremendous undertaking and the museum will always be grateful for their hard work.

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### NEW TRUSTEES ELECTED

The Board of Trustees in their annual Board Meeting elected new trustees for the Class of 2010 and for two unfilled positions in Classes of 2008 and 2009. Joining the Board for three year terms are Mary Hastings, Tom Henderson and John Sitler. Jose Cano was elected to fill a two year vacant position in the Class of 2009 and Marge Schafer was elected to fill a one year vacant position in the Class of 2008. The terms for these new officers became effective June 1, 2009. These new members join current board members Carolyn Flanagan, Kathy Kruse, Sudie Knutson and Ken Van Tassel.

Leaving the Board are former President John Phil Gilliam, Jay Thiele, LaVerne Dutton and Rodney Joy. The Board sincerely thanks these members for their dedication, time and talents. The museum has made considerable progress in the past few years and a large part of this advancement was due to the hard work of these people. Their contributions have been appreciated by the entire museum membership.

The newly constituted Board elected officers for the 2008-2009 year. Tom Henderson was elected as President, Sudie Knudson as Vice President, Kathy Kruse as Secretary and Ken Van Tassel was re-elected as Treasurer. The major activity for the new Board this year will be the development of a new five year plan for the growth and development of the museum, including a review and expansion of the museum facilities.

## Schedule of Events

September 16      Docent Meeting  
 October 6          Archeology Awareness Day  
 October 24        Preview Opening of Mid-America USA Exhibit-*In Citizen Garb*

### Memorials

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

#### *In Memory of*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Betty Pearson</b> Betty &amp; Kenneth Kruse</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Alton Lucas</b> Sandra &amp; Rodney Joy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Elizabeth Grimland</b> Betty &amp; Kenneth Kruse</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dr. W. T. Holder</b> Dee Anna Nichols</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bro. Bill Schibler</b> Sandra &amp; Rodney Joy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Melvin Kleine</b> Geneva Coughlin</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dorothy Mounce</b> Sandra &amp; Rodney Joy</p>
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### New Members & Renewals

#### March, April & May

Thank you for your continued support.

**FRIEND**

M/M David Gloff \*

**BENEFACTOR**

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 M/M Lee Donner \*  
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\*denotes new member (s)

### OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

President.....Tom Henderson  
 Vice President.....Sudie Knudson  
 Secretary.....Kathy Kruse  
 Treasurer.....Ken Van Tassel

Class of 2008—term ends May 2009

Carolyn Flanagan  
 Kathy Kruse  
 Marge Schafer

Class of 2009—term ends May 2010

Sudie Knudson  
 Ken Van Tassel  
 Jose Cano

Class of 2010—term ends May 2011

Mary Hastings  
 Tom Henderson  
 John Sitler

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## Changing Exhibits @ Bosque Museum



Exhibit Coordinator Mary Orbeck takes down the '20s style dresses that were on display in the Romance of Dance exhibit.

The month of March was a busy time at the museum. The '20s "Romance of the Dance" exhibit in the Special Exhibit Room of the museum was taken down to make way for the new exhibit, Textiles & Tools. The exhibit displays handwork from many local artists such as weaving, spinning, quilting, knitting, crochet, and tatting. The Textiles & Tools exhibit opened to the public on March 30 with many hands-on activities. Viewers were treated to demon-

strations by quilters, spinners, and weavers. On hand were demonstrators Sudie Knudson, Diana McLeary, Amny Rose, Lisa Rose, David Stokely and Charlene Tergerson. Exhibit Coordinator Lisa Rose and many volunteers did a phenomenal job with the exhibit.



Local quilters demonstrate the art of quilting at exhibit opening.

## Civil War Exhibit Work

Bosque Museum is the proud recipient of over thirty Civil War items donated by Mayborn Museum in Waco, Texas. Restoration of donated artifacts and items in the museum's collection followed by arrangement and labeling which was a meticulous and time-consuming process. The museum wishes to thank all who helped with the exhibit installation and opening. Also, thank you to Lee Donner for the generous loan of his Civil War Collection.



Nancy Bratcher and LaVerne Dutton work on the restoration of a delicate Civil War era flag.



Lee Donner's installation of his collection for the museum's Civil War exhibit.

Bosque Museum Civil War Exhibit



Left to Right: Juan Zamarripa, Rafael Quintero, Willy Quintero owner of Willy's Roofing and Brian Seavolt.

## Bosque Museum's Historic Log Cabin Receives New Roof

The childhood home of Bosque Museum's founder Jacob Olson, is currently undergoing needed repairs. In 2007 an architect from the Texas State Historical Commission examined the log cabin and suggested the roof be replaced and the chinking (filler between the logs) be repaired. In December of 2007, Bosque Museum of Clifton launched a campaign for donated funds to cover the repairs. As always, the museum's loyal members gave generous monetary gifts to help with the restoration of the cabin. The cedar shingle roof was replaced under the supervision of subcontractor Brian Seavolt by Willy's Roofing Service of Clifton. The chinking is scheduled to be repaired this fall.

**Jr. Archeology Program at Bosque Museum  
Funded by First Choice**



Jr. Archeologists in the field. (Top Row) Delany Baum, Aimee Grantham, Katie Grantham, Zeb Rose, Steven Borom. (Bottom Row) Ryan Harmon, Aaron Amundson, Dustin Gant, Daniel Chevez, Cyan Vaughn.

Bosque Museum conducted its annual summer program on June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The participants in the two day Jr. Archeology program learned about what the prehistoric Indians ate, how to weave with cattail reeds, and how to identify Indian artifacts.

Fred Spanabel of Laguna Park gave a wonderful demonstration on flint knapping and Rick Pinner of Coldwell Banker gave a colorful and informative program about items Indians used and how they were made. The highlight of the two day program was a trip to a farm near Clifton where an archeological dig took place. Along to help dig was Albert Redder of Horn Shelter fame. Many historic items were uncovered in two pits near the remains of a pre-Civil War farm house. The program was carried out by Kathy Kruse, Nancy Bratcher, Sudie Knudson, Rose Ann Grissett, Lisa Rose, and Bernie Dutton. At the program's end the students were recognized for what they had learned and for their hard work at the dig and were granted status as Junior Archeologists.



Steven Borom, Dustin Gant, Aaron Amundson and Zeb Rose learn to grind corn.

**E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

The museum is updating our members e-mail address list in order to keep you up-to-date on current event additions and changes from the newsletter. Some of you may already have received an e-mail from the museum on a new program coming up. If not, we do not have a current e-mail address for you. Please call or e-mail your current e-mail address and be sure to let us know if you change it in the future. [info@bosquemuseum.org](mailto:info@bosquemuseum.org)  
(254) 675-3845

**County Students Visit During  
Farm Bureau Program**

Fourth grade students from Bosque County schools visited the museum as part of an agricultural awareness program sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance Groups. Over 180 students and many sponsors toured the museum



on May 9, 2008. The museum Docents treated the students to tours and information on the museum's varied collection of exhibits. The students enjoyed the hands-on displays. Bosque Museum would like to thank Farm Bureau for the programs and educational support they offer to area school children.

**What Museums Are**

- They are our legacy
- Our history
- Our connection to the past
- A place that sparks the imagination
- A place of exploration and learning
- A place to widen our perspective and give us new insight
- A place of grounding, connecting, and reestablishing continuity in our lives
- A place for local population to learn about their cultural significance
- An invitation to think about what life was like in the past and what
- Our responsibilities are to future generations
- A place where memories and friends are made
- A place where activities, learning and social events take place
- A place where we can volunteer, contribute our time, energies, and talents
- They are ever changing, evolving and broadening our understanding of the past
- They are an important resource, a significant part of the cultural life of the community
- An open door to visitors to the area

LaVerne Dutton

## Visitors From Afar

Since October 2006, the museum has had 8,306 visitors. The museum welcomed over seventy out of state and over eighty international visitors from March through May of 2008. Also, Bosque County locals and state wide visitation has been truly overwhelming. Adults and students alike come to view exhibits and artifacts that tell Bosque County's story.



Twenty visitors from Norway led to America by Kristin Solheim, a descendant of Cleng Peerson, and her husband Terje Solheim, toured the museum and many area attractions with local historian Mary Orbeck.

Knut and Cherri Døhlen from Oslo, Norway came back to the museum for a fresh look at the museum since their last visit to the museum in 2003. They were amazed at the changes made in the past five years. The couple was instrumental in helping translate many of the museum's Norwegian Book Collection titles for us back in 2000. We look forward to seeing them on their next visit to the states.



Ninety Clifton 5th graders enjoyed a walk to the museum and toured the museum on their field day. Over 180 students from Bosque County toured the museum during field trips offered by Farm Bureau.

Baylor Archeology and Anthropology Field School students led by instructor Carol Macaulay brushed the dust off and toured the museum, guided by curator LaVerne Dutton. They were taking time off from their work north of Hamilton at the Upper Spargue dig site. The students spent three weeks at the dig site.



From left to right: Baylor field school students Alex Millard, Matt Hanks, Lindsay DiPietro, Shamara Snead, and Instructor Carol Macaulay.

## New Artifacts Donated to the Museum

**1930s Dress** donated by Kay Warren. Ms. Warren's dress was on display in the Romance of the Dance exhibit. She graciously donated the dress to the museum's clothing collection.

**Confederate States of America \$2 bill** donated by Oscar Colwick, which was added to the museum's new Civil War exhibit.

**Vintage Framed Photograph** donated by Shirley Jones. The couple in the photograph is unknown to the donor or the museum staff. This is the couple in the photograph. If anyone knows who the couple is, please call the museum at 254-675-3845.



**12 Volumes of Encyclopedias and Webster's Dictionary dating back to the 1890s** donated by J. W. Thiele. The collection belonged to Mr. Thiele's great-grandfather, Professor Axel Hugo Danby-Olson, and were used at Clifton College.

**1930s Corset** donated by Robert and Ruby Galloway, which had belonged to his mother.

**Civil War era Family Letters and Family Photographs** donated by Elmo Dansby.

**The Memories of Will Conine** signed by the author and donor Sharon Whitney.

**1981 Newspaper and Photographs at the Horn Shelter Site** donated by Lisa F. Day.

**Historical Marker Prints** by Ave Bonar donated by Pam Shannon. These prints are for sale in the museum gift shop.

**The Texas Tergersons** family history donated by Derwood Johnson.

**1920s Dress** from the Romance of the Dance exhibit donated by Mary Orbeck.

**Vintage Lace Collars and books, *The Norwegian Settlements of Bosque County* and *A Catalog of Texas Properties*** donated by Dale Van Sickle.

**Confederate Bullets and "The Explosion at City Point," Civil War article from the 1900s** donated by B. J. Sullivan.

**The Flatey Book** - A copy of an Icelandic Saga manuscript donated by T. Bradford Willis.

**The First World War Pictorial History** donated by Marie Cobbs.

Bosque Museum appreciates all of the artifacts donated to the museum's collection.

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## MISSION

**The mission of the Bosque Museum is to protect and preserve Bosque County's historic and prehistoric resources for the use, education, enjoyment, and economic benefits of the people of Bosque County.**

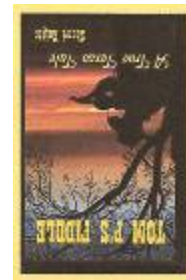
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Sherril Knight



## New Items in the Gift Shop