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Rex Ziak Lectures at the Museum



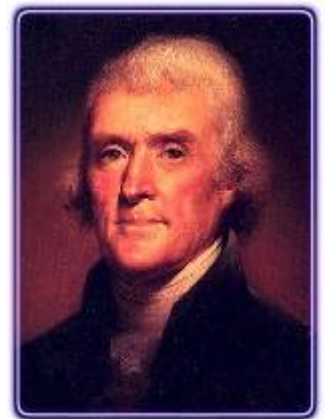
Rex Ziak

The Bosque Museum is pleased to announce that Rex Ziak returns for its Spring Lecture Series at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, March 18, at the Tin Theater, Bosque Conservatory. Mr. Ziak is highly regarded as a dynamic public speaker and he is without doubt a lecturer par excellence. Mr. Ziak is a writer, historian, tour guide and documentarian who lives in Nasell, Washington. Best known for his Lewis and Clark studies, he is the author of "In Full View." After careful study of the expedition's journals and of the geography of the Columbia River estuary, Ziak precisely delineated the final log of the expedition's approach to the Pacific Ocean. His testimony before Congress in 2004 was instrumental in the creation of our newest national park, the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park.

This year Mr. Ziak will speak on Thomas Jefferson, our third President. Mr. Jefferson is remembered as the author of the Declaration of Independence and is the president associated with the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Ziak was one of two dozen scholars invited by the Thomas Jefferson Foundation to speak at the opening ceremonies of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial in 2003. Mr. Ziak's lecture this year will emphasize Mr. Jefferson's extraordinary contributions to the early life of our nation.

In honor of this occasion the museum has prepared a commemorative exhibit of Thomas Jefferson's life and times. The exhibit will be on hand for viewing at the conservatory during the lecture and will continue to be on display at the museum until mid-April. Carolyn Flanagan is to be commended for the preparation of this exhibit.

Seating for this lecture is limited and reservations may be made by calling the museum at (254) 675-3845. Refreshments will be served during the intermission. Donations will be accepted to help defray the costs of the museum's lecture series.



President Thomas Jefferson

Schedule of Events

March 18, 2008	Rex Ziak Lecture at the Bosque Conservatory
March 30	Quilt & Weaving Exhibit Opening
April 19	Civil War Exhibit Preview & Benefactor Dinner
April 20	Public Opening & Reception for the Civil War Exhibit

Memorials

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

In Memory of

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New Members & Renewals

December, January & February

Thank you for your continued support.

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Docent Fundraiser Luncheon

The Docents have had a busy month preparing for and hosting the first ever Docents' Fundraiser Luncheon.

Well known antique collector and speaker, Helen Pringle, delighted the sold-out luncheon crowd at Bosque Museum on Tuesday, February 19 with her humorous talk on



Helen Pringle

finding her "Treasured Possessions." Collecting American Country Antiques since the early 1960s, Mrs. Pringle has traveled extensively in New England and Pennsylvania, and along the Eastern Seaboard learning and going to the historical sites for information and "finds." Believing that antiques are to be treasured but also used, she has furnished her home with her treasures. The 88 guests also enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared and served by the Museum Docents.

Many thanks go to Marge Schafer and her hard-working committee. Rosie Scaff, Kay Lane, and Carolyn Flanagan chaired the food, J.J. Frambes arranged for the speaker and the publicity, and Mary Orbeck and her helpers created lovely table decorations which featured antiques from the Museum's collection. Thanks to all the Docents the Luncheon was a sellout and a big success.

Bosque Museum Cookbook 2008

A committee is meeting monthly to prepare a new cookbook which will be for sale in the museum gift shop and in the community. There is much work to do, but the plan is to have it ready for sale by the time Christmas shopping begins.

Those on the committee are Rosie Scaff, Elaine Bell, Lisa Rose, Virginia Neelley, Marge Shafer, and Vicki Thiele.

We will publish as many recipes as we can, so if you have a favorite, please submit it to one of the committee.



TEXTILES AND TOOLS



Please join us at the museum on Sunday, March 30, 2008 for the opening of Textiles and Tools. This exhibit will showcase textiles ranging from quilts to crochet, hand-woven fabrics to hooked rugs. View the tools of the trades, including the museum's wonderful collection of spinning wheels. Pieces on display will be from the museum's collection and private collections.

On Sunday afternoon from 1:30 – 3:30, experience demonstrations first hand. Observe quilters, rug hookers, knitters, spinners and more performing their handiwork. Adults and children, try your own hand at weaving and quilting!

Stop by the Clifton Conservatory beforehand and have a delicious lunch prepared by the Culinary Cooks members. Call the Conservatory at 675-3724 for more information.

Bring the whole family, and enjoy the afternoon in Clifton!

6803 Visitors from Near and Far Since Grand Opening October 2007

Bosque Museum has seen a considerable increase of visitors from all over the world since the grand opening of the Horn Shelter Exhibit in October 2007. The 6803 visitors consist of local folks as well as out-of-state and international visitors.

Cherry Mitchell of Houston, a student of Blinn Jr. College in Bryan, Texas, came by the museum and submitted an interesting question. Her history professor gave an assignment for a scavenger hunt with clues on Central Texas points of interest. The students received points for visiting the locations on the hunt. Her question upon entering the museum was, "Where can I find the earliest known resident of Bosque County?" Directed to our museum by one of the local firefighters, she was excited to find out that she had come to the right place, as she located the new residence of the Horn Shelter Man of Bosque County. Cherry and her family toured the museum and also enjoyed the numerous Norwegian artifacts due to their earlier home location in Norway.

Matt Fuller from Palmer, Alaska, a former resident of Clifton, was on a motorcycle tour with a friend. Matt's family still lives in Clifton and he

New Artifacts Donated to the Museum

Col. Sim. W. Goodall donated vintage photographs of his ancestors who were some of the early 1854 founders of Bosque County.

LaNell Mueller donated a set of 1933 *Twentieth Century Encyclopedias*.

Donna Kiker donated a handmade vintage corn cob doll. The doll has a hand drawn face and real hair.

Michael Barr donated his book, *Rope Burns & Lead Poisoning: A story of the Wild West in Central Texas*. Copies of the book are available for purchase in the Museum Gift Shop.

The Texas State Historical Association by Coordinator Beth Bow donated a book, *Civil War Texas*.

Mayborn Museum Complex Baylor University donated over 30 Civil War items which will make our upcoming Civil War Exhibit very exciting.

Clay Cockrell donated an Archaic Lithic Indian artifact.

Herbert Schulz donated several books to add to the museum's book collection and a set of the Civil War Journal video series.

Beverly Snider donated vintage clothing and 3 handmade tablecloths, made by her mother Helen Blassingame.

Ronita De Cordova Miller donated a Clifton High School 1930-1935 class photo.

Museum's Upcoming Exhibits

The museum gun committee and staff have been working on the gun collection which is now installed in the new gun case.

Mayborn Museum at Baylor University donated many wonderful items to our museum for a Civil War Exhibit which is in the process of installation.

The opening for these exhibits will take place in April. These will be valuable additions to the Pioneer Room.

The museum would like to express our gratitude to Mayborn Museum for their donations and to the gun committee and everyone who helped with these projects.

Gateway to Bosque Museum



LaVerne Dutton and George Larson assemble a display case at the new Bosque Museum Gateway exhibit located at Coldwell Banker Real Estate. Photo courtesy of the Clifton Record.

The Bosque Museum opened its newest exhibit gallery on February 14, 2008 at Coldwell Banker's realty office at the corner of SH6 and FM 219. The exhibit is entitled "The Chisholm Trail" and showcases the 1870s in Bosque County. The exhibit is open to the public and is meant to serve as a "gateway" to the museum for tourists on SH6. The exhibit space provides a sampling of what is found in the museum. It is part of our outreach to the community. The museum and Coldwell Banker will develop signage encouraging tourists to stop and see the exhibit as well as directing visitors to the museum.

Cabin Restoration Fund Reaches Goal

The museum's 2007 Christmas Appeal to the membership was to raise funds for the restoration of the Joseph Olson Log Cabin. The 1865 Joseph Olson log cabin is located on the south portion of the museum property and is a popular attraction for school children. Members of the museum generously donated to the project and the museum now has sufficient funds to begin repairs and stabilization of the cabin. Ken Van Tassel and Cleon Flanagan have agreed to coordinate this project.

Early in Fall 2007 a state architect from the Texas Historical Commission assessed the condition of our log cabin. The architect recommended immediate action to help preserve the structure. The wood shingles and the chinking between the logs need to be replaced before further deterioration causes irreparable damage. Project costs are estimated to be \$5,000. The repair is scheduled to begin Spring 2008 when weather permits.

Museum Visitors Continued

was here to visit them when he stopped by the museum. Matt's first line of business while touring the museum was to see the Rattlesnake Exhibit. He remembered visiting the museum as a child and was very excited about the rattlesnake. He said, "The rattlesnake is not as big as I remembered it, of course I'm not as small as I used to be either. He is planning to move back to the area soon.

Organizations are welcome visitors to the museum. Hughley Hospital Social Club from Ft. Worth with a group of 50 people visited. It was a "fun group," as you can see from their photo.



Twenty students from Waco ISD Gifted and Talented program were the recipients of a workshop by the museum's Education Committee. The students learned about the culture and the historical significance of the Horn Shelter site to our county, state and nation. Their visit was a highlight of the semester-long archeology study.

Waco Gem and Mineral Club held their meeting and a brunch in the museum's Special Exhibit Room with over 20 guests in attendance. They toured the museum and viewed the National Geographic Documentary, "Who Discovered America?"

Glen and Emily Ages from Calgary, Canada enjoyed going through the exhibits at the museum.

Roy and Trudy Whentelton visited Clifton and the museum while touring the United States from Broughshire, Ireland.

Visitors Roar and Ruth Heggland from Stavengar, Norway enjoyed the Norwegian culture represented here at the museum.

A group of over 30 students, "The Ambassador Singers," from Daejeon, Korea, (two hours from Seoul), toured the museum while they were in Clifton. The group is



travelling through the United States singing at various churches.

The Pastor of the group and only one of the students spoke English, so they were the translators during their tour. One of the girls in the group played the Swenson Square Grand Piano in the Special Exhibit Room while the group sang. They were a delightfully happy group of young people.



The museum also has many local visitors who are impressed by the historical and cultural treasures that Bosque County has to offer. Bosque Museum has attracted many visitors from the United States and abroad. We are thankful to all our guests for their interest and support.

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