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# BOSQUE MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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## The Chisholm Trail & Texas

The Chisholm Trail will come alive again when Doug Harman presents his lecture on the Chisholm Trail and Texas. The presentation will be on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the Bosque Museum in Clifton, Texas.

Doug Harman is well known for his passion for early Texas cowboy culture. He is a frequent presenter who has been instrumental in gaining state recognition for the legendary Chisholm Trail, used to drive longhorn cattle north through Oklahoma and Kansas. Texas Longhorns were driven through eastern Bosque County on their way to Ft. Worth. Mr. Harman believes the Chisholm Trail was critical to the recovery of Texas after the Civil War and helped create the State's livestock industry. Many of the early ranches in Bosque County date back to this era.

Despite the heritage of the Chisholm Trail, strong arguments still persist about the proper name of the Trail. Mr. Harman will talk about the many ways the Chisholm Trail has influenced the Lone Star State and will provide a display about the Trail.

He will also address how the Chisholm Trail is a continuing influence on heritage tourism in Texas.

Doug Harman is the retired CEO/President of the Ft. Worth Convention and Visitors Bureau. He is currently chairman of the Texas Historical Commission's Lakes Trails Region which covers North Central Texas from Clifton in the South to the Red River in the North. In 2002, he worked closely with the Texas Historical Commission in the publication of a brochure entitled "The Chisholm Trail: Exploring the Folklore and Legacy."

The museum cordially invites you to come spend an enlightening Sunday afternoon and enjoy an entertaining and knowledgeable lecturer. The presentation is free to the public but any donations would be appreciated to help defray lecture expenses. Museum docents will serve refreshments after the lecture.

## Schedule of Events

- January 25    Lecture, *The Chisholm Trail and Texas*, Doug Harmon, at the museum, 2:00-3:30 p.m., to be held in conjunction with the opening of the new exhibit, "Early Photography, 1860-1970."
- February 26    "Jacob Olson Day," and Chamber After Hours Reception, at the museum, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- March 1        Lecture, *Sam Houston*, Dr. Felix Almaraz Jr., PhD, at the museum, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

### Memorials

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

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### New Members & Renewals

#### March—December

Thank you for your continued support.

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## Over 300 Students Visit Museum

On September 11th the second grade from Clifton Elementary with their teachers made a “walk through” visit to the museum. They came through in 5 separate groups of 18-20 each. The students saw how the exhibits are arranged and many artifacts they look forward to seeing and learning more about during their subsequent longer visits. As usual, the rattlesnake was the favorite exhibit.



One of Mrs. Bekken's 5th Grade Classes.

On October 14th and 16th the fifth grade social studies classes from Clifton Elementary walked to the museum, one class at a time, with their teacher, Mrs. Bekken. She had used one of our Horn Shelter curriculum boxes to prepare her students for their visit to the exhibit. They were very knowledgeable, asked excellent questions, and were very attentive and interested in the presentation of the exhibit. Mrs. Bekken had used the materials in the curriculum box very successfully, even adapting them for her special needs students. On their return walk to school, the children enjoyed the turtle cookies left over from the Archeology Awareness Day event. There were about 95 students in this group.

On December 4th a delightful group of 130 first graders, teachers and parents came from Glen Rose to visit our museum and the Christmas tree farm. They wanted to learn about Christmas customs at the museum and

enjoyed all the beautiful decorations. We talked about pioneer, Norwegian, German and Christmas past customs with many examples to show the children.



Sudie Knudson explains the customs of a Norwegian Christmas.

## Christmas By Candlelight

On Friday night, December 5, the museum hosted its annual Christmas event for the community. More than 150 guests came and enjoyed the decorations and special lighting at the museum. Most everyone tried to find the “pickle” on the German tree and visited with Santa Claus in the exhibit room. A special thank you is given to Terry McDonald, Carolyn Flanagan, Sudie Knutson,



Bryan Davis as Santa's helper.

Virginia Neely, Nancy Bratcher, and Kathy Kruse for their time and effort. The museum never looks better than during the holiday season, and if you did not see the decorations this year, then please make plans to do so next year.

## Photography Exhibition, In Citizen's Garb

The photographic exhibit, “In Citizen's Garb” marked a new beginning at the museum. The exhibit inaugurated the newly remodeled gallery in the back reception room. The exhibit was the museum's first traveling exhibit. The photographs were from 1889-1891 of the Comanche and Apache Indians who lived in Northwest Texas. The six-weeks long exhibit was well received and is the first of many more traveling exhibits in coming years.



Rick Pinner of Coldwell Banker views the Native American Photograph collection at Bosque Museum.

## Upcoming Events

### The Chisholm Trail and Texas -

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 to 3:30 pm



Doug Harmon will discuss the importance of the Chisholm Trail in early Texas History. The Trail was important in the recovery of Texas after the Civil War and helped create the State's livestock industry. Mr. Harmon will discuss the heritage and folklore of the Chisholm Trail as well as the many controversies that still persist about the proper name of the trail. In many ways the Chisholm Trail is as important now to the Texas mystique as it was to the early trail drovers.

### Early Photography, 1860 to 1970 -

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 to 3:30 pm at Bosque Museum

The museum's new winter exhibit will present the history of early photography. For the first time the museum will display cameras from its large camera collection ranging from an old fashion box camera used in late eighteenth century studio photography to cameras used in the 1970's. Film has now all but disappeared and these cameras are quickly becoming part of a by-gone age. We invite you to visit the exhibit and remember when your parents and grandparents took snapshots with their trusty "Brownie" camera.

### Jacob Olson Day -

Thursday, February 26, 5:00- 6:30 pm at Bosque Museum



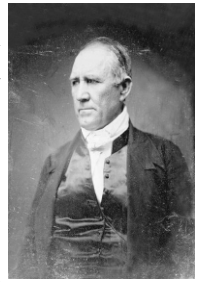
The museum would not exist today without the early pioneer collection of Jacob Olson, (1854-1937). This early Norwegian came to Texas in 1858 at the age of four years. As he grew up in the Norse community, he began collecting interesting fossils, rocks, books, and artifacts from other Norwegian immigrants. In 1924 he gave his collection to Clifton College with the proviso that this collection would never leave Bosque County. The Clifton College Museum collection passed to the Bosque Memorial Museum in 1954, and it became the nucleus of the current museum's collection. The museum board decided this past year to honor Mr. Olson with an annual celebration on his birthday to commemorate his generosity.

The museum will host the Clifton Chamber in an after hours reception. The museum's membership is invited to join in the celebration. Birthday cake and refreshments will be served.

### An Afternoon with Sam Houston -

Sunday, March 1, 2:00 to 3:30 pm, at Bosque Museum

Texas Independence Day is March 2, 2009 and the museum will inaugurate the week long celebration in Bosque County with a lecture about Sam Houston by noted historian, Dr. Felix D. Amaras, Jr. Sam Houston is legendary in the founding of the Republic of Texas and played a major role in the annexation of Texas to the United States. Dr. Almaraz often delivers his lecture in period costume. Dr. Almaraz is professor of history at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He is the former president of the Texas State Historical Association and of the Texas Catholic Historical Society. The museum is very pleased to present this lecture as part of 'Bosque County Celebrates Texas Independence Week.' Do not miss this special opportunity to learn and experience life in the early days of Texas.



### Docent Report



In September the Bosque Museum docents met at the primitive cabin of Jill Peterson and planned the fall months. Refreshments were planned for Archeology Day, the opening of the new exhibit on Mid-American Indians, and the Bake Sale, all in October. Several docents decorated the museum in November for the Christmas 'Museum by Candlelight' event, the 5th and 6th of December. Everyone donated cookies for the events and Spanish style tapas horsd'oeuvres were donated for the invitational opening of the Mid-American exhibit. Kay Lane arranged a well planned field trip to Dallas to view the King Tut exhibit in November.

On January 8th the docents met at the home of Cheryl Lundberg to look forward to the events in winter and spring. It was voted to give \$500 dollars toward payment for the publication of the new cookbooks. January 25th will be the lecture by Doug Harmon on the Chisholm Trail. J.J. Frambes is chairman of the event. Plans are being made to celebrate the birth of the founder of the Bosque Museum, Jacob Olson on February 26. Bosque County will have an emphasis on the Independence of Texas in March. For this the museum is planning a lecture by Felix Almaraz on March 1st. The docents will be involved in refreshments and other aids on all these events.

On May 7th, the docents are looking forward to an informal dinner setting for 'Tales from Tumbleweed Smith.' Docents will sell tickets to this.

The last meeting of the year will be Thursday, May 15, at 10 am at the Museum. Vicki Theile has asked to be relieved of her position as president at this time, due to her illness. All are holding her in their thoughts and prayers during this time of her recovery to good health.

## Director's Report

We at the museum are very thankful for all the support our patrons and members have given the museum. Our Christmas appeal was well received by the membership, and we are within \$600.00 of reaching our goal of \$4,500. The Clifton College cabinet has been ordered and we should receive it at the end of this summer. If you have not given your gift, any contribution you may give would be appreciated.

Our museum speaker's series begins this year with the lecture by Doug Harmon on the Chisholm Trail on Sunday, January 25. Mr. Harmon is a well known, entertaining lecturer who will be enjoyed by all. Please mark your calendars to attend. He is followed on March 1, by Dr. Felix Alvarez who will begin Texas Independence Week with a lecture about Sam Houston and the Texas Revolution. I can think of no better way to celebrate Texas Independence Day. If you like Texas History you will enjoy these informative lectures.

We are also looking forward this February to the groundbreaking of our new museum building. The museum board has asked museum patron Buck Thomason to supervise the construction of the building. We are pleased to have a person with his experience and expertise to lead us in this building phase. We will notify the membership when we break ground for the new building and invite you to the festivities.

We hope you will visit us soon and see what is new at your museum.

George Larson

### **Pendleton Blanket Raffle Winners**



Carol and Jim Burton of Clifton were the winners of the Pendleton Blanket raffled by Bosque Museum in Clifton. The raffle was held at the opening of the museum's exhibit, *In Citizen Garb*, which was on display until November 29, 2008. Con-

gratulations to the Burton's on winning the raffle. Bosque Museum wants to thank everyone who participated in the raffle.

## **New Artifacts Donated to the Museum**

**1920-30s Intimate Apparel** *donated by Mary Orbeck.*

**Cleng Peerson Documents** *donated by Mary Orbeck.*

**23 piece collection of Barbed Wire** *donated by Albert Redder.*

**Civil War Era Cannonballs** *donated by Sarita Ellis.*

**Old Mill Gearwheel** *donated by Leslie Bailey.* The wheel was unearthed at the site of the Old Mill during the repair of the Bosque River bank. The wheel was caked with thick layers of lime deposit and rocks. **Ken Nash** of Valley Mills generously donated his time and materials to miraculously clean the wheel to near pristine condition.

**Vintage Hats** *donated by Carol Moulton-Spicer.*

**Book: *The Lone Star State* (published 1894)** *donated by Luke and Mary Sheppard.*

**Lithic Hammer Stone** *donated by Steve Flanagan.* The hammer stone was from Marshal, Texas Caddo Lake area.

**Corn Shuck Doll** *donated by Pat Gorton.*

**1920s Clifton College Photographs** *donated by Ernest Erickson.*

**Book: *Slektsgranskerens guide til Ut Vandringen 1825-1930***, *donated by the author Liv Haaskenstad.*

**Clifton College Photographs and a Bell System Pension Book** *donated by Martha Chaney.*

**Vintage Magazines, Newspapers and Scrapbook** *donated by Marion Mount.*

**Clifton Family Photographs** *donated by Elmo Dansby.*

**Vintage Photograph** *donated by Lisa Lonvick.*

**18 Norwegian Books and Norway Buttons** *donated by Ron Knutson.*

**Child's Vintage Wicker Carriage** *donated by Aurthur Birdwell.*

**1904 Knife Sharpener** *donated by Laverne Dutton.*

**Vintage Clothing** *donated by the Tin Theater Building.*

**Book: *Visions, A Norwegian Immigration Story*** *donated by the author Oswald Gilbertson.*

**Framed Oil Painting of the Old Mill and the Bosque River** *donated by Patsy Lillard.*

**Books on US & Texas History** *donated by Mr. Herbert Schulz.*

**William Poole Original Bound Thesis on Bosque County and Cuerton Document on Early Bosque County** *donated by Charles Blankenship.*

**Indian Pottery and Artifacts** *donated by Fred Spanabel.*

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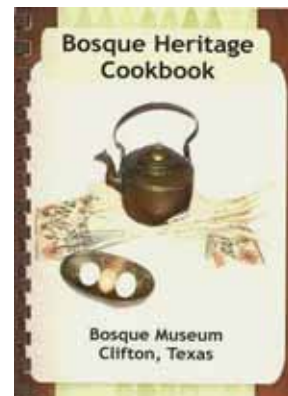
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## MISSION

**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.**

### New Item in the Gift Shop

Bosque Heritage Cookbooks are now available at Bosque Museum and the Antique Mall in Clifton. There are recipes from the best cooks in Bosque County and nationwide. The cookbook also features many historic photographs from the Bosque County area. Bosque Heritage Cookbook will make a wonderful gift for people who like to cook, or just like to enjoy scrumptious food. The cookbook is \$16.00 and proceeds from the sales support Bosque Museum's Education Programs.



**Come by and visit the museum gift shop for many fun and exciting items!**