

# BOSQUE MUSEUM NEWSLETTER



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## MUSEUM RECEIVES MAP GRANT

### 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.**



The museum was notified in December that it was a recipient of a Museum Assessment Program (MAP) grant from the American Association of Museum. The grant is given to those museums showing potential to obtain excellence in operations and planning. The grant process involves a confidential process of self-study, outside peer review and a one to three day site visit. The review process will involve the museum staff, the museum board, the community and other constituencies associated with the museum. The grant pays all consultant and travel expenses.

board believes the staff has achieved many of the goals set out for the museum at that time.

The new MAP assessment will guide the museum board and staff for the next decade as they make improvements in the museum's operations. Future decisions will need to be made about educational programs for both children and adults. Visitor attendance will increase and facility modifications may need to be made. Exhibit expansions and space for traveling exhibits will need to be considered. Suggestions and advice from this review process will aid the board as they consider these issues.

Desired outcomes for the self study would be a clearer focus of the museum's mission, better management of the museum's collections, and greater credibility with potential funding agencies and donors. Receipt of a MAPS grant is usually the beginning step to achieving professional accreditation.

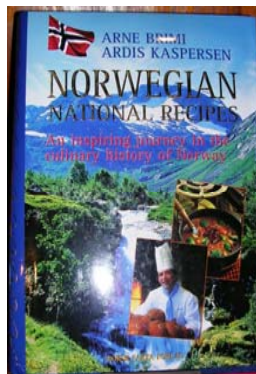
The self study will be finished by May 1 and a site visit will be scheduled between the end of May and July 1. The final report will be filed with the Museum Board by early Fall.

The museum received a previous MAP grant in 1998. The grant at that time focused upon mission and governance as well as collections management. Based upon the recommendations made at that time, the museum applied for a CAP (Conservation Assessment Program) in 2002. Recommendations from that grant guided the museum in increasing museum storage space and in cataloging the museum's collections. With the recent addition of the museum annex, the



**MAP** Museum Assessment Program

#### Cookbooks



#### Museum Gift Shop

Out Of Print Norwegian History Books

"Learn About Texas" Activity Books

Bosque County History Books

Dictionary of Texas Wildflowers

Rocks & Fossils

Native American Toys & Dream Catchers

Early Folk Toys

and much, much more!



"Velkommen"  
Tile Wall Clock

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

**Schedule of Events**

Friday, Feb. 26 **Jacob Olson Founder's Day, 4-5PM @ Bosque Museum**

Tuesday, March 2 **Republic of Texas Flags Exhibit** opens with featured speaker Judge Robert Stem, 82nd District Court, *The Mier Expedition* Lecture, 6:30 PM, @ Bosque Museum. (Exhibit open March 2-27)

**Memorials**

**Ralph Heid**  
Ginger & Gene Albrecht  
Greta & Clinton Albrecht  
Sandra & Rodney Joy

**Chuck Frambees**  
Dr. Dee Anna Nichols  
Helen Hubler  
Sandra & Rodney Joy

**Billy Ray Hardcastle**  
Sandra & Rodney Joy

**Kathlyn Bice**  
Clifton Supper Club

**Orlette Watson**  
Betty & Kenneth Kruse

**Vicki Thiele**  
Sandra & Rodney Joy

**Nina Mary Cranfill**  
Sandra & Rodney Joy

**George B. Cranfill**  
Sandra & Rodney Joy

**Loretta Taylor**  
Sandra & Rodney Joy

**Joe Bob Ficklin**  
Betty & Kenneth Kruse

**J.C. Anz**  
Betty & Kenneth Kruse

**New Members & Renewals**

**October, November & December**  
Thank you for your continued support.

**ANGEL**  
M/M Michael Gray\*

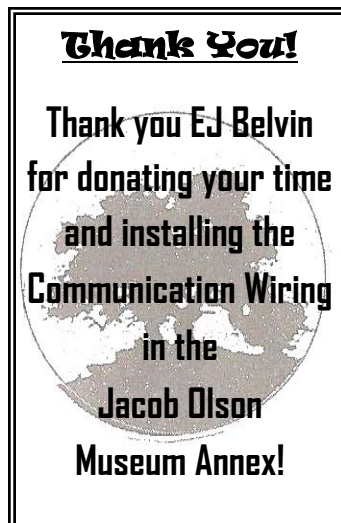
**FRIEND**  
Judge & Mrs Durwood Johnson  
M/M Richard Lundberg

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Mrs Lee Bennett  
Ms Mary Helen Bradford\*  
M/M Paul Edge  
M/M Sherrod Fielden  
Mrs Gloria Hewlett  
Mrs Carol Holder  
M/M John King  
Mr Steve McConnico  
M/M Donald Tergerson

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Ms LaVerne Dutton  
M/M Tony Eubanks  
M/M Paul Mangus\*  
M/M Walter Raynaud  
M/M Ralph Robinson  
Mr JW Thiele

\*denotes new member

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M/M Bobby Conrad  
M/M Charles Davis  
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M/M Jim Grams  
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Class of 2009—term ends May 2010

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Class of 2010—term ends May 2011

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**New Items Donated to the Museum**

**Artifacts**



• **1938 Crank Press Mangel and 1957 Ski Boots from Norway** donated by Thorbjorn Hvidsten.

- **Wire Cutters used during WWII and FORD Pliers used on Model T's** donated by Herbert Schulz.
- **Mimbres Era Pottery Shards** donated by Fred Spanabel.
- **Replica Civil War Era Pistol, flask, ammunition, mold in a wood case** donated by Art & Betty Barrett.
- **Lye Soap** made and donated by Celia Kennedy.
- **WWI Red Cross Pouch, early 1900s Fountain Pen and vintage hosiery** donated by Mary Bergman.
- **Fossils and Rock Collection** donated by Al Redder.
- **Vintage Sleigh Blanket** donated by LaVerne Dutton.
- **1930 Clifton College Ring belonging to Claudia Dahl** donated by her nephew Derril W. Wenzel.

**Photographs**

- **Clifton College group** photograph donated by C.D. Handley.
- **Daniel's Family Photograph collection, including the Turnersville area** donated by Richard (Moe) Daniel.
- **Clifton College Photographs of the devastating fire of 1942 and Pederson Family Photographs** donated by Mary Bergman.
- **Willow Creek and Dry Branch School Photographs** donated by Charles Gilbreath.

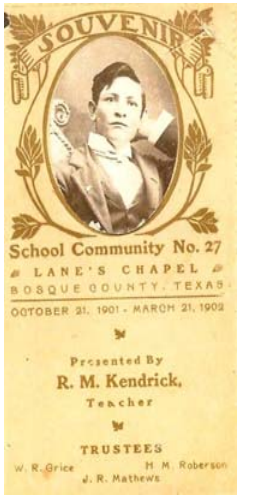
**Archives**

• **Historic Louis Fricke Building information, downtown Clifton** donated by Gloria Hewlett.



**New Items Continued**

- **Lanes Chapel School Community No. 27, Souvenir calla roster 1901-1902, teacher R.M. Kendrick** donated by Von Kleibrink.
- **Ole Rierson Realm-Family Tree** donated by Derwood Johnson.
- **Revolutionary Etchings** donated by Beulah McCartney.
- **Ole Anderson Family Tree written by J.P. Nystel, grandson of Ole Nystel**, donated by Oscar Colwick.
- **1942 KATT'S Clifton College Yearbook** donated by W. Leon Smith.
- **Edwin Larson War Journals and information** donated by Mary Bergman.
- **Magazine Photograph of Civil War Era Surgical Tools** donated by Lillian Lemke-Jacoway.
- **College Diploma belonging to Emma Krueger and Schow Bros. Visual Advertisement Card** donated by Gloria Hewlett.
- **Newspaper Tabloid with story of Norwegian Settlement in Bosque County** donated by Mary Bergman.



**Books**



- **Ed Nichols Rode A Horse, As told by Ed Nichols of Bosque County(pub.1943)** purchased with funds donated by Mildred Austin in memory of her father Questad Swenson.
- **Vintage Norwegian books & various historical topic books and Hymnals** donated by Herbert Schulz.
- **A History of Bosque County, Texas by William Pool** donated by Nancy Benda.
- **German Krueger Family Bible** donated by Gloria Hewlett.
- **Vintage books** donated by Mary Bergman.
- **Sangbog, (Song Book), 1902 signed by Ole C. Pederson and later Clinton & Mary Bergman**, donated by First Presbyterian Church, Clifton.

## Student Tours At The Museum



Several Gifted and Talented classes from Waco I.S.D. visited the museum in October 2009. The Lake Waco Montessori 4th and 5th grade students visited the museum in November 2009.

The 1st grade classes from Valley Mills I.S.D. visited the museum in November also. They did a walk-through tour in preparation for a more detailed visit in the 3rd grade.



Thank you Amny Rose for volunteering your loom demonstration for the museum student tours!



Carolyn Flanagan

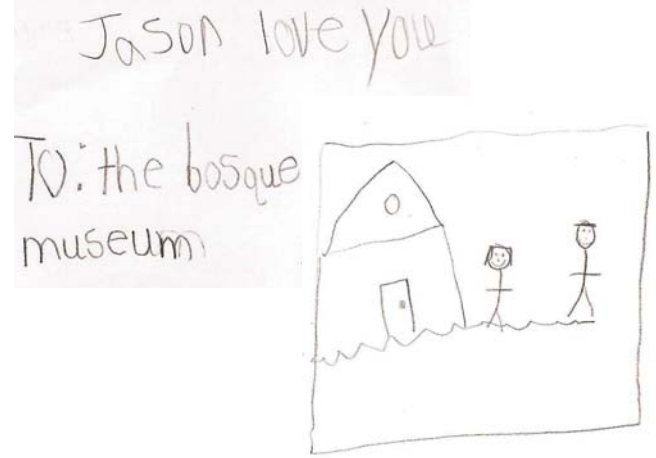
Kathy Kruse



Glen Rose I.S.D. 1st graders visited the museum on December 9, 2009 to see the unique Christmas decorations featuring Pioneer, Norwegian, German and early school customs and crafts.

## Student Correspondence

The museum enjoys hearing from the school children who tour the museum. Keep your letters and pictures coming!



## Docent Report

At the Museum Docent's meeting on January 27th, Marge Schafer welcomed Milton Talbert, Jr. of Show and Tell Antiques in Waco. He spoke on the rating of collectable antiques. Later he appraised items brought by some of the docents, calling to their attention marks of production that had been overlooked.

An ad hoc committee, Mary Orbeck, Judy Askew, Betty Bronstad, J.J. Frambes, and Sue Posey has been formed to develop criteria for a yearly educational scholarship to be awarded to a graduating high school senior. This is being done to encourage interest in the future leadership of the museum.

A field trip to Waco to view the Mammoth Site is being discussed for the Spring.

Docents Marge Shafer, Carolyn Flanagan, Kay Lane and Alma Key served food and refreshments to the Texas Historical Commission workshop held at the museum in January.

Where there is service, there is a Museum Docent!

L to R: Anne Wiland, Milton Talbert, Jr., J.J. Frambes, Betty Bronstad and Rose Ann Grissett.



## Visitors From Afar



Thorbjorn (Toby) and Alice Hvidsten from Calera, Alabama, contacted museum staff through the website's e-mail in July of 2009. Mr. Hvidsten moved to America from Sande-

fjord, Norway, (75 miles south of Oslo). Through several e-mails, he had decided to donate a 1938 Dual Roller Press Mangle which had belonged to his mother in Norway, and a pair of his ski boots used as a teenager around 1957. In December, the charming couple paid a visit to the museum while on their way to winter in Arizona. The items were interesting as were the stories told by Mr. Hvidsten about his homeland. E-mail correspondence with the couple continues as Mr. Thorbjorn is interested in helping with Norwegian language translations.

Exchange Student Embla Veum, from Lillesrom, Norway, (40 miles from Oslo), visited the museum during the 2009 Christmas Tour, along with her host family from Grand Prairie, Texas. She is 16 years old and attends Bowie High School in Arlington, Texas.



The Royal Norwegian Consulate General Lasse Seim from Houston, Texas, introduced to the museum a group of twelve Norwegian visitors and their friends and family from the Houston area. Director George Larson gave an ex-



tensive tour as Clifton Mayor Fred Volcansek visited with Consul General Seim.



## Christmas 2009

The museum began its annual Christmas celebration with its "Christmas by Candlelight Tour" on Friday night, December 6. The museum was transformed by special lighting and decorations into remembrances of Christmas Past for all who were young at heart. This event is the museum's gift to the community every holiday season.



The special theme for this year's special exhibit was a Country Schoolhouse Christmas. Children's handmade ornaments,

paper chains, popcorn balls and cranberry ropes brought childhood innocence to the traditional Christmas tree. The aroma of apple cider, fresh fruit and cookies added to the nostalgia of a kinder and simpler time. The Country Schoolhouse Christmas exhibit accompanied the museum's ongoing Early Schools in Bosque County exhibit. A special display of antique toys and dolls from the early 1900's was also displayed.

Each of the rooms of the museum had a tree decorated with the special theme. The Horn Shelter Room and exhibits featured Native American Themes. The Pioneer Room was decorated with a native flora and fauna theme. The Norwegian Room had its traditional Norwegian Christmas Tree and the Victorian Room was decorated with antique Christmas ornaments and displays of German Traditions.



Special thanks to Carolyn Flanagan, Sudie Knudson, Sue Posey, Rose Ann Grissett, and Bernie Dutton for their time and hard work this year.



## Museum Hosts TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION Workshop

The Bosque Museum hosted the Texas Historical Commission for an all day workshop on January 21, 2010. The workshop was led by THC Museum Services Program Staff, Laura Casey and Carlyn Hammons. The purpose



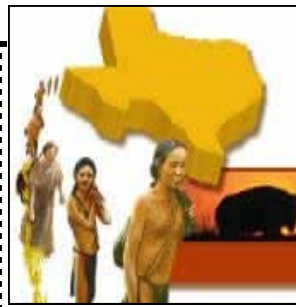
of the workshop was to increase awareness of standard collection management procedures and policies. The presentation was in partnership with the Texas Heritage Trails Program and with Jill Campbell Jordan of the Texas Lakes Trail.

The workshop stressed one of museums' most important responsibilities is the proper preservation and use of its collections. Discussion included how to develop effective policies and procedures to insure better collections management. Discussion also included the legal and ethical obligations of a museum.

Attendants included museum staff and volunteers from Frisco, Paris, Cedar Hills, Addison, Weatherford, Frisco, Cleburne, Granbury, Mexia, Paris, Bridgeport, Farmer's Branch, Southlake, Canton, Runaway Bay, Glen Rose, and Richland Hills.



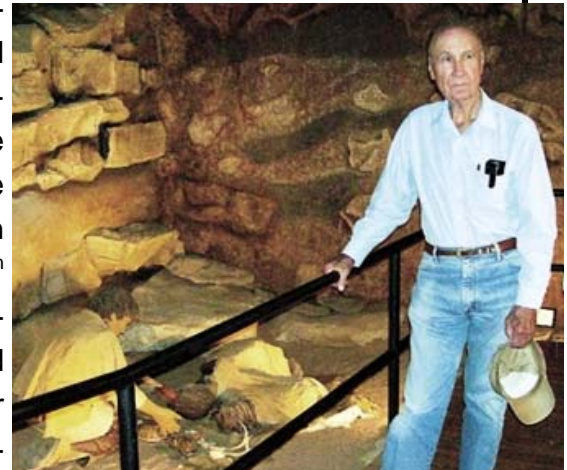
Clifton's Mayor Fred Volcansek greets workshop guests.



## *Horn Shelter on UT Web Site in Late Spring*

TexasBeyondHistory.net is the University of Texas' Archeological web site. We have been told by the editor of that site that the Horn Shelter should be up and running by late spring.

The sites editor Susan Dial and her husband Steve came to the museum on January 29<sup>th</sup> to take photographs and gather needed information about



the Horn Shelter from our archives. The next day Susan and Steve spent six hours with Albert Redder at his home doing the same.

It costs about 10,000 dollars to add the Horn Shelter to the UT site, and money had to be raised for that purpose. Because of his interest in the Horn Shelter, Governor Bill Clements was asked for a donation. He responded with a check for \$5,000. The rest of the money will be obtained by Texas Beyond History.

The museum has been pushing for the addition of the Horn Shelter to the UT site for a number of years. A link to our Bosque Museum will be included on the site. Thousands of people visit the site each year, and this will add greatly to the visibility of the Horn Shelter and our museum. Check it out - [TexasBeyondHistory.net](http://TexasBeyondHistory.net) then go to Prehistoric Texas.

## JACOB OLSON FOUNDER'S DAY



The museum membership is invited to the museum's annual founder's day to be held on Friday, February 26, 2002 at 4:00 pm. The annual occasion coincides with the birthday of Jacob Olson (February 26, 1854) the founder of the museum. The museum staff and board host the event to thank the museum membership for their support

and to honor past museum leaders for their service to the museum. The museum is 86 years old this year, and its continuation is the result of many people's contribution.

Museum Director, George W. Larson, will discuss the building progress of the new Jacob Olson Museum Annex and future plans for the museum for the coming year. Many significant events will occur this next year and each one will have an important impact on the museum's future. Please plan to be present and learn how your museum will grow this next year.



## TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY

Texas Independence Day is celebrated on March 2. The museum will recognize the occasion by hosting a lecture at 6:00 pm in the museum's exhibit hall. The museum is pleased to have the Honorable Judge Robert Stem, 82<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Robertson and Falls County. Judge Stem's topic will be about the Mier Expedition. He is a recognized expert and lecturer about this episode in early Texas history. This event recounts the capture of the expedition by Mexican forces and the drawing of the black and white beans. This expedition was to have a decided effect on the Mexican War of 1846-1848. This lecture is free to the public and is a highly recommended event for all people interested in early Texas History.

As part of the county's celebration of Texas Independence, the museum will present a special temporary exhibit entitled "Republic of Texas Flags." Many flags flew over Texas in its early years and the exhibit will present the flags and discuss their significance in early Texas history. The exhibit will be available for public viewing between March 2 and March 27 at the museum during regular business hours.

