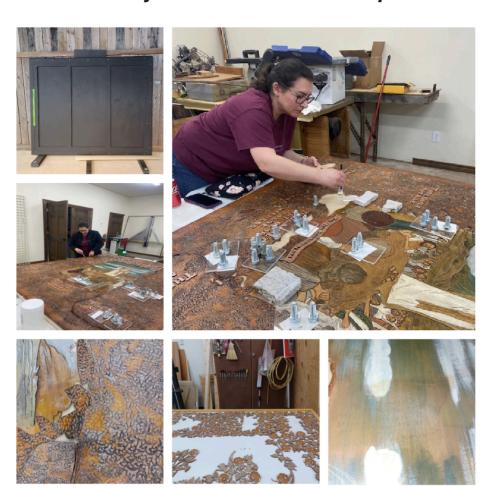


Springtime 2024!

With the coming of spring, Tales 'N' Trails has many plans for the year! Expanding exhibits in the Benton Room as well as the M.F. Ball Agricultural Center, affectionately known as "The Barn". Our sidewalks are done, thanks to Nocona Economic Development Corporation A & B Boards and we are looking into some long over-due landscaping on either side of our new driveway, highlighted by low maintenance foliage and wildflowers! Anybody interested in volunteering in any of these projects is welcome to join us!

Dell Motley Makeover Almost Completed!



The new frames have arrived and Victoria Lupia of Legacy Conservation has been working on Dell Motley's Ten Commandments, securing all the tiny pieces back into place to prepare for attachment to the new backing and putting on the new frames. Our goal is to have it and The Good Shepherd ready for permanent display in the Benton Conference Room sometime early this summer! Thank you to all who have contributed to make this happen! We are thrilled to get these pieces out of a 20 year storage! It has been an expensive, time-consuming process. We still have some pieces up for adoption if you would like to contribute!



Join us as we unveil the two recently renovated artworks of Dell Motley: "The Ten Commandments "and "The Good Shepherd". These pieces have not been on public display for over 20 years because of their need for restoration. Over the last year, Victoria Lupia of Legacy Conservation has tediously restored and preserved them so that they can be exhibited and enjoyed for future generations.

This is a "Members Only Event". Annual memberships are due at this meeting. New members are welcome to join at this time. Several levels of participation are available.



Leather Art Included in Nocona ISD Art Show!



We were invited to let students experience leather art at the annual NISD Art Show! Over 70 students got to try their hand at leather tooling!









History Mystery Camp June 10 thru 14, 2024

Registration opens May 1st

Payment is due at time of registration Space is limited & it fills up fast!

> Ages 6-8 ~ 9am to 11am Ages 9-12 ~ 1pm to 3:30pm

10% discount for TNT Museum members 10% discount for additional children in same family

It's Fun and!! Educational!!



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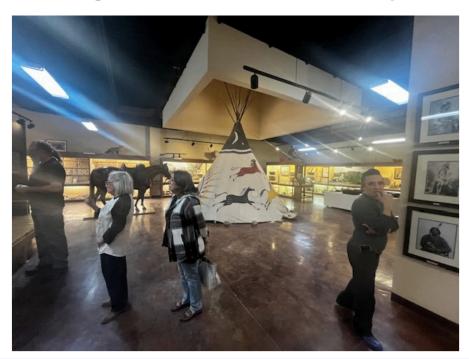
As part of our participation in the NISD Art Show, we have some of the creative students' art on display now until the middle of May. These are elementary and middle school age students of Hayley Bishop and Sara Debord. Great job!







Regional Museum Network Field Trip



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Tales 'N' Trails attended a field day as part of the Regional Museum Network, consisting of museums and galleries from 7 counties around Wichita Falls. This unique group is part of the <u>Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture.</u> They visited the <u>Museum of Texas Tech University</u>, <u>The National Ranching Heritage Center</u>, and on the way back, toured the <u>Crosby County Pioneer Memorial Museum</u> in Crosbyton (picture above). It is a great museum for a town of 1600 people!

Below is a copy of a brochure available at Tales 'N' Trails promoting all the museums in the Regional Museum Network. Check them out!



ARCHER COUNTY MUSEUM & ART CENTER



203 E. Pecan Archer City, TX theacmac.org

BAYLOR COUNTY MUSEUM



116 N. Washington Seymour, TX (940) 889-6780

WHITESIDE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY



310 N. Washington Seymour, TX (940) 889-6548 wmnh.org

CLAY COUNTY 1890 JAIL MUSEUM



116 Graham Henrietta, TX (940) 538-5655 claycountyjailmuseum.com

HARDEMAN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM



105 Green Quanah, TX (940) 663-5272

MEDICINE MOUND MUSEUM



8450 S. FM 91 Quanah, TX (940) 839-4451 medicine-moundmuseum.square.site

Hours of operation vary. We recommend you call ahead.

JACK COUNTY MUSEUM



241 West Belknap Jacksboro, TX (940) 567-5410

FT. RICHARDSON HISTORIC SITE



228 State Park Rd 61 Jacksboro, TX (940) 567-3506

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1522 E Hwy 82 Nocona, TX (940) 825-5330 talesntrails.org

STONEWALL SALOON MUSEUM



100 Main Saint Jo, TX (940) 872-0269 stonewallsaloonmuseum.com

BURKBURNETT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



104 W. Third Burkburnett, TX (940) 503-5060

KELL HOUSE HERITAGE CENTER



900 Bluff Wichita Falls, TX (940) 723-2712 kellhouseheritagecenter.org

WICHITA FALLS MUSEUM OF ART AT MSU TEXAS



2 Eureka Circle Wichita Falls, TX (940) 397-8900 wfma.msutexas.edu

MUSEUM OF NORTH TEXAS HISTORY



720 Indiana Wichita Falls, TX (940) 322-7628 museumofnorth texashistory.org

JENNY TO JET EXHIBIT



4000 Armstrong Wichita Falls, TX (940) 322-7628

RED RIVER VALLEY MUSEUM



4600 College Vernon, TX (940) 553-1848 rrvmuseum.org

WILBARGER COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM



1826 Cumberland Vernon, TX (940) 473-5008

OLD POST OFFICE MUSEUM & ART CENTER



510 Third Graham, TX (940) 549-1470 opomac.net

YOUNG COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY



401 Echo Graham, TX (940) 282-2887 ycmohc.com

OLNEY HERITAGE MUSEUM



213 E. Main Olney, TX (940) 227-4364 olneyheritagemuseum.or



Our favorite archaeologist, Sergio Ayala, PhD, who is now director of the <u>Gault School of Archaeological Research</u>, along with some museum volunteers, went on a field trip last weekend, exploring some of the historic oddities of Montague County.







Visitors of the Month!



This cute little couple drove all the way from Collinsville to visit us for the second time! He is an amazing 97 years young!

Directors Biennial Retreat



Every other year, our dedicated board of directors has an all day retreat to discuss the past, present, and future of Tales 'N' Trails. This year, Melissa Prycer of Prycer Consulting led a strategic retreat, focusing on expansion projects, succession planning, and building a more sustainable future, particularly through different kinds of endowments. Board members include Tracy Mesler, Pres., Gale Cochran-Smith, VP, Melanie Howington, Sec., Cecilia Prine, Treasurer, Nell Ann McBroom, E.D, Shannon Gillette, Holly Leindecker, Holly McCall, Bob Ferguson, Rob Storey, David Guilliams, David Fenoglio, Gail Yowell, Liz Bower, and Vicki Morton.





Heritage Tourism Workshop





Tales 'N' Trails was represented at a Heritage Tourism workshop in Clifton, Texas recently at the <u>Bosque Museum</u>. Board Secretary Melanie Howington discusses the Dell Motley collection and our interpretation of another museum's heritage plan. Watch for something new around Nocona from ideas from this workshop by the <u>Texas Historical Commission</u>.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Every year, the Tales 'N' Trails board has 5 directors up for re-election to a 3 year term. Sometimes all 5 agree to run for another term and sometimes they don't. All 5 positions are voted on by our members. This year we will have one new place open. If you think you might be interested in supporting the museum in this way, please come see us! We will give you a very simple application that includes an idea of director responsibilites, committees you could serve on, and we will answer any questions. The deadline for application submission is May 24th at 5 pm. All applicants will be interviewed by our Executive/Governance committee. The election will be held at our annual membership meeting Tuesday, June 4th, 5 pm, at the museum.



Engraved bricks are being sorted for placement at our back door. Another load is expected the first week of May. Hopefully they will be installed by our annual membership meeting June 4! There is still a challenge going on by the NHS Class of 1975! Bricks are \$50 each and can be engraved as a memorial or in honor of someone.



As a member of Red River Valley Tourism Association, Tales 'N' Trails Museum will be holding their own garage sale on June 7 & 8 at the museum. We will also have limited area outside on the grass if you are interested in renting a space to have your own sale. Contact us after May 1 to reserve a spot! Follow the yard sale Facebook group https://example.com/hwy 82/287 Yard Sale!



A young historian playing us a song!













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