



MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- October is Archaeology month, perfect time to see the new Native American exhibit!
- A special thanks to all of our volunteers and sponsors who helped make the Shebang 2012 a huge success.
- Don't forget to Vote November 6th!

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Shebang 2012

Many folks enjoyed a fun-filled day of activities at Shebang 2012! The day started off with Chef Connie and Chef Stacy (see page 2) hosting Shebang Showdown, a friendly competition of some of the best pies and cakes around these parts! Then we learned how to make fondant! And who knew that vodka was the secret to the perfect pie crust!

Thanks !!!!!!!

Chef Connie & Chef Stacy!

Later that afternoon, music filled the air and set the ambiance, thanks very much to Alis Wilkinson and her Pawpaw, Hardy Lee Seay, Jr. with the help of Harold Goad. The Native American theme of this year's Shebang was never more evident than when Larry Veale (a museum volunteer in full Native American attire) held the audience rapt with the Native American tale of how man

won the contest to be chief of the animal world.

Tales 'n' Trails counts itself lucky to have some of the very best steak cookers in the world among their volunteer team! Thank you David Paine for being the driving force!

After a wonderful dinner, the night progressed into a spirited and very entertaining LIVE AUCTION! There were delighted bidders and lucky winners (and only a few long faces) from both sides of the room. Mark Murphey could not have done a better job "pitting everyone against each other" in the spirit of the benefit auction. Thanks, Mark!

This event would not have been possible without the efforts of the Robert Fenoglio family and their brand new Veranda Inn Events Center! What a wonderful addition to our town! Last year's Shebang pro-

ceeds were used to finish the permanent Native American exhibit. This year's proceeds, over \$40,000, will be used primarily towards our outdoor exhibits, so watch us grow!

Thanks to everyone who attended Shebang or helped us in any way! The logos you see below are our major sponsors and none of this could have been accomplished without them!

The Veranda Inn

Francis & Milta Carter Lindell



MARKET PLACE

Daddy Sam's



FUNDRAISING 101

Because of the overwhelming support of the citizens of Montague County and their generous outpouring, the museum board of directors have decided that the next major project will be the outdoor Agricultural exhibit.

The exhibit will include a barn built to historical standards and will house many of the museums larger display pieces. Items such as buggies, wagons and farming

equipment will be the highlights of the area. There are hopes of a working blacksmithing area as well and a workshop to allow a place to build or repair artifacts and exhibits.

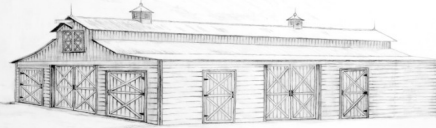
There will also be a room for programs and classes. Pens are also on the drawing board to house animals for special occasions, like when Santa and Mrs. Claus come to visit, they will be able to now bring along their herd of

reindeer.

Just a reminder! Anyone who donates a significant amount of money to this project can have naming rights to the barn!

BUILD THE BARN

NAME THE BARN



Proposed artist interpretation of new exhibit barn

Why a Membership?

Several membership types are available from \$10 to \$1000 per year. Depending on your level of participation, different benefits include:

- * Free admission to TnT (Admission \$5 adults, \$3 seniors & students, free for Veterans & Military)
- * Free admission to over 500 other museums as part of North American Reciprocal Museums Group
- * Free admission for family & friends accompanying you.
- * Meal Tickets for our annual Shebang
- * Gift passes for admission to share with others
- * TnT newsletter
- * Invitations to special member-only events
- * 10% discount on all non-consignment gift shop purchases
- * Help fund day to day operations and programs at TnT. Remember we are supported by YOU and for YOU!



SHEBANG SHOWDOWN 2012

What would be a great way to make the Shebang 2012 a more fun-filled event for the family? Have a cook-off! Or a bake-off...and that is exactly what Chef Connie and Chef Stacey proposed to the Tales 'n' Trails museum to do!

Entries were due the morning of the Shebang and judged for the winners to be revealed at dinner that evening. Meanwhile, back at the Veranda Event Center, Chef Connie and Chef Stacey held demonstrations and classes for approximately 20 students on making fondant and analyzing and developing the perfect pie dough recipe.

Shebang Showdown 2012 categories consisted of youth and adult divisions of Creative/Decorated Cakes, Fruit

Pies and Custard Pies.

And the winners are.....

Youth Category

1st Place Fruit Pie – Bailey Ralls , 1st Place Decorated Cake – Morgan Dyer

1st Place Decorated Cake – Becky McCracken, 2nd Place Jenna Luedecke

1st Place Classic Cake – Linda Holcomb, 2nd Place – Abby Linn

Overall Winner - Mr. Tommy Yowell for his Longhorn Pecan Pie

Chef Connie Mullins is a dessert specialist from Dallas who will participate in an upcoming episode of the Food Network's show Sweet Genius!

Chef Stacy O'Neil is administrator of Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Dallas and is Director of The Texas Chef

Association.

**Chef Connie will be teaching some baking classes next spring! Call the museum if you would like to be notified of these classes!



Blue ribbon pie by Bailey Ralls shown with Chef Connie and Chef Stacey!

Adult Category

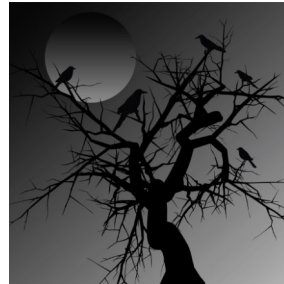
1st Place Fruit Pie – Gayle Storey, 2nd Place – Suzanne Storey

1st Place Custard Pie - Tommy Yowell, 2nd – Sherol Ramsey



North Field (1926) - It was a dark and stormy night and all you could hear (besides the thunder, of course) was the creaking and cranking, popping and thumping of the old pump jack just along the dirt road beyond the chinaberry tree grove. The only light around came from the pumper's house nearby, which everyone KNEW was haunted!

Tales 'n' Trails Museum (2011) - A North Field pumper's house was donated to the museum for repurposing. Carpenters revived the walls that could talk and resuscitated the soul of the old structure. While museum volunteers readied the exhibit, all



started experiencing odd occurrences and strange noises. Most told tales of cold chills upon entering and relief that only came upon exiting. This Halloween, experience for yourself "The Mystery of the North Field Pumper's House"! Story continued in Upcoming Events.....

SHEBANG'S FIRST VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR MR. FRANCIS LINDELL

A huge congratulations and thank you to Mr. Francis Lindell, our very first "Volunteer of the Year"! He is always willing to do whatever, whenever! In his daily travels, he is constantly in search of things we need wherever he goes, from unique items for exhibits to office supplies!



Museum Director Nell Ann McBroom and Volunteer of the Year Francis Lindell

Francis and his wife, Milta Carter Lindell have been very special patrons of the museum since it opened. They are from Bowie, and Milta's family owned Carter Grocery Store. The quilt in the Shebang auction was made by her mother.

Thanks to both of them for all they do for Tales n' Trails!!

Congratulations to The Dr. Chance Dingler's for winning the Alaskan Cruise raffle and helping make Shebang a huge success!



SPANISH FORT AREA EXHIBIT

One of Tales 'n' Trails Museums's newest volunteers is Billy Taylor of Nocona. Many in Nocona have know Billy's family for a long time. He is happy to be back in Nocona after many years in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. We are thrilled to make use of his creative talents at TnT. Billy has created a beautiful

new temporary exhibit about Spanish Fort and the surrounding area in the Benton Conference Room. Many items are from Billy's private collection, but some have been generously loaned by others in the community. The exhibit will be on display until the end of the year. Do you have something you would like to share? We

could use artifacts belonging to some of Spanish Fort's pioneer families, old photographs, documents, etc. Please contact the museum at 825-5330.

TnT always needing: Frames & easels of all sizes! Call if you have some to donate!



With all the outdoor exhibit activity, now is a premium opportunity to **Purchase a Brick!** \$50 each

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Where can you get
things you can't seem
to find ANYWHERE
else?

Stop by the museum gift shop !

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM



Wednesday October 31st—
Night at the “BOO-SEUM - Keck
Promotions and NHS theater arts
students present their version of
the”Mystery of the Oilfield
Pumpers’ House”, which is ex-
pected to be quite frightening! The
haunted house will be open at
5:30 pm for those brave enough
to chance it. Cost is \$2 per person.
A free Halloween Bounce House
and Trunk or Treating will be avail-
able for the little spooks. Volun-
teers are needed!

Tuesday November 6th—Election
Day at the Museum.

Friday November 9th - North
Texas Deaf Senior Citizens Tour

Wednesday December 19th—1/2
day volunteering class for stu-
dents. Students 8th-12 grades of
Nocona ISD have a half day and
are encouraged to come the rest
of the day to learn about volunteer-
ing at the museum. We will start at
1:30. Refreshments will be served!

Saturday December 8th — Christ-
mas Campfire, Stories, games, and
surprises! Starts at 10:30. Lunch
served at high noon! \$5 each. Re-
serve your spot!

Friday December 28th—Joe Dunn’s
Native American Artifact Classes.
Joe is a museum volunteer from
Bowie who has spent most of his
life studying Native American
stone artifacts. He has generously
donated his time helping catalog
and exhibit the best of the Joe
Benton collection in our perma-
nent Native American Hall. He will
include some history of the natives
of this area as well as flint-
knapping. For Students 1st—5th
grade at 1 pm and 6th grade and
over at 3 pm. \$10 fee includes
refreshments and craft. Spaces
limited! Reserve your spot!