

# Tales 'n' Trails

MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

## “Up the Chisholm Trail”

### NEW

### MEMBERS

New members at the museum since the last newsletter include Mark and Leigh Ann Storey, Mark and Christy Watson and Bob and Winifred Herndon! Thank you and Welcome!



Boot Making Demo by John Glaze Jan. 31st!

Join us Saturday, January 31st for a walk back into the wild west! Learn about the cowboy days on the trails and experience some “old style” boot making! The day will start at 10am with a presentation by Alan Schiegg from the Denton County Museum about one of the most famous cattle trails of all time. Alan is a member of the Denton Historical Commission and serves as co-chairman on the Chisholm Trail Marking Committee. At noon, the Museum will provide a campfire lunch

with all the fixings. About 1pm, we will kick off a boot making demonstration by John Glaze. John played H.J. Justin in our TnT film and has dedicated his life to preserving the “old way” of making boots. He has graciously donated his collection to become a permanent exhibit at our museum. Unique, never before published letters written by actual Chisholm Trail participants (part of the Benton collection) will be on display. These letters were written in 1910-11 in response to a newspaper

ad. In addition, the branded cowhide on display at the Museum will be taken down for local ranches to add their own brand for only a \$100 donation to the Museum. This was one of our first fund-raisers many years ago, so if you missed it then, bring your branding iron, we will furnish the fire! Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 at the door, lunch is included. (Tales 'N' Trails Members get in free with advance reservations). Please call ahead so we can plan enough food!

## Volunteer Connection

Tales 'n' Trails Museum could not function without its volunteers! No matter if they work on a regular basis or just when we send out an SOS, they are very important! To show our appreciation, we would like all our volunteers to join us at the museum on Sat. Feb. 28 at 6 pm for dinner and “get together”! But we do have something we would like for you to do that night.....We want you to bring someone else who might be interested in becoming a volunteer also! And you might be asked to tell what you do for us and why you like

being a part of our team! Anyone is welcome to come to learn more about volunteering. No skills needed, we can train! Anything from taking care of the flower beds to sewing to helping in gift shop, to addressing envelopes, to filing, to data entry, to cleaning or cataloging artifacts! We can find you a job! Anyone interested in seeing what it's all about is welcome to come. Please just let us know so we have enough food!



**DONATE TODAY!!**

It takes less than 5 minutes to donate your car, boat, rv or buggy with the proceeds benefiting the Tales 'N' Trails Museum!

Fast and free pickup scheduled at a time that is convenient to you. In some cases we may be able to even pick up your vehicle in as little as 24 hours!

We accept your car - running or not!!

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Just call 1-844-882-1282 Today and Donate Your Car to Help!

Help the Tales 'N' Trails Museum achieve its goals of preserving and promoting our area's history by donating your car, truck, boat, or RV today!!



**BARN EXHIBIT GROUNDBREAKING**



Groundbreaking was made by Milta Carter on October 31st, 2014 to start construction on our Tales 'n' Trails 9,200 square foot Agricultural Center.

**Why a membership?**

Several levels of participation available from \$30 to \$1000 per year. Different benefits include:

- \* Free admission to TnT
- \* Free admission for family and friends accompanying you to museum
- \* Meal Tickets for our annual fundraising dinner
- \* Gift passes for TnT admission to share with others
- \* TnT email newsletter
- \* Invitations to special member-only events
- \* 10% discount on gift shop purchases (excluding consignment items)

*Remembering Them..*

Memorials to TnT can be made in the form of monetary contributions, as a part of an exhibit, or a memorial brick. Call us for more information.

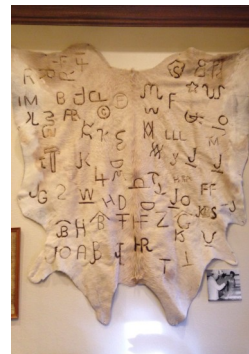


**SAM HOUSTON ESSAY WINNER**

On November 1, 2014, Tales 'n' Trails sponsored a one-man, two act play called "The Lion of Texas – The Story of Sam Houston". It was a wonderful history lesson about our great state of Texas as well as entertaining for young and old. In conjunction with the play, we held an essay contest. Mrs. Windi Womack, who is always willing to help us with our children's events, did a great job getting over 30 of her middle school honors reading class involved. To spark their creativity, the students could write a regular essay, or use a variety of formats such as poetry, letter, or even develop a facebook page for ole Sam!

The first place winner, Colby Wilson, received \$50 in cash for his efforts. Jenna McBride won \$30 for second place and Mallory Melton won \$20 for third place. Sam Houston also made sure they all got one of his t-shirts! Great job Colby, Jenna, and Mallory! And thanks, Ms. Windi!!

Sam Houston was played by Sam Houston (yes that is his real name!) from Gainesville, Texas. He travels around doing this great show so if you get a chance, go see it! The two shows in Nocona were made possible by some loyal sponsors: Nocona VFW, Tyler Thomas of Edward Jones, First Republic Investments, and Legend Bank.



**BRAND IT!**

This hide was one of our first fundraisers about 20 years ago! If you missed getting your brand on it, come out Jan. 31st and bring your branding iron!

\$100 donation!

Museum volunteer Dennis McBroom was one of several from Tales 'n' Trails promoting Nocona, Texas at the Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering at the Fort Worth Stockyard in October.

## JIMMY TOMPKINS DVD COLLECTION

The Jimmy Tompkins DVD Collection (available at TnT Gift Shop) has always been in the back of my mind to explore. I have viewed excerpts of some videos and folks are always talking about "Have you seen that one?" or "What a revolutionary idea it was to do all that memory saving back in the 80's!." That is the extent of my DVD collection knowledgebase, until last Christmas....My sister-in-law wanted to show my nieces their grandfather (my dad, Jim Storey) so they went out to the museum to watch some of the DVD's. That piqued my interest in checking them out myself. One afternoon, during Christmas Break, I sat down with popcorn and Kleenexes and prepared myself for the emotional journey. First, I watched my grandmother tell of our

Arkansas relatives during the Civil War and their expedition toward Montague County. Then I watched my Dad tell some Athletic Goods and Nocona history to his good friend Jimmy Tompkins. I was, at times, giggling and at others crying. I have the utmost admiration for Jimmy having the foresight to make videos of many "figures of Nocona history" back then and I love that Tales 'n' Trails is continuing to fill gaps and make new video memories for us all to enjoy.  
~Suzanne Storey

DVD's are available in our gift shop. Some were recorded by Jimmy Tompkins and some have been done by TnT. Thank you to volunteers Jo & Tommy Dorland who record for us!

## MUSEUM HAPPENINGS



Volunteer Jim Admire is cataloging and organizing arrowheads from the Gene Wilson Collection for a traveling Native American exhibit to share with other museums.



TnT Board member, Chase Fenoglio, prepares to move storage containers for the new barn that will house our agricultural exhibits and new classroom.

# Thank You Volunteers!

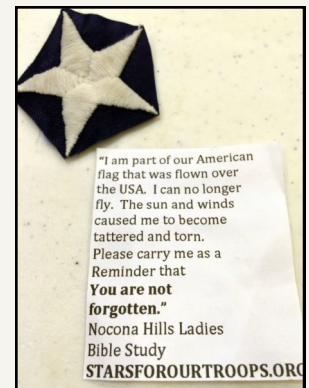
## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Our volunteer spotlight shines on Sue Henry of Nocona. When asked, Sue said that her favorite exhibit at the Museum was the one about WWII. It is very clear when

speaking to Sue that she has a very high regard for our military and veterans. So much so, that one of her hobbies includes cutting stars from discarded flags headed for the Boy Scouts flag burning ceremony and assembling them into a

memento and reminder for vets. (see picture) She also loves to help host the Annual Nocona Hills Ladies Auxiliary Chili Lunch at the Nocona VFW that is a fundraiser for purchasing veteran's supplies in Bonham and OKC. While at the museum Sue is in charge of Memorials & Memberships and helps with Public Relations. The exhibit that most fascinates her is the story of the Nocona Athletic Goods pointed football and she loves to show visitors around the museum and see all the progress happening.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM



Now Through April 30—Letters from the  
Chisholm Trail on Exhibit

Feb. 3rd—Gumbo Day at the Museum  
(11am-2pm and \$5 a bowl)

Feb. 28th—Volunteer Connection Dinner

May 8th—Basketweaving with Jan

TBA—Star, Moon, or Planet Gazing with  
Three Rivers Foundation from Crowell, TX.

TBA—Spring Book Signing

## MYSTERY PHOTO



Bob Vickery brought this and a few other photos of this Post Office to the museum. He says it might be the Spanish Fort Post Office. Do you have any information? For more photos of this, go to <http://www.talesntrails.org/solve-our-mystery.html>