Tales 'n' Traíls

MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- April 18 is our annual general membership meeting and kickoff for membership drive. 6 pm at the Museum. Everyone invited
- New members at the museum since the last newsletter include Cindy Browning and Lynn Prugel, Thank you and Welcome!



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Reading Between the Vines

Sunday afternoons at the Museum are turning out to be quite the place be for fun, informative and illuminating happenings. The museum placed a spotlight on five local authors and one local winery in March and there should be no complaining that there aren't social and artistically enlightening events in the Nocona area because this definitely was one. If you missed it, there are sure to be more with the multitude of local authors and artisans about. The five authors included, Stan Briney , Shannon Gillette, Gale Cochran-Smith, Treva Tindol Dawson, & Larry Lemons and they spoke of their latest books as well as held a book signing. The local Arche' Winery was on hand to present three very delicious wines for tasting. Those in attendance also learned about Arche' Wineries beginnings and current happenings.

It was a relaxing way to spend a educational and entertaining Sunday afternoon in the Nocona area.

This was a membership free event.

TALES 'N' TRAILS

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Exciting things are happening on the Agriculture Exhibit front here at Tales N Trails. The Benton-Whiteside ranch has donated one of their barns to be relocated to the museum grounds. The rafters from the barn were

> Why a membership?

Several levels of participation available from \$10 to \$1000 per year. Different benefits include:

* Free admission to TnT (Admission fees will apply starting June 1, 2011)

* Free admission to over 500 other museums as part of the North American Reciprocal Museums Group for all memberships of \$100 or more

* 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

* "The North Star" email newsletter (\$10 extra for print version) * Invitations to special member-only events

* 10% discount on gift shop purchases originally in buildings at Camp

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POW Camp in Cooke County. A team of profes-

sionals have been hired to deconstruct the barn and move it

have an old fashion barn raising when it is erected this summer. The barn will be the home to many of the larger agricultural artifacts such as wagons and buggies. It will also showcase different farm implements and tools. It will be a great asset to the outdoor exhibits at the Museum.

SUMMER STAR STOMP 2013

With the lure of a billion year old comet and once in a lifetime viewing possibilities this past month with PAN-STARRS Comet, Star Gazing is becoming a huge hobby all across the Lone Star State.

May is your opportunity locally to check out all kinds of constellations, with closeup views of the moon and telescopic panoramas of nebulae, galaxies and star clus-

ters.

May 18, the Tales 'n' tail Museum will team up with Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences in Crowell for an all out Star Stomp.

Telescopes will be set up at the museum at about 8:30 p.m. to be ready for two hours or more of night-time viewing.

Star gazers are encouraged to bring binoculars, lawn chairs and flashlights covered in red cellophane; most of the large telescopes will be provided by members of South Plains Astronomy Club.

Cost of admission is \$10 a car load and this is a Tales 'n' Trails member free event.

For more information contact Nell Ann at the Museum at 940-825–5330 or the Three Rivers Foundation at info@3rf.org or 940.684.1670

BARN RAZING



to the Museum. We

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES AT THE MUSEUM

Photography classes at the Museum have been very well attended the past couple of months. Iris Greenwell, a freelance photographer from Fort Worth has been offering classes through the museum for \$30 a sessions. Sessions available include beginners, intermediate and advanced with options of photography field trips. Members always receive 10% off of enrollment.

The beginner classes included getting to know your digital camera no matter the brand and learning about F-Stops, Apertures and ISO. Intermediate classes continue basic the skills needed in taking the best photo possible concerning lighting, angles and composition. Intermediate classes include a model upon which to practice. Advanced classes will also be offered for the first time May 4th and more information about what that class involves will be available upon sign up. For more information about the classes, call Nell Ann at 940-825-5330. For more information and Iris's portfolio go to her Facebook page at <u>Iris Greenwell Photogra-</u> phy or her portfolio at www.irisgreenwell.smugmug.com.

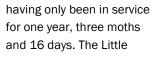
VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Nancy Fenoglio is our volunteer spotlight for Spring 2013. When asked, Nancy said that she likes meeting all the people who come to visit and loves helping archive the pictures. "I love pictures!" Her hobbies include listening to music, any music but especially Texas music and trying her hand at quilting. "I'm not very good but I enjoy trying.", says Fenoglio. The most enjoyable event at the museum so far has been the Halloween celebration. "It was great, all the costumes, trick or treaters and the haunted house". When asked what she looks forward to seeing every time she walks through the museum doors are all of the memorabilia from the Nocona Boot Company. "I see something different every time I'm at the museum and it brings back memories of special people. Maybe someone I hadn't thought of in many years. Makes me aware of just how short the time we have here is. We are so blessed to have this museum in our community and I feel honored to donate my time." Don't forget this year is Nocona's Tri-ennial Komecoming to be held September 27, 28 & 29th.

USS LITTLE REUNION

The U.S.S. Little DD 803 was commissioned on Au-

gust 19, 1944 and was sunk by Kamikaze aircraft on May 3, 1945 after





was named for Captain George Little, USN. ______ Local Histo-

> rian Melvin E. Fenoglio was part of the crew of the U.S.S. Little when it was at-

tacked. In 1958, Fenoglio attended a Language Arts seminar at Northwestern

University and while there wrote an original story of the account of the attack. That account can be found at <u>www.dd803.org</u>

Paulette Fenoglio, Melvin's widow will be the host family for this year's U.S.S. Little reunion #29. The event is to be held at The Veranda Events Center In Nocona May 2-4, 2013.



Purchase your NOCONA-OPOLY Game at the Museum!



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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

April 18— Annual Tales 'n Trails general membership meeting and kickoff membership drive. 6 pm. Everyone invited.

May 2-4 USS Little Reunion

May 4 - Photography Classes with Iris Greenwell. May 11— Basket Classes May 18—Armed Forces Day Fun Fest - Downtown Nocona

WE ARE ON THE WEB!

May 18—Nocona Star Stomp— Star-gazing at the museum

June 1—Montague County Historical Commissions Rolling History Tour

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June 7 & 8–Chisholm Trail Round-up Sept. 14 - Shebang (theme agriculture) Sept. 27 - Tri-Annual NHS Homecoming