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# Tales 'n' Trails

#### NEWSLETTER MUSEUM

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Participate in the Tales 'n' Trails Museum's Family History Project. Come fill out your family's tree to be kept on file and viewable in our archives.
- We are looking for special people who should be recorded as a part of our oral history project or someone who would eniov recording them!

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SHEBANG 2012

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The Native American is this year's exciting Shebang theme, honoring our new permanent exhibit that opened in June. Shebang 2012 will be held in the Veranda Events Center (across from the museum) at 6:30pm Sept. 15th. It is \$50 a person for a dinner, live music, silent, bucket, and live auctions and much more! The Museum will be open from 5:30-6:30 so you can view the new exhibit before the Shebang. Back by popular demand will be Mark Murphy as auctioneer & Alis &

Paw Paw (Hardy Seay, Jr. and granddaughter Alis Wilkinson) as musical entertainment! An Alaskan Cruise for Two raffle will also be held that evening. Tickets are \$50 with only 400 being sold. Please plan on attending as this is the museum's Annual fundraiser and is always the "Event of the Year". You never know what might happen at the Shebang!!!

If you are interested in helping out with the Shebang 2012, please contact the museum.

Note cards and postcards with this image now in gift shop!



Hands on for kids!



Replica of a grass hut used by Wichitas in this area, designed and built by Bob Ferguson with help from TnT volunteers!

# Glimpses Of the New Native American Permanent Exhibit

A beautiful exhibit thanks to the creative efforts of Museum Arts of Dallas and TnT director Bob Ferguson (and lots of volunteers!).

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# **OUTDOOR AGRICULTURE AREA**

Hopefully, the next major project to be addressed at TnT will be our outdoor agriculture exhibit, which will include a barn built to display our buggies, wagons, farming equipment and a working blacksmith shop. There will be a workshop to allow a place to build or repair artifacts and exhibits and another room for programs and classes. Also planned are pens to house animals for special occasions.



A MAJOR DONOR TO THIS AREA COULD HAVE NAMING RIGHTS TO THIS NEW EXHIBIT

# Welcome Newest Members!

We want to thank all of you who have renewed your annual memberships with Tales 'n' Trails Museum. Your memberships are vital to our funding for our day to day operations. We also want to welcome new members who have joined since our Spring newsletter; Jim Admire, Linda Attaway, Mr. & Mrs. James Forsyth, Terry and Eileen Newland, Carolyn Wilson., and Jason, Darci, Jaden, Jalee, Maloree, and Avoree Woodyard!

One of the neatest upcoming projects at the museum is the Tales 'n' Trails Coloring Book. The mission is to design, develop, publish and sell a coloring book with the five themes of the Museum. Included will be

Volunteers are needed at the Museum one morning (10am-1pm) or one afternoon (1pm-5pm) per week to meet and greet visitors!

#### COLORING BOOK

all the areas (oil and gas, agriculture, Native American culture, leather industry and western heritage) with hopefully many of the pages being designed by our local artists. If you have an interest in taking a lead role in this project or helping in the design phase and/ or if you are an artist or know an artist that would like to contribute to the coloring book's historical accuracy and local color, please contact Nell Ann at the Museum at 940-825-5330.

## VOLUNTEER

Jim Admire is a native of Nocona, graduating from NHS in 1967, then served in the Navy until 1976 as a missile tech on FBM subs. He retired from Lockheed Martin in 2006 after 27 1/2 years as manager of flight operations. Jim moved back to Lake Nocona in 2000. He is a member of the Nocona VFW, American Legion and Tales 'n' Trails Volunteer Team! He has been very busy working with the Joe Benton Collection in our

#### SPOTLIGHT



new Native American Exhibit, which is very impressive! You can find him at the museum every Wednesday afternoon! Thanks, Jim!!

# OLD SPANISH FORT

From the Taovayas to the French traders, from the Chisholm Trail to H.J. Justin, from Shrock's Cowboy Saloon to the Coon Hunter's Lodge, there are many stories to be told about Old Spanish Fort. We are working on that theme as our next temporary exhibit. If you have anything we might could use, please contact us!

# Scavenger Hunt

Has the hot weather got you down? Bored kids at home? Need an afternoon to kill? Come to the museum (and bring the kids) for a fabulous new adventure! The TnT Scavenger Hunt has can be quite an undertaking for all ages. Even a few volunteers have had some challenging moments! You could easily spend a couple of hours completing the hunt. Big kids and adults are given a list of challenges and the younger kiddos get pictures of things to find. If the grandkids are in town or just want a way to pass the afternoon....this original quest is just for you.



Congratulations to our graduating Eagle Scouts Joseph Storey & Caiden Fenoglio! Off to College Station! They have been some of our best volunteers for several years and will be terribly missed! Good Luck to two of Nocona's finest young men!!

# STOPS ALONG THE TRAIL

Welcome New Volunteers! Wanda Russell, Ruby Eldred, Jim Admire, Eileen Newland, Nancy Fenoglio, Sherese Price! Only requirement is interest in our past and future! We can find something for you to do! Give Vicki a call at 940-825-5330!

Welcome to three new board members! Shannon Gillette, an Illinois Bend na-

tive, author of the Nocona book released last summer, will serve as our chief researcher. Steve Tettleton, a Nocona native in the oil business, will be heading up the development of our outdoor oil/gas exhibit. Vicki Morton, from Lake Nocona, is in charge of volunteers and our gift shop. These three also have wonderful spouses that will always volunteer as needed! (Thanks Tony, Trisha & Wes!!)

Thank you so much Rose Sicking of Gainesville, Texas for loaning the museum your Western Heritage Collection of antique saddles, bronze sculptures and Old West memorabilia. We appreciate you sharing your items with us and promoting us in Cooke County! (Some pieces will remain on display through October 2012.)

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## Gary King, President Nell Ann McBroom, Vice-Pres. Tracy Mesler, Secretary

Meet the Directors

Tom Horn, Treasurer

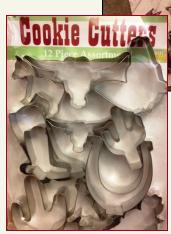
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# UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM

August 10— Beverage Tote Basket Class . 9am-3pm. Class Cost \$45. Please sign up now if you are interested in taking this class. And be sure to get on our email list so we can keep you updated on future classes.

August 10—Beginner Wrapped Vase Class. 3:30pm—7pm. Class cost \$35.

August 11-Beginner Extra

Large Market Basket Class. 9am-4pm. Class Cost \$65

August 18— Beginning knitting class for ages 10 and up by Jordan Gilleland, Prairie Valley Senior. She will be teaching scarf making. Class cost \$35.

September 15—Shebang 2012. \$50 per person that includs a steak dinner with all the trimmings and live music! Have any old photographs of anywhere in Montague County? If so, please bring them out with any info you have about them and let our volunteer staff scan them! They will be recorded and originals given right back to you!