



Museum Musings

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It's official...

As our construction project picks up its pace, the dedication day for the museum's new wing has officially been set for *Saturday, May 20, 2006!* We are thrilled to plan for this very important event in the life of the museum. It appears that we have a few things to do in the next few months:

- Create the archeology pits
- Implement the Passalong Garden, a landscape heritage project – (hello, Jane and Walt?)
- Create the Chisholm Trail monument
- Implement a marketing plan
- Install the log cabin
- Become proficient at erecting the Plains Indian tipi
- Furnish and equip Resource Room
- Furnish and equip the new storage areas and offices
- Move specific collections into the new storage area
- Plan and produce new items to sell in the Museum Store
- Redesign the *Passport through Time* exhibit
- Update the kitchen for catering purposes
- Design and install *Recovered Views: African-American Portraits, 1912-1925* in East Gallery
- Design and install new exhibit in Main Gallery
- Continue to do everything else we normally do

Please send coffee.

TRUSTEE NEWS

We welcome three new Board members to our family of Trustees. **Sara Mackie** and **Charlotte Douglass**, both of Salado, replace **Margaret Williamson** and **Vic Means**, who made many meaningful contributions to the museum. For two years, Vic served as Chairman of the Board, graciously guiding the museum through the planning and implementation processes of the expansion. Margaret's many contributions to the museum include the development of the museum's Christmas tree ornament project featuring historic churches in the county. Our third new Board member is **Jeannette Kelley** of Belton, who replaces **Dennis Turk**. Dennis planned, drafted and organized the museum's Strategic Plan last year, which was adopted by Commissioners Court during the museum's Annual Report. We are so proud of the many accomplishments these folks made to the museum, and appreciate their service to this community. We look forward to working with our new Board members, confident that their contributions to the museum will be outstanding as well.

CHRISTMAS AT MAYBORN FARM

Each Christmas, our holiday fundraiser is special, and our 2005 event was no exception. On December 17, 2005, about 200 guests enjoyed a wonderful evening of conversation, cuisine, and classic holiday music in the lovely home of museum Board member **Sue Mayborn**. This important holiday fundraiser featured a splendid buffet spread provided by **Sherry Bonnett Sewell** (*Salado Gourmet*), and holiday tunes provided by well-known pianist **Ann Chamlee**. The party cleared over \$10,500, which helps to fund exhibits and programs, and 5% of these proceeds go into the endowment. We appreciate Sue, Sherry, Ann, our volunteers, and the following sponsors of the fundraiser:

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 WANDA & JACK WEINBLATT

Thank you also to the many other people who attended the party and/or contributed to it. You are truly special to us.



The Big
Bell County
Garage Sale
 - Expo Center,
 Belton -
 Saturday,
 April 1, 2006
 - no foolin'.
 Be there!

2005 in Review

- Almost 3,000 visitors to the museum
- Outreach programs to 25,578, including 6 outreach exhibits (Townsend Memorial Library at UMHB, Scott & White Hospital)
- 1,171 volunteer hours
- Two temporary exhibits – Recent Acquisitions, and Russell Lee exhibit (a partnership with Temple College)
- Archeology and Chisholm Trail programs for children
- Converted collection database program to PastPerfect
- Christmas tree ornaments of First United Methodist Church, Belton, and the Carnegie Library building
- Successful Garage Sale, record proceeds for holiday fundraiser
- Advertisement at Killeen movie theater wins prestigious Wilder Award (gold)
- 991 objects accepted into collection
- Implemented Chisholm Trail monument fund
- Updated the Collections Policy
- Created the Building Use Policy
- Updated the Strategic Plan

Income Comparison

	2004		2005
Friends: (total deposits)	\$18,666.00	Friends: (total deposits)	\$21,748.00
Garage Sale: (net)	\$13,320.76	Garage Sale: (net)	\$ 8,783.78
Bookstore: (total)	\$ 6,764.20	Bookstore: (total)	\$ 7,855.18
Christmas: (net)	\$10,230.51	Christmas: (net)	\$10,586.56
Cashbox:	\$ 483.79	Cashbox:	\$ 668.42
Grants: (total)	\$2,579.95	Grants: (total)	\$ 550.00
		Chisholm Trail statue	\$ 4,675.00
Total:	\$52,045.21	Total:	\$54,866.94

Please join us! Take part in preserving the rich history of the Bell County region by joining the Friends of the Museum Association. Your membership allows us to continue award-winning programming through exhibits and educational activities that enhance our county-wide community. Benefits of membership include discounts in the museum bookstore, invitations to special events, and the satisfaction of knowing that YOU are an important part of the preservation of Bell County and Central Texas history. Together, we make our community great!

____ Yes! I want to support the Bell County Museum by becoming a member of the Friends of the Museum Association.

____ \$10 Student

____ \$100 Patron

____ \$25 Friend

____ \$250 Partner

____ \$50 Family

____ \$500 Associate

____ \$75 Advocate

____ \$1,000+ Benefactor

THANK YOU

to our

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- James Barry Anderson
- Dr. & Mrs. Richard Cunningham
- LaRue Diddle
- Roy Goad
- Mary Jo & Hugh Harris
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- Jodi Wright-Gidley

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- Gov. Samuel Mathews Chapter,
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- Lon Curtis
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- Woman's Wednesday Club

Associate:

- Ann & Dennis Turk

Memorials

In memory of ...

LaVada Fowler
by Ruth & J.W. Perry
Eunice Spurlock

Hal Goolsby
by Mr. & Mrs. Mickey Goolsby

Denzel Neal
by Richard Giesecke & Louise
McDonald

Cecil Pollard
by Charles & Sandra Collins

LaVerne Terrell
by Ken Peel



The American Association of Museums has designated the year 2006 as the Year of the Museum. Plan to celebrate with us!

A contribution has been made to the museum honoring Miriam & Jack Oliver by Drs. Sandra Oliver & Wayne Matthews

We appreciate Jodi Wright-Gidley, Bill Blowers, and Allan Waggoner and the museum Board of Trustees for assisting with the holiday fundraiser.

We are searching for a 30-cup coffee pot. If you know the location of a new or slightly used one, please let us know. Thank you!

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¿Qué Pasa?

20 May 2006 – Dedication Day!

20 May 2006 – 7 October 2006 - *Bell County Museum: Everything Old is New Again*, Main Gallery

20 May 2006 – *Recovered Views: African-American Portraits, 1912-1925*, East Gallery

20 May 2006 – *Little River Log Cabin*, West Gallery

Ongoing exhibitions in Carnegie building: *Passport through Time: A Bell County, Texas Journey; The Sanctified Sisters of Belton; Bell County in Miniature*