

museum musings

Join us for the Texas Music Experience Roadshow!

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We are so pleased to present the Texas Music Experience Roadshow on Saturday, May 19, 2007, from noon until 5:00 p.m. at the museum. The Texas Music Experience Roadshow is a mobile museum dedicated to showcasing Texas music and musicians. The Roadshow compliments the temporary exhibit, *Rhythm & Rhyme: Music in Central Texas*, on view at the museum through June 16, 2007. The mobile museum includes objects related to some of the Lone Star State's finest musicians. The artifacts represent a wide and diverse collection of music memorabilia collected by curator Thomas Kreason. The collection includes items from Barbara Mandrell, Janis Joplin, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, and J.P. "Big Boy" Richardson, among many others. Kreason stated, "There's a uniqueness and blending of cultures [in Texas], and that's reflected in our music, too. Tejano, Czech polkas, Western swing, blues and rock – all has its part in shaping our songs." Admission to the Roadshow is free, and has been made possible through the Bell County Museum's Friends of the Museum.

We are also happy to have the "science gadget guy," Jim Walker, on hand this very same day to discuss sixteen science experiments he's made that are related to sound. Jim is a popular speaker among the youth of our community; through his knowledge and passion for all things scientific, the subject really comes alive.

For more information on these fascinating and fun family events, call the museum.

Happy Birthday, Killeen!

In the 1984 introduction of GraDelle Duncan's book, *Killeen: A Tale of Two Cities*, Gerald Skidmore wrote, "The story of Killeen is really two stories – in reality, a tale of two cities: Killeen the agricultural center which began with the town's founding on May 15, 1882, and Killeen the military town, which began with the opening of Camp Hood on September 18, 1942."

Once again, the city celebrates a milestone – 125 years and growing strong. City officials have set aside May 29th to June 3rd to honor the historic occasion, as well as the men and women who helped make Killeen possible. The days will feature a rodeo, "KidFish," an antique car and tractor show, Temple's own Little Joe y La Familia in concert, and much more. Check out all of the fun at www.killeen125.com.

The museum will participate in the celebrations at the Killeen Civic & Convention Center on Saturday, June 2nd, from 10-11 a.m. and from 1-2 p.m., with programs on preserving historic textiles. The textile programs are free, and a book published by the Costume Society of America, *Your Vintage Keepsake: A CSA Guide to Costume Storage and Display*, will be for sale. For more information about this informative event, please call the museum.

Speaking of Birthdays.....

Happy 100th Birthday to the *Temple Daily Telegram*

Bell County Time Machine summer camp, and Kids' Club

Sign up your child or grandchild now for the Bell County Time Machine, happening July 24-27, 2007! Designed for children entering grades 2-4, the camp will feature four fun-filled mornings of discovery, games and activities. Participants will learn about photography, pioneers, Native Americans, and archeology. They will also enjoy Native American dancing by the Four Winds Intertribal Society. Cost for the camp is only \$30, and includes a one-year membership in the Bell County Museum Kids' Club!

Our Kids' Club is open to anyone under age 15. Members will receive their own newsletter four times a year, invitations to exclusive special events, and a certificate noting their membership. Museum Funshops will be held periodically for members, and will focus on everything from how to give a tour to how to be a cowboy to how to discover family roots to – well, the sky's the limit! The Kids' Club is sure to be a favorite with your little one. For more information, please call us.

Volunteer Spotlight

Mary Schlieker is a retired teacher and librarian who has been diligently cataloging the myriad publications in the museum's Research Room. This badly needed project is being completed using the museum's PastPerfect software program. Mary's work will allow researchers to use the room and its contents according to standard library practice and principles. Thanks, Mary!

If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, we invite you to get involved with our tour guide program. Like Uncle Sam, we want (and need) you! Most of our tours are held during weekday mornings, and are primarily given to schoolchildren. Our tour guides receive information on all of our exhibits, so that our tours are meaningful and fun for students and tour guides alike. Let us tell you how you can serve the youth of our community!

A Noteworthy Collaboration

The museum is teaming up with the Institute for the Humanities at Salado and the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) for the Institute's fall lecture series, "Windows to the Soul." The museum will be host to an extraordinary exhibition by renowned photographer Keith Carter, who is also a featured Institute speaker in November. Please watch for more information on this exciting event.

A New Face...

Please stop by and meet Adrienne Lilley, our new program coordinator. Adrienne replaces Jodi Wright-Gidley, who is now the director of the Galveston County Historical Museum. Adrienne holds a bachelor's degree in religion and English, and a master's degree in museum studies, both from Baylor University. She and her husband, Steve, live in Eddy with their two beautiful daughters. You will definitely want to meet this charming, enthusiastic and intelligent person.

... and Another New "Face"

Plan to attend the opening event of *The Face of Texas: Photographs by Michael O'Brien* on Saturday, June 30, 2007, from 2-4 p.m. Dave Hansen, a photographic artist who teaches photography at Temple College, will give a gallery talk on this lively and fascinating exhibition.

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.

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Floral Arts Garden Club donation

The Floral Arts Garden Club has once again helped beautify the museum grounds through a generous gift of \$400. The money will be used to plant perennials in the flower beds around the grounds, and to purchase floral arrangements for special events. Thank you very much to this generous group of gardeners!

Garage Sale Nets Big Bucks

We are happy to report that the annual Big Bell County Garage Sale cleared \$8,476.20 for museum programs and exhibitions. This would not be possible without the dedicated help of our Board and volunteers. A record crowd attended the fun and treasure-filled event. Hooray!