

museum musings

Inside this issue:

- ¿Qué Pasa?
- Memberships, Memoria & Honoraria
- Board News
- *The Great-Grandson's Insight on Sitting Bull & the Lakota Culture*
- *Christmas at Green Oaks Farm*

Commemorating Black History Month

The Bell County Museum will sponsor a program dedicated to black history on Thursday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Temple College Pavilion. The public is invited to this free event. The program will feature poetry, songs, and readings from the *Bell County Ex-Slave Narratives* as read by Linell Davis, June Pinchback, Connie Demerson, La Nae Nelson, and the Rev. Roscoe Harrison, Jr. Praise dancers from Eighth Street Baptist Church will also perform.

We hope that everyone can attend this event; we especially thank Rev. Harrison for helping to organize it.

See you at Temple College on the 19th of February..... The ex-slave narratives are very powerful, so come prepared to be moved.

March 14th is the Big Bell County Garage Sale

That's right, it's already that time! The sale helps the museum to fund exhibits such as *The Inspired Line: Selected Prints of Albrecht Dürer and Rembrandt van Rijn from the Thrivent Financial Collection of Religious Art*, opening June 16th. Fees for exhibitions range from shipping, exhibit rental, and insurance, to mounting and educational supplies. The museum sells booths to vendors, and charges a small admission fee, but children under twelve always get in free. About 7,000 people usually attend. If you would like to rent a space, or would like to volunteer for the sale, please call the museum. We would love to have you involved.

NEW EXHIBIT!

What do a miniature Rio Airways airplane, a lady's sidesaddle from Killeen, and a Colt .44 revolver have in common? They are among the many, many artifacts that will be on view from February 21st through May 30th, in *Vintage Bell County: from the Collection*. It will feature over 40 photographs as well as numerous three-dimensional artifacts from the collection.

The revolver, incidentally, is donated by George Hogwood. It is believed to have belonged to Wiley Fisher, who may have used it during the infamous Bonds-Fisher feud, which took place in 1926-27. More on *that* story in the exhibit!

BOARD NEWS

The six-year term of Board member Mary Jean Boston was up in 2008, so the Board and staff of the museum had to say good-bye. As with all of our former Board members, however, good-byes are never really good-byes; we treasure the friendships that are made through service to the museum, so we always look forward to keeping in touch with everyone who has influenced its future.

Meanwhile, we welcome Jeanie Jones as our newest Board member. Jeanie has quickly set down roots in Bell County, and is as fascinated with its history as we are. We really look forward to her service to the Board, and to working with her, and hope that she will invite us to her home to play with her prairie dogs.

Coming soon.....

The Great-Grandson's Insight on Sitting Bull and the Lakota Culture

Ernie LaPointe, great-grandson of Sitting Bull



Mark your calendar for Monday, April 27th, at 7:00 p.m. for a wonderful event co-sponsored by the museum, Temple College, and Temple South Rotary Club. Ernie LaPointe, great-grandson of Sitting Bull, will present a program entitled, *The Great-grandson's Insight on Sitting Bull and the Lakota Culture*. The free lecture will be held at the museum.

Ernie was born in 1948 on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation of South Dakota. He attended public school in Rapid City. He joined the military in 1966 and was stationed Korea, Turkey, and Germany, and all over the United States. He completed one tour in Vietnam, from 1970 to 1971.

Ernie is a Sun Dancer and lives the traditional way of the Lakota and follows the rules of the sacred pipe. On his mother's side he is the great-grandson of Sitting Bull and Seen By Her Nation Woman, Grandson of Standing Holy (Sitting Bull's youngest daughter whose Christian name was Mary Sitting Bull), and Urban Spotted Horse.

In 1992 Ernie was given the opportunity to speak about Sitting Bull direct blood descendants at the induction of Sitting Bull into the Hall of Fame of American Indian Chiefs at Anadarko, Oklahoma. Since then he has had numerous invitations from Crazy Horse Memorial, South Dakota, and the Little Bighorn Battlefield in Montana to speak about his heritage.

Ernie is a frequent guest at the Fort St. Joseph Museum in Niles, Michigan, and is a lecturer for Go Native America Tours. The History Channel asked for assistance in two documentaries (*Command Decisions* and *History Hogs*) in 2004 and 2005. He finished his two-part DVD series, *The Authorized Biography of Sitting Bull By His Great-Grandson*. He is working on his first book that will be published this year by Gibbs Smith Publishing.

Christmas at Green Oaks Farm

We are so pleased to announce that our holiday fundraiser, *Christmas at Green Oaks Farm* cleared about \$8,500 for museum programs! Sponsorship for this lovely and fun event was generously provided by: Maryette Clifton; Paul and Mary Jean Boston; Sue Mayborn; Madelon and Jimmy Carroll; Roger and Janet Daniel; First Texas Bank, Belton; Kathy and Griff Lord; JoAn Musick-Dillard; Aldrich-Thomas Group, Realtors; Extraco Banks; and Salado Christmas Tree Farm. We are also grateful to all of those who attended the party and/or contributed to it.

We especially thank Raye Virginia Allen and family for opening up their wonderful home for the occasion. The Allen family has consistently supported local, state and national affairs, and their support of the Bell County Museum is no exception. *Thank you.*

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
- \$25 Friend
- \$50 Family
- \$75 Advocate
- \$100 Patron
- \$250 Partner
- \$500 Associate
- \$1000+ Benefactor

THANK YOU
to our
New & Renewing
Friends

Friend:

Beth & Dr. Nicholas Christoff
Mary Blair Lapwing
Jane Wilmer

Family:

Jerry & Peggy Bloomer
Dottie Jones
Susan & James Kamas
Shirley & John Lett
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Vitek

Advocate:

Carol & David Kehl

Patron:

James & Vicki Campbell
Colonial Dames of the 17th Century –
Gov. Samuel Mathews Chapter
Doris & Bob Denman
Sara Mackie
Jim Merritt
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Mewhinney
Ilene & Mike Miller

Partner:

Gail Peek & Dean Chandler
Lon Curtis
Delma Krasusky
Jo & David Reddell
Donnie & David Yeilding

MEMORIA

In memory of:

Jerry Bunker
by Mary Lapwing

Frank Cannon
by Judy & Don Cast
Stephanie Turnham

Aleene Dillard
by Stephanie Turnham

former Bell County Judge John Garth
by Fred & Dale Marie Springer

E.A. Limmer, Jr.
by Carol and David Kehl
Dale Marie & Fred Springer

Peggy Means
by Irma & Bennie Jarratt

Commander (Ret.) Leon Wald
by Midge & Linda Gibson

Honoraria

Honoring:

Jim & Athena Stinson
by William & Katherine Sanders
Bobby & Lucinda Stinson

Sharon & Michael Daggett
Mrs. Betty Lord
by Griff & Kathy Lord