



Membership Newsletter June 2010

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## Plan to Attend our Next Meeting June 10, 7 p.m.

**JUNE 10** Shirley Apley will present a program entitled, "Soiled Doves: A Historical Look at Prostitution in Fort Worth." Shirley comes from South Dakota and has worked for the Fort Worth Library for over 15 years. She has taught "Advanced Genealogy" classes at Tarrant County College and enjoys research and working with others to find their family heritage.



*Apley*

**JULY 8** To Be Determined. Keith is awaiting confirmation from our speaker at this time.

**AUG** Pete Charlton will speak—subject to be announced

**SEPT** Jim Lane will speak—subject to be announced.

**Mark Your Calendars to Attend All of These Great Programs !**

## Stockyards Station Music Series From 2-5 pm Each Saturday During the Summer

Music and entertainment will be at the Stockyards Station Stage (in the mall area) from 2—5 p.m. The following schedule lists who will be appearing each Saturday. These concerts are free!

**June 5** Al Stenzel

**June 12** George Uptmore

**June 19** Jalapino Express

**June 26** Jim Eaves



**June 14 is Flag Day**

## Fourth of July—Stockyards Style

Bring the family for a fun day. Featured activities include a Petting Zoo, Face Painting, FW Herd Cow Camp as well as the FW Herd Cattle Drives, the Gunfight Shows and Live Music.

All events sponsored by the Fort Worth Stockyards Business Assoc and Stockyards Station. For more information visit [www.stockyardsstation.com](http://www.stockyardsstation.com).

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# Lane Open House and Tour—Priceless

Jim and Janet Lane offered the tour and open house to benefit the North Fort Worth Historical Society. Invitations were designed by the event chairman, Carol Blais. She enlisted many truly great volunteers to head up committees and help with the tour.

A week or so prior to the tour, Meda Kessler of the Fort Worth Magazine, *360West*, featured an article on the home stating, “Jim and Janet Lane’s lovingly restored Northside home is a tribute to its Fort Worth heritage and a benevolent spirit, Gussie Armstrong, from its storied past.”

Thank you to Jim and Janet for their marvelous hospitality and generous donation to NFWHS. Visit our website for more great photos.



*Jim and Janet Lane are pictured above. Below left shows the group on the beautiful deck. Below right pictures Carol Blais, Judy Bridwell, Joni Wells, and Linda Stegall.*



*Above are Marty and Skip Humphrey with Debi Carl elegantly dressed in period clothing. Right is docent Eva Isbell with Gwen and Tom Wiederhold. Opposite page Becky Marshall with security officer for the evening.*

## Museum Musings ★ Joni Wells

**Thank you to Libby Willis:** her May program on Oakhurst neighborhood was really wonderful. The slides of the homes and area helped us see the beauty and uniqueness of this great historic neighborhood. It was nice to have some of the current residents attend the meeting, too.

**Welcome to new members:** Lonna Tennison of North Richland Hills and Dr and Mrs. Mack Snead of Fort Worth. Be sure to encourage friends and relative to join or rejoin the NFWHS—their support is vital to our mission of rediscovering, perpetuating and

preserving our great history in North Fort Worth and the Stockyards.

**Welcome to Don Gross.** Don is a graduate student at UT Arlington majoring in Public History. He will be serving as an intern for us during the summer working on a Lesson Plan about North Fort Worth and the Stockyards for FWISD middle school students. We hope to offer this program this fall complete with photographs and other learning aids .

**Mark Your Calendars:** the museum will begin opening on Sundays from noon—5 p.m.

starting May 30. Thank you to the volunteers who have signed up to help on a few of the Sundays—Sandy Bunch, Pat Simpson and Skip Humphrey. To volunteer, please call Joni Wells at 817-625-5082. Summer is a busy time for the museum and the Stockyards.

**July 4** is a Sunday this year and we usually close, but with many events going on in the Stockyards that day, we will open and then close on Monday July 5.

**July 24** is the National Day of the Cowboy and we will need extra volunteers that day to assist. Dressing as a cowboy or cowgirl would be wonderful to promote this event.



### 2009-2010 NFWHS Officers

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# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*By Tom Wiederhold*



Greetings folks and welcome to June! Memorial Day has passed and summer arrives shortly.

My Uncle Adrian was killed by a sniper in Korea during "The Forgotten War". I never knew him except for stories from my Mother and the family. My family has had many members serve in the Military through the years but he is the only casualty we suffered.

This year I decided that he deserved to be recognized and acknowledged even though he was taken almost 60 years ago. So, to you Uncle Adrian, Sgt. Johnson of the United States Army, I salute you. I thank you and I am sad that we never got to know each other. Your service will be remembered by both our country and our family for as long as we exist. To all those who lost a family member or friend during service to our country I send my thanks and my condolences. For those of us who served and survived, we owe it to those who did not to ensure this day is NEVER forgotten and that the loss of so many Americans never is taken for granted.

I want to start out the NFWHS news with a special thank you to Jim, Janet and Jake Lane for the wonderful evening at their house. Everyone had a fantastic time and marveled at the various rooms and their design! Janet's face lit up so happily as she told all about what she had done to make the house both a joy to live in and a joy to visit! Jim did a perfect job of making the night not only warm and friendly, but

ensuring all had plenty to eat and drink. (I heard that he and Ben worked out a deal with the rain gods to allow a beautiful evening for us.) Valet parking to boot! Everyone was made to feel special and that made for a wonderful feeling. Thank you to all who helped out that evening and a special thanks to Carol Blais for working with Jim and Janet to make this happen. I hope you all saw the article in 360 Magazine featuring the house. It was awesome! I'm not sure but I think Gussie made a pass at me!

I am proud to report that I have made it through the first full month of retirement and I didn't miss going to work at all.

I will not be at the June meeting—please don't be too hard on Keith. Gwen and I will be in Miami, OK, for her family's reunion. We always have a good time but this year we will be without two of her uncles, both passed away last year.

On a side note, I was at the Lake Worth Properties Office and learned that they have two full volumes full of lake history. I was wondering about historical designations for various sites on the lake and decided that we need to explore that some. Lake Worth is a jewel in the city's park system and, depending on the year, can be part of North Side or West Side, at least as far as the police departments lines are drawn! Anyone interested in looking into the lake, historical markers and working with the Lake Worth Historical group?

And lastly, before I run away, I'm

looking for someone to help Joni with something she won't have learned about until she reads this, I can hear her yelling already. (*NOT-jw*) I would like to have more information that outlines the meat packing process used in the stockyards by Swift and Armour. More of the tools used by the trade, complete with descriptions of their use, would be very helpful. Do we have any "experts" in the meat packing areas who would like to work on this? I do expect a rush to sign up at the meeting!

A special thanks to Jack and Pat Shannon who have agreed to help out with our committee on Historical Designations for properties and learning not only what they mean but what we may be lacking! I have more ideas than I have room in my head or this newsletter so I'll sign off for now!

Have a wonderful month and see you in July!

*Tom*



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**Museum Hours:**  
 Monday–Saturday 10a.m.–5p.m.  
 Sunday Noon—5 p.m.