



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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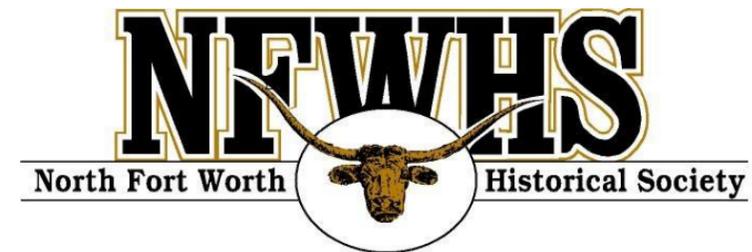
Hello everyone! Welcome to the merry month of May! Mayfest is coming, Mothers Day is coming, Forts Muster is coming and baseball is here! Some of us had a great time Saturday afternoon, April 21, at the Tarrant County Courthouse helping the Tarrant County Historical Commission with their tours of the 1895 Courthouse. This was during Main Street Arts festival and we dressed in the 1895 period. We had nearly 700 people take the tour in just three hours! I dare say we had as many pictures taken of us as well! We promoted the Oakwood Tour and the NFWHS as well as the Courthouse so it was a hugely successful event on many levels!

When you visit the Museum take a look at the desk that was refinished by Robert Baker. This will be the center piece of our new commission office. We are looking for items to outfit the office such as dated items to 1910 or earlier. We would love a calendar and anything else to help set the mood and time! We also need a couple dummies... I know I left myself open, but I mean ones that do not have to be fed. I'd like to have two for the office. Any help would be appreciated! And when you see Robert give him a pat on the back, remember Robert did this desk even after coming back from brink of extinction! The desk has its own story as well, because this desk was donated by Loquita Craig, and Horace "Chief" Craig used this Star Telegram desk for many years, later, in his business and then at home. It had seen some better days from storage but now it looks fantastic! Thank you to both Robert and Loquita!

In other news there is an event coming in June that we would like to invite everyone to. This is June 9th and it starts at 8:15am. It will be on the steps of the Tarrant County Courthouse. The Fort Worth Police Department will have a formal ceremony honoring the Fort Worth Police Badge, which turns 100 years old on that date. At 9 am, 100 years later, the FWPD will have a reenactment of the first pinning of the badge. Chief Renfro must have sensed that the badge would be special, as he held a ceremony on June 9th and at exactly 9am, the Officers took off their old badges and pinned on the "new" Panther Badge, as it came to be known. This time the badge is not being replaced though, the Panther Centennial Badge will serve alongside the existing badge for 1 year, at which time it will be taken out of service and once again only the original badge will be worn. There is a direct tie to the NFWHS, Horace Craig's father, George Craig took part in that Ceremony 100 years ago. George Craig wore "Guard" badge number 1, and the family still has that badge!

I will leave you with this, please take time to help when you are able. Please keep your eyes peeled for items of interest to the Museum and as always, invite folks to the meetings when possible. As I have stressed before, the Museum is making some adjustments. We are trying to spotlight and tell more about the Stockyards and North Fort Worth. As members you may be able to help in ways you did not think possible. Ask Teresa what she might need!

See you all at the meeting Thursday! - Tom



Membership Newsletter May 2012

Don't miss the May 10th meeting!

Special guests will be Doug and Opal Lord and they will share their experiences about growing up at the Fort Worth Masonic Home.



It will be a fun and interesting evening!

Meeting starts at 7pm inside the Livestock Exchange Building.



No, its not a war zone.

It is a photo of the demolition of the Armour Plant as of April 28, 2012.

It is a very sad but necessary transition for the Stockyards.

Drive by and take a look before it is all gone.

On April 6th 2012, a member of a group from Pakistan that visited Fort Worth Stockyards and the Stockyards Museum last year was assassinated by extremists in his tribal area. Shown here is a picture of Khalid Khan standing by the Quanah Parker statue. Mr. Khalid was a tribal elder trying to find peace for the people of his tribe in the devastated area of Pakistan along the Afghan border. He was impressed by Quanah's story and hoped he might find the same success. He found himself attacked from both Pakistan and Afghanistan and caught in the US crossfire as well. He was a remarkable and brave man.



One of so many from other parts of the world who visit us here in the Stockyards, he took back memories and stories of our great city. We mourn the loss of our friend and pray that his vision for his country is someday realized.

We had a special visitor last month!

Steve Bunn came by to meet us in person! Steve maintains the web page for the Livermore California Firehouse Centennial bulb which has been burning since 1901. Bud Kennedy, a strong supporter of the Stockyards Museum and the Palace Theater Light Bulb, stopped by the Museum to meet Steve.

Pictured here are Bud Kennedy, Teresa Burluson, Steve Bunn and Tom Wiederhold.



NFWHS News by Teresa Burluson



During the Main Street Arts Festival some of our members helped with tours of the 1895 Tarrant County Courthouse 1895.

The ones you will recognize are , Debi Carl, Debbie Clarke, Marty Humphrey, (with the ladies on the front row.) John Pugh and Tom Wiederhold (on the back row, center).

In 3 hours almost 700 people took the tour of the 1895 room! It was a busy day!



Bill Pokluda

Long-time member, Bill Pokluda, turned 90 years young on April 21!

His family celebrated by having a big party for him.

Happy Birthday Bill!

May 28 is the 8th anniversary of the passing of NFWHS founder **Sue McCafferty**. Sue left this earth just 2 months shy of her 69th birthday.



Gone but NEVER forgotten!

On April 21, 2012, past members Virginia Garrett and Willard Thomas passed away. Virginia was 91 and Willard was 76. Our condolences go out to their families.

If you were a volunteer at the Stockyards Museum you would have the chance to meet people from many different cultures. This cute couple from China visited the museum donning their Mexican sombreros!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Teresa Burluson at the museum by calling 817-625-5082 or email at nfwhs@sbcglobal.net.

