



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Tom Wiederhold

Summer arrives this month so break out the light colored clothes! June is special this year for the Fort Worth Police Department. June 9th, 2012 at 9am the FWPD will pin on a Centennial Panther Badge to serve alongside the badge worn now. This badge is 100 years old this month and the FWPD is very proud of it. The ceremony starts at 8:15am on the South steps of the Tarrant County Courthouse and it is open to the public. There will parking near there in the open garages and along the street. Weatherford and Main will be closed so prepare to loop around. A handicap drop off will be on the East end of the Courthouse on Weatherford. If you need to, feel free to bring a chair. This is a historic moment and will not be repeated in our life time.

Remember our need for 1910 and earlier desk and wall items for an office. This is for the Commission Office we are putting together.

Since this is summer now, I intend to follow the rules of summer and keep things short and sweet. See you at the meeting! - Tom



This photo is of the Saunders Commission office that was located where the Stockyards Museum is now.

(Thomas Saunders II is seated)

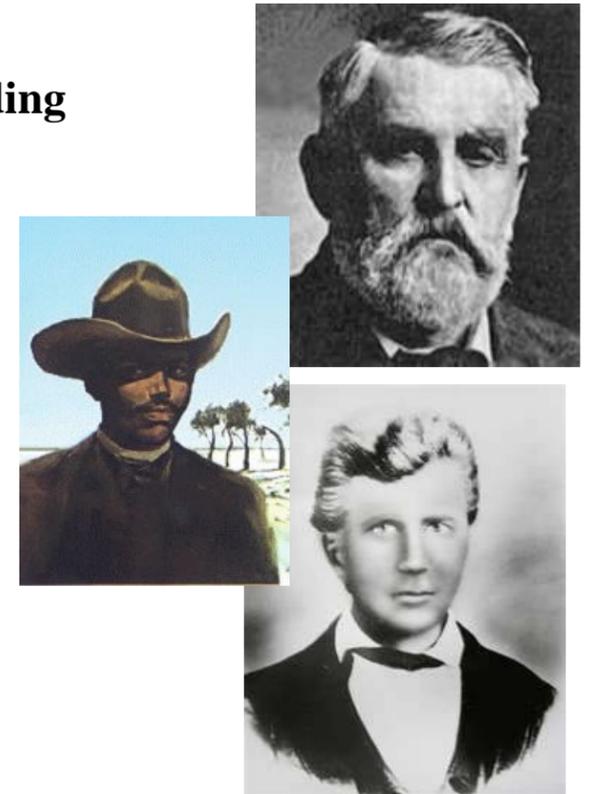
As Tom mentioned in his column, we are in the process of recreating a commission office from the early 1900's.



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Don't Miss the June 14th meeting. 7pm in the Livestock Exchange Building

Guest Speakers will be Judy James and Pam Tarpley, to talk about their book *Trail Bosses and Wild Horses*, the story of Charles Goodnight, Oliver Loving and Bose Ikard. They will share stories about the Parker County legends and their own adventures while gathering information for the book.



Coming Events...

June 9: Centennial Badge Pinning Ceremony. 8:15am, on the south steps of the Tarrant County Courthouse.

June 10—14: Texas Longhorn Breeders World Show. On Sunday, June 10, The TLBAA will shadow the herd at 4:00pm with the more "modern" Longhorns of today, members ride their steers on a 1.5 mile "PARADE OF HORNS" through the streets.

July 4: Willie Nelson Forth of July Picnic. At Rodeo Plaza from noon to midnight.

July 28: National Day of the Cowboy, a day of family fun activities in the Stockyards including the World Hay Stacking Finals and Cowboy Idol contest.

October 26, 27, 28: The Annual Saints and Sinners Tour at the Oakwood Cemetery.



*Don't forget,
Fathers Day on June 17th!*



Glimpses of the Past...



The Flood of 1949

63 years ago, May 17, 1949, the Clear Fork of the Trinity River in Fort Worth broke through its levees and spilled floodwaters into the city's commercial, industrial and residential districts. An estimated 11 inches of rain had fallen overnight on the Clear Fork's watershed southwest of the city. As seen here, Fort Worth residents used boats to navigate neighborhood streets as far as a mile north and west of the Clear Fork.

The 1949 flood has been termed the worst in Fort Worth history, surpassing landmark floods of 1908 and 1922. Ten people were killed and property damage exceeded \$11 million.

The flood prompted creation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Fort Worth District and the construction of the existing levee system.

NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



The museum is open on Sundays now, from 12am to 5pm through Labor Day. Be sure to stop in and visit if you are in the Stockyards area.

Diane Carter had foot surgery 3 week ago and is on her way to recovery. She will hopefully be back at her post on Fridays in the museum. Keep her in your thoughts.

Keith Bridwell is still under the weather. We miss him on Thursdays in the museum and wish him a speedy recovery.

Judy (J.J.) Pueblo was in a car wreck 3 weeks ago. She was badly bruised and shaken. We are very thankful she is alright.

A note from Debi Carl: Thanks to the nearly 20 people who joined me at the Sid Richardson Museum to view the special exhibition of the Charles M. Russell watercolors. Lots of great questions and observations! Most of us then adjourned to the Cowtown Diner for dinner. We'll do it again early next year when the Sid will be having another special exhibition in celebration of the Museum's 30th anniversary!



Floyd R. Wade 77, longtime resident of Fort Worth and owner of the Stockyards Art Gallery, lost a battle with cancer on May 15, 2012. He was known for his humor and his happy, generous heart. His enthusiasm for the Stockyards area was reflected in his dedication to North Fort Worth where he was an avid supporter of the Fort Worth Herd and where he served as president of the Fort Worth Trail of Fame, vice president of the N. Fort Worth Business Association, and a member of the Fort Worth Task Force.

The NFWHS sends their condolences to long-time member Doris Crocker on the loss of her father, Joe D. Hunter. He passed from this world on Sunday, May 27 at the age of 96.

Pete Charlton donated a toy Armour truck and a toy Swift truck. We added the toys were added to the toy collection in the museum. Thank you Pete!



A big thank you for the letterman jacket from the Masonic Home football team, Mighty Mites.

It was donated by last months guest speakers, Doug and Opal Lord.



When shopping for unique gifts don't forget the Stockyards Museum Gift Shop!
If you are a current member you will receive a 15% discount!