



# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*By Tom Wiederhold*

Happy Birthday America! I hope this finds everyone having had a great 4th of July! There is no question it will be hot. We plan to watch the various fireworks from the middle of Lake Worth. A fun tradition where you take the boat out and anchor with about 100 other boats, from there, off the Naval Air Station you are able to see fire-works all around.

We have acquired a few more very neat items for the museum, and I was thrilled when Teresa informed me that we will have some help from the Saunders family with the Commission Office. Several folks have been working very hard for the Society and I want to thank each and every one of you. The Society is only as good as its members. While gas prices have been dropping, I hope that everyone takes some time to stay close and visit some of the great locations we have in our own North Texas area! I have my grandkids again for a couple weeks and they have been asking to see several places here in Fort Worth. I'm glad they enjoy the city so much. We have several great small museums and historical places in our own back yard!

Skip pointed out that there has been some repair work done to the pens behind the Exchange building so I looked and sure enough, there is brand new wood and fencing. While we all wished the yards would last forever, we know wood wears out. I don't know yet who to thank but I am glad to see these repairs done.

Stay cool and enjoy the summer, I'll see you at the meeting! - Tom

**Celebrate our freedom!**

**Celebrate America!**

**Happy 4th of July!**



Membership Newsletter July 2012

Join us for the NFWHS meeting on Thursday, July 12 for a

## *Vintage Tea Party!*

At 7pm in the Livestock Exchange Building. Bring your favorite snack or dessert or cool beverage to share.

There will be live music by our friends Buttermilk Junction.

Feel free to dress in your vintage clothing.



## Major Ripley Arnold to be Honored

Jim Lane, Fort Worth attorney and long-time member of NFWHS, has been concerned that people are forgetting about Major Ripley Arnold, the man that established Fort Worth and named it after his commander, General William Jenkins Worth.

It appears Mr. Lane can put his mind at ease because plans are being made to put a statue of Major Ripley Arnold in a park near the Trinity riverbank.

The Tarrant Regional Water District board, of which Lane is a member, approved accepting a donation last week for the statue in the new John V. McMillan Park along the riverfront near Tarrant County College Trinity River Campus.

The statue, which will be 12 feet, 6 inches tall, will show Arnold gazing toward the confluence of the West and Clear forks of the Trinity near where a small lake is planned as part of the Trinity River Vision

The statue will be crafted by artist, Archie St. Clair. Many people in the NFWHS will recall Mr. St. Clair because he set up shop in the room across the hall from the museum while he was sculpting a horse and rider that was to be sent to Australia. People were amazed and would come by to see the progress of the big horse in the little room. The horse was so big that it had to be cut into pieces to get it out of the room to ship it to Australia.

The plan is to dedicate the statue on Fort Worth's 164th birthday June 6.



Sculptor Archie St. Clair with a model of the Ripley Arnold statue.

## Glimpses of the Past

Look who I found on the front page of the October 26, 1956,

*North Fort Worth News!* In the back row, on the left, is ROTC Major Pat Cox, also known as our own, Pat Simpson, the NFWHS Secretary.



## NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



The Tarrant County Courthouse Clock Tower restoration was completed June 15, 2012. The re-dedication of the Clock Tower will take place Wednesday, July 25, at 9:00 am at the Tarrant County Courthouse.



The architect in charge of the project, Art Weinman, was a guest speaker last year at the June 2011 NFWHS meeting. He told us about the renovation plans and construction and now it has come to pass.

### Good news!

**Keith Bridwell** is feeling better and he is back at his post in the museum.

**Diane Carter** is back as the Friday volunteer after a foot surgery kept her out for 3 weeks.

**Hannah Williams and Morgan Harding** will be regular volunteers until school starts again. It is so good to see young people get involved!

### Our thoughts and prayers...

**Keep Becky Marshall** in your thoughts and prayers. She has been under the weather as of late.

**Friend of the NFWHS, Lyndon Simpson**, passed away on June 10, 2012. He was a long time resident of Ft. Worth where he practiced law. At one time he had an office in the Livestock Exchange Building when he worked with the Robert Patton law office. We send our condolences to Mr. Simpson's family and friends.

The Fort Worth Herd celebrated its 13th anniversary on June 28, 2012.

Can you imagine how many people have witnessed the cattle drive?

Congratulations and job well done!



### The volunteers of the future!

On June 29th we had 4 young volunteers in the museum. From left to right, Morgan Harding, Chris Pannell, Taylor Downs and on the back row, Jacob Downs.

Chris, Taylor and Jacob are Tom Wiederhold's grandchildren and Morgan is Pat Simpson's grandchild.

### A Kodak Moment

Our resident "Cookie Lady", Gerlind Capling, raises miniature horses.

She took this photo of her dog, Maurie and one of her miniature horses, Cowtown Pebble Brooke, and it was too cute not to share!

