January 2018 Docent Meeting

We had a productive meeting on January 18 and missed those who could not attend. Lifetime/Sustaining Memberships were awarded to Judy Askew, Betty Bronstad, Rosanne Grissett, Wanda Hodge, Founding Member, Mary Orbeck, and Yvonne Trotter. These Docents have contributed thousands of hours of time, energy, and talent to the museum and will continue to serve as they are able! Their years of outstanding service in enhancing and advancing the mission of the Bosque Museum is greatly appreciated!

New Docents were welcomed: Kathy Cash, Joyce Grelle, Terry McDonald, Vickie Mitchell, Darlene Thomas, and Eric Vanderbeck! What an outstanding 2018 cohort!

Docents were reminded to sign up to attend the Lonesome Dove Exhibition Opening Gala on Saturday, January 20. The exhibit opened Tuesday, January 23 and runs through March 3. Docents can be seen in the museum Tuesdays through Saturdays during the exhibit.

Tom Henderson, Museum President

The Bosque Museum is proud to be a member of the following organizations:

- Texas Commission on the Arts
- American Alliance of Museums
- Prehistoric Texas
- North American Science & Technology Using Materials, Land, Art
- Native American Science & Technology Using Materials, Land, Art

The “Birds of Bosque County” exhibit is an exhibition that highlights birds that populate our area. It is a marvelous collection of photographs, paintings and sculpture shared by Dr. Jerry Smith. The exhibit illuminates the life of birds and will inspire even the most avid birdwatcher. The exhibition begins on March 20 and will be available for viewing through April 14. You are encouraged to attend an informative Program on Saturday afternoon, April 7, at 2:00. Jerry will provide additional images and interesting facts on the care and nurturing of birds that share our habitat.

Our 2nd Annual Golf Classic takes place on Friday, April 27 at Starr Hollow Golf Club, Tolar. Starr Hollow is one of the most exclusive private golf clubs in the United States. Many golf aficionados refer to the club as “Little Augusta”. Previous participants commented on the beauty of the course, describing it as a hidden jewel. Starr Hollow is rated as the #1 Nine Hole Course in Texas. Sign up for a great day of golf and support the Bosque Museum.

SavE the dates:

- The 8th Annual Wildflower Art Show & Sale begins with an OPENING AWARDs Reception on Saturday, May 5, 2:00. Entries will be accepted April 17-20. Bosque County artist, Tony Eubanks, will Judge. Packets with eligibility requirements and guidelines for the show are available at the museum or online bosquemuseum.org/wildflowers.

WELCOME SPRING!

Longer days, warmer breezes, birdsong, and budding trees and wildflowers usher in a change of season that highlight the exhibits and programs we’ve planned at the Bosque Museum.

Our popular NASTUMLA Survival Kids Camp will take place March 14 15, and an optional Family Nature Day, March 16. Activities this session include primitive shelter building, painting with rocks, solar still water collection and making survival baskets. Camp leaders are Kathy Cash and Eric Vanderbeck. The camp is limited to 30 students. We are taking reservations now through March 10 so, register as soon as possible at the museum or online at bosquemuseum.org/nastumla.

The “Birds of Bosque County” exhibit will be of Norwegian heritage to enjoy the hot dogs and ice cream on the museum grounds. Other highlights of the Norwegian themed weekend will be a Parade, sponsored by Bosque Norwegian Society of Texas, on Friday, May 18, and the Clifton Chamber of Commerce annual Tour de Norway that begins Saturday morning.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

“I was pleasantly surprised by the museum. We visited specifically for the Lonesome Dove Photo Exhibit which was wonderful. But we also got to enjoy the rest of the museum. Loved seeing the china and Norwegian dresses, trunks, civil war artifacts, fossils, arrowheads and so much more. The museum was definitely an unexpected treat.”

—Peggy Herrera DelRosa of Huntsville

“Love the permanent exhibits and the quality of the temporary exhibits is exceptional.”

—Patti Packard Hooper of Fort Worth
The Bosque Museum will host former Land Commissioner Mr. Jerry Patterson on Sunday, March 11, at 2 pm. Mr. Patterson’s topic is Little Known Facts about Texas History, and his talk will serve as a wonderful end to Texas History Week (March 3-11), a week during which several events celebrating the history of Texas will take place throughout Bosque County!

Mr. Patterson certainly knows a lot about the topic of Texas history. He was named Texan of the Year in 2007 by the non-profit organization Celebrate Texas. He has made Texas’ history a priority, and he has always ensured that others understand the importance of real history and the values it can teach. His dogged determination in fighting for the heritage of Texas has included defending Confederate monuments, advocating for Buffalo Soldier and Tejano commemorations, creating a Juneteenth commission for the purpose of erecting a monument on the capitol grounds, and standing tall for the men who died at the Alamo.

Mr. Patterson also worked closely with the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to raise private donations for Alamo conservation. However, to many Texans, Jerry will always be known as the author of the historic concealed handgun law. Since Senate Bill 60 passed in 1995, Jerry has been the state’s leading voice for gun rights.

While authoring Senate Bill 60, he served as a state senator for District 11 – Harris, Galveston, and Brazoria counties. He was elected as Texas Land Commissioner in 2002, where he diversified and increased the Permanent School Fund, earning more for the fund during his twelve-year tenure than had been earned in the entire 129 years since the PSF was created in 1876, and also ushered in the greatest expansion of benefits for Texas veterans since WWII. Currently, Jerry is involved in the production of documentary films about Texas history.

The Bosque Museum is dedicated to protect and preserve Bosque County’s historic and prehistoric resources for the use, education, enjoyment and economic benefit of present and future Bosque County Citizens.