



Membership Newsletter June 2010

Plan to Attend our Next Meeting July 8, 7 p.m.

JULY 8 **Quentin McGown**—will speak on **Lake Worth**, which celebrates its centennial next year. The lake was designed to hold water for use by Fort Worth after the great fires of 1909 depleted much of the area's water supply.

McGown is well known for his vast historical knowledge of Fort Worth as well as his long family history in the area.

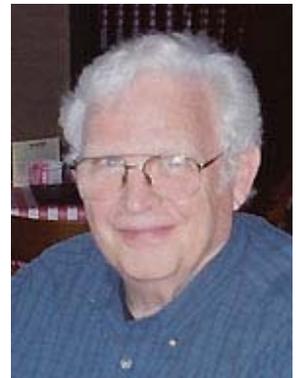
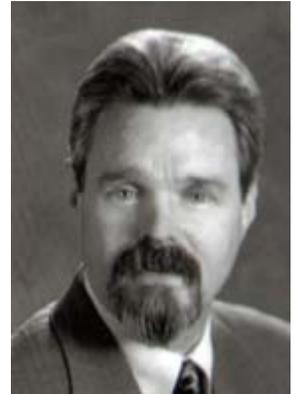
AUG 12 **Pete Charlton** will speak on "The Lost Maps of Fort Worth". He will cover the early history of Fort Worth through the maps of the time, many of which are uncommon and seldom seen. He will include several little known and interesting facts about the city as "told" by the maps.

Pete arrived in Texas in 1964 and Fort Worth in 1971. He started his career in broadcasting while in college and later became a broadcast audio equipment district manager. He ran a broadcasting software business from 1980 until 1997 when he sold it to a competitor. He has been a member of NFWHS since 1997 and has concentrated on antique maps.

SEPT 9 **Jim Lane** will speak at this meeting about Major Ripley Arnold and his history and then give updates and information on the Trinity River Project.

Lane, a native Fort Worthian, graduated from Arlington Heights High School. He runs his law office from the wonderful Outlaw House on Central Avenue. Lane served as FW City Council representative from the Northside for many years. He currently serves on Fort Worth's Tarrant Regional Water District Board of Directors.

Mark Your Calendars to Attend All of These Great Programs !



Cowboy Rodeo Hall of Fame to Move to the FW Stockyards

After 35 years in the small central Texas town of Belton, the **Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame** is making a new home in one of the world's greatest historic rodeo venues, the Cowtown Coliseum. The TRCHF will pack up and hang its hat in the corridors of the world's first indoor rodeo and today's Stockyards Championship Rodeo. The grand re-opening will be held July 24—the Nat'l Day of the American Cowboy.

Cowboy History

Code of the West

The lack of written law on the range made it necessary for the cowman to frame his own guidelines on how to conduct himself within society, thus developing a rule of behavior that became generally known as the "Code of the West." These homespun "laws," simply an unspoken agreement to certain rules of conduct for survival, were not written into statutes, but were respected on the range nevertheless. Because there was no formal law, pioneers who lived in and settled the West were bound by these unwritten rules which centered on hospitality, fair play, loyalty, honesty, integrity, a solid work ethic, and a deep and abiding respect for the land.

Though the cowman might break every law of the territory, state and federal government, he took pride in upholding his own unwritten code. His failure to abide by it did not bring formal punishment, but the man who broke it became, more or less, a social outcast.

The basic tenets of this code are surfacing more and more in our interactions and conversations with others lately. We think that's a good thing for the planet, so we decided to post one version of the Code here for your consideration and perhaps adoption into your own life, if it's not something to which you already adhere. One of the more recent versions of the code, as listed below, is from James P. Owen's book, *Cowboy*



Ethics: - What Wall Street Can Learn from the Code of the West.

The Cowboy Code

1. Live each day with courage.
2. Take pride in your work.
3. Always finish what you start.
4. Do what has to be done.
5. Be tough, but fair.
6. When you make a promise, keep it.
7. Ride for the brand.
8. Talk less and say more.
9. Remember that some things aren't for sale.
10. Know where to draw the line.

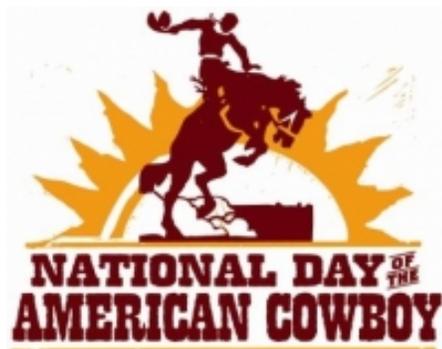


National Day of the Cowboy Celebration

The Fort Worth Stockyards will provide lots of fun activities for the Saturday, July 24 event.

Live music will be on the Stockyards Station stage, the Legends of Texas gunfight shows will be at 11:35 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., the Pawnee Bill Wild West Show performs at 2:30 and 4:30 at the Cowtown Coliseum.

Chris Cox, two-time Road to the Horse winner, will perform training



demonstrations at the Cowtown Coliseum. Enjoy stagecoach rides and the Grapevine Vintage Railroad and remember that everyone wearing a cowboy hat gets into Billy Bobs free until 5 p.m.. All activities will take place along East Exchange Avenue.

- Texas-Size Art Contest
- Cowboy Celebration Parade
- Watermelon eating contest
- Fort Worth Herd Cow Camp
- Most Worn-Out boot contest
- Best mustache contest
- Risky's Rib eating contest
- Cowboy Idol
- Fort Worth Herd Cattle Drive



Museum Musings ★ Joni Wells

Now we know how to draw a crowd! The June meeting featuring Shirley Apley's program on "Soiled Doves" filled all the chairs with nearly 70 members and guests attending. Thanks to Shirley for her great research and history of Fort Worth's Hell's Half Acre women.

Welcome to new members: Sharon Meshew of Bedford and Jake Blackwell of Grand Prairie. Be sure to encourage friends and relative to join or rejoin the NFWHS. We now have more than 240 members who have joined or renewed so far this year.

Summer Weekends at the museum are beginning to pick up. Thanks to Lonna Tennison, new member, who will help out on a couple of Sundays each month. If you are interested in helping, please call Joni Wells at 817-625-5082.

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. Whether you volunteer at the museum or participate in the many events, plan to attend this fun event—bring the kids and grandkids for a great weekend event.

Name badges are here for Jolynn Harwell, Philip Craig, Richard and Pat Sanchez, Jaime Negron, Herb Garcia, John Galle, A. J. & Nan Fidler, Sharon Meshew, Mack and Debbie Snead and Kathy Pryor. Please pick them up at the next meeting or before, thanks.

Welcome to Hannah Williams, a student at Boswell High School. She will volunteer two or three afternoons each week this summer to help with filing,

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organizing artifacts and sorting through our many documents and "things".

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Tom Wiederhold



Howdy folks! I hope everyone has a great Fourth of July holiday! The museum will be closed on Monday, July 5.

This month I will keep things short and sweet. Summer has officially arrived and it has been a little warm around town. I'm already looking forward to fall.

As to the Stockyards, some-

thing is always going on — so be sure to take advantage of all the events offered. A new Art Gallery has opened off West Exchange near the alley and down stairs from the Lone Star Cafe. If you need something from a Texas artist that's the place to go! West Exchange has a couple of other new place to visit, also—check out the whole area soon!

The "Day of the American Cowboy" is coming and, of course, the cowboy has and had a "little" involvement in the Stockyards.

REMINDER: The annual Oak-wood Tour will be on October 30-31 this year. Volunteers will be needed. Marty Humphrey and Sarah Biles are the organizers.

I will close with a grin and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, Thursday, July 8 at 7 p.m.

Wonderful Barbed Wire Display Returned to Owner



A great favorite with visitors, Karen Freeman loaned it to the museum in 1995 after her husband's death. Her husband created this display many years ago for his collection and traveled around the country collecting and trading for various samples.

Mrs. Freeman recently sold the great display to a family friend who will keep it in his family. When the new owner came to pick it up, he related a few stories about helping Mr. Freeman with the collection.

We told him it would be missed and just a couple of hours later, a group of kids came in on a scavenger hunt and the barbed wire display was one of their objectives

Ms Freeman has thanked us for taking such good care of the collection and expressed her pleasure that so many people from around the world have been able to view it.

We still have a small framed barbed wire display without labels on loan from Becky McCash Marshall. We will try to get a poster with the various types for our future visitors edification.

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