



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Tom Wiederhold

April arrived with spring showers for those pesky May weeds, I mean beautiful May Flowers. Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter Sunday. This will be a short one. As you may have seen, the TV show "Dallas" has been filming in the Stockyards and used the Exchange Building for several of its scenes. They have been very gracious to the buildings occupants and its fun to see Fort Worth buildings on the TV again like we did with other TV shows! The raffle is in full swing so let's get those tickets sold. I hope the winner is a local person who will appreciate the Heritage rifle. That's it for now, see you at the meeting! - TOM

The Swartz Brothers: Fort Worth's First Family of Photographers

Throughout May, the Central Fort Worth Library will host a photo exhibition highlighting representative examples of the brother's work. The exhibit was assembled by historian **Richard Selcer** and genealogist **Donna Donnell** and will be on display in the West Wing of the Central Library from May 1 – 30. For more info visit: fortworthtexas.gov/library/info



North Fort Worth Historical Society

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Dr. Gene Allen Smith

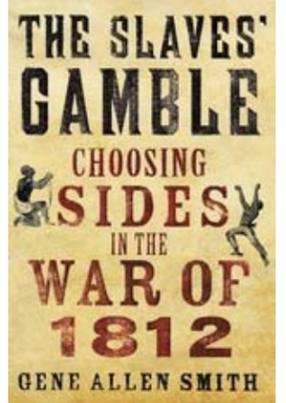
is our honored guest and speaker for the April 11th meeting.

He will talk about his new book,

The Slaves' Gamble: Choosing Sides in the War of 1812

Dr. Smith is the Director of the Center

for Texas Studies at TCU and the Curator of History at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History



There will also be a vote on the changes to the By-Laws and Constitution.

The meeting will be in the Livestock Exchange building at 7pm.

Glimpses of the Past

Windy Ryon was a cowboy and businessman, founder of Ryon's Saddle Shop and Western Store in the historic Fort Worth Stockyards. The original Ryon store opened in 1944 in the Livestock Exchange building, located near the lobby, and began by supplying tack to local ranchers.

There was always a pot of coffee on at Ryon's, and it became a gathering place for cowboys and ranch and rodeo hands. This internationally famous store was the background for many a wild west tale. Windy was usually in the store spinning yarns and trading stories with the best of them.

To honor Windy's memory, his friends held the first Windy Ryon Memorial Roping in 1973. Since that time, the roping has become a showcase to the world's top professional rodeo competitors. The Windy Ryon Arena is located just north of the Stockyards, in Saginaw.

Family tradition and western wear continue to flourish in the Stockyards. Sean Ryon is the proprietor of Sean Ryon Western Store which carries on a family tradition. In fact, to carry on the family name, Sean Ryon has a new baby girl that he named, Reagen Windy Ryon. No doubt that would make Great Grandfather Windy Ryon proud!



The North Fort Worth Historical Society

Proudly announces a raffle of the

The Fort Worth Heritage Rifle



Mossberg 30/30 Lever Action.

Made and engraved in the U.S.A. Each rifle is individually numbered.

The NFWHS rifle is number 18 out of 100.

Tickets available for \$10 each; 6 for \$50 or 12 for \$100. Drawing date: Nov. 14, 2013.

Winner need not be present to win. Must be 21 or older and must be citizen of and live in the United States. Complete rules may be found at www.stockyardsmuseum.org or by contacting 817-625-5082 or nfwhs@sbcglobal.net.

Proceeds benefit the North Fort Worth Historical Society, a 501(c)(3) organization.

 The NFWHS wins
2nd place in the
Cowtown Goes Green
parade! 



The Livestock Exchange Building was transformed into a Federal office in Nuevo Laredo for a scene in the TV series Dallas, on April 1.

Here is a photo of two of the cast members, Jesse Metcalf (dark hair) as Christopher Ewing and Josh Henderson (light hair) as John Ross Ewing. You will recognize the background. This scene was shot in front of the museum.

The season ends with a cliffhanger and once again the big question will be, "Who shot JR?" As you know, Larry Hagman passed away so JR had to be written out of the show.

The Dallas series airs on TNT, Monday nights at 9pm.

NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



Condolences to J'Nell Pate and family for the loss of her husband, Kenneth Doyle Pate. Mr. Pate passed away March 5, 2013, in Fort Worth. He was a well-respected gunsmith and a lover of nature, books and history. Kenneth and J'Nell were long time members of the North Fort Worth Historical Society.



Special thoughts and prayers go out to **Walter Moten**, our Tuesday volunteer. Walter has been ill for several weeks. We miss him and hope he is Back in the Saddle Again soon!



Tom Wiederhold has had some medical issues lately so send positive thoughts his way.



Jimmy Carter has been having back problems that has kept him from volunteering. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers too.

Have You Renewed your NFWHS Membership?

There will be something new starting with this issue. I would like to recognize the volunteers on an individual basis so there will be a Volunteer of the Month section.

You can also be a volunteer. You will meet people from all over the world and share the rich and colorful history of the Fort Worth Stockyards. If you are interested call Teresa at the museum. 817-625-5082. We look forward to hearing from you!

Volunteer of the Month

Dan Lamb, also known as Coach Lamb, volunteers in the museum every other Monday. Before he retired Dan was a history teacher at North Side High School. He has graciously taken on the task of researching and being the head of the committee to erect a historical marker for the Fort Worth Belt Line railway. In addition, he has organized and archived all of the old issues of the North Fort Worth newspapers, dating all the way back to the 1930's.

We owe Dan a Texas sized Thank you!

