



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Tom Wiederhold

June is here and we survived the worst of the Texas weather in this part of the North Texas arena! Please pray for all those affected North and South of us who did not fare as well. The May meeting was very interesting and those who missed it; well you missed a great treat. Skip out did himself and the stories of the veterans were very interesting. Maybe next time! The rifle for the raffle has arrived and is at the Museum, drop by and take a look, get some tickets and let's sell out! Fund raising is always a hot item. Last month I was interviewed for a program called DFW Gems, Channel 33, or CW33 as it's called. It was a short interview about the Stockyards and our museum. Hope it brings us some visitors! I'm going to keep it short this month in honor of the hot weather fixin to hit... sit back, sip some iced tea or lemonade and enjoy a cool breeze under a shady oak.

See y'all Thursday at the meeting! -Tom

Glimpses of the Past

Before Swift and Armour the Stockyards had the Fort Worth Packing Plant.

An early dream of Fort Worth leaders, as they watched millions of cattle trailed north through the city beginning after the Civil War, was to develop Fort Worth as a rail and meat packing center. The railroad arrived in 1876 and the first packing plant opened in 1883. *The Fort Worth Meat Packing Company* built the first major plant on the north side, opening for business in November 1890. The plant and it's adjacent livestock pens would eventually evolve into today's Fort Worth Stockyards.

-from *Quentin McGown's, Fort Worth in Vintage Postcards.*



Membership Newsletter June 2013

Don't Miss the June, 13, NFWHS Meeting

7pm in the Livestock Exchange Building

Featuring special guest Donna Donnell and her presentation:

The Swartz Family Reunited

If you visited the Fort Worth Central Library during the month of May or read the article in the *Fort Worth Star Telegram*, then you are familiar with the photograph exhibit: **"The Swartz Brothers: Fort Worth's First Family of Photographers"** assembled by Dr. Richard Selcer and Donna Donnell.

The exhibit consisted of over 40 photographs taken by local photographers David, John and Charles Swartz, revealing early Fort Worth and its people from 1885 to 1918. Attending the exhibit were the grandchildren of John and Charles Swartz.

Ms. Donnell will discuss her four year extensive historical research on the story of the Swartz brothers and determination to reunite the family and bring them home to Fort Worth for the first time in over a century.



The Battle of the Bulbs!

We received word that the longest burning bulb in the world, located in Livermore, CA in a fire station, went out briefly during a power failure but was quickly brought back by connecting it to a generator. It came back on and remains burning!

The Livermore Light bulb has been burning for 111 years.

The Palace Light bulb that is located in the Stockyards Museum has been burning for 104 years. We will celebrate its 105th birthday on September 21, 2013. Come by for some cake!





The North Fort Worth Historical Society

Proudly announces a raffle of the

The Fort Worth Heritage Rifle



Mossberg 30/30 Lever Action.

The Fort Worth Heritage is designed to show some of the area's most iconic people and industries. From the depiction of the Fort Worth Stockyards to the image of the cowboys at the Fort Worth Rodeo. The stock is American Birch and the receiver, loading tube, lever and magazine are finished with 24kt gold plating. Made and engraved in the U.S.A. Each rifle is individually numbered on the left forearm. 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 Rifle is Here!

Stop by and see it up close and while you're here you can buy your raffle tickets.

It is a beautiful rifle and it could be YOURS!

This is a fundraiser for the North Fort Worth Historical Society.



NFWHS News by Teresa Burlison



Congratulations to Morgan Harding, a regular Thursday Volunteer, on her recent graduation from high school. Not only did she graduate but she did so with a 3.7 grade point average!

Morgan was home-schooled and will attend TCC for a year before she enters nursing school at Tarelton State University with plans to obtain a Masters degree.

She may not volunteer as much this summer because she will be taking a full time job but she assures us she will remain a member and attend the meetings.

The NFWHS wishes her all the best in her future endeavors.



Photo by Tom Wiederhold

Walter Moten is still struggling with some health issues and while he has improved in some areas he still needs your thoughts and prayers for the challenges ahead.



Judy Bridwell has been under the weather for the last few weeks. Please send prayers and positive thoughts her way.



The Stockyards Museum will be open on Sundays, 12pm to 5pm, through the summer until Labor Day. Be sure to stop by for a visit.



We have remodeled the website. Log onto www.stockyardsmuseum.org and take a look. Click on each tab and see what is there. Your feedback is welcome!

Volunteer of the Month!

Patricia Simpson is long-time member of the NFWHS and has been volunteering in the museum for many years. She is also the current Secretary for the Historical Society. As a retired educator and a life long resident, she has a special knack and passion for sharing the history of the Stockyards and North Fort Worth. Pat has never met a stranger!

A big thank you to Pat and ALL of the volunteers!

Without you we couldn't do what we do.

