



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Marty Humphrey

Can you believe this weather we are having, it is just beautiful. Lots of people in the Stockyards, we just have to get out there and drag them in the museum. Teresa, you do know how to rope don't you, I know Gerlind and John do!

We have A Night at the Sid on March 5th and it will be a great tour, Debi Carl always delivers a great evening. On March 19th the Stockyards Goes Green and we plan on entering the parade. Anyone who would like to ride along on our "float" or who would like to help decorate, please tell Teresa. John Pugh and his son Jon are working hard on the plans, so let's come out and support the Society.

Plans are being made for our Spring Outing to the big city... Waco. We will be touring the Dr. Pepper Museum and the Texas Rangers Museum, and of course we will stop and eat along the way. We will have us a convoy, so if you think you would like to come along, please let Teresa know. Also let her know if you will be driving and will take on riders, or if you prefer being one of those riders. Of course you can invite non-members to come along (and hopefully we can get them to become members). Right now we are looking at May 15th which is a Sunday.

A huge thank you to Bill Davis who renewed their membership at the Cattle Baron level again this year. We truly appreciate what Mr. Davis is doing to support our efforts to promote and preserve the history of the Stockyards. We also want to thank Tex Bentley and the Texas Western Legends for asking the Sid Richardson Foundation to give the Society their donation for the Lonesome Dove Cow Camp in downtown Fort Worth. Thank you Tex and the members of the Texas Western Legends.

Finally, we are facing the end to our crusade for the expansion of the Stockyards historical boundaries. We applaud the Cultural and Historical Landmarks Committee for their vision and commitment to our City and to the Stockyards by voting on the expanded boundaries earlier this month. On March 9th at 1:00pm at City Hall, the Zoning Commission will be voting on the boundaries and on April 5th at 7:00pm at City Hall, the City Council will have the final vote. There are people out there expressing their displeasure about the changes in the Stockyards, saying, "don't change them, don't demolish structures, and to vote for the expanded boundaries..." but just talking on social media and websites or telling others what they think isn't going to bring about those things. How do you bring about change? **You have to speak up, stand up, and make your voice heard in the halls of City Hall.** Yes, it takes ACTION!! Keep it real. ~Marty

PLEASE call or email to voice your opinions and concerns. Feel free to call each one!

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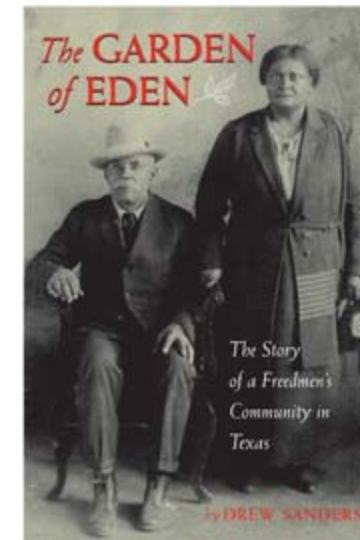


Membership Newsletter March 2016

Join us on March 10th at 7pm for the NFWHS Meeting.

Our special guest is author Drew Sanders.

He will talk about his book, The Garden of Eden.



Tucked in a bend of the Trinity River a few minutes from downtown Fort Worth, the Garden of Eden neighborhood has endured for well over a century as a homeplace for freed African American slaves and their descendants. Some of the earliest inhabitants were Major and Malinda Cheney. The Cheney's raised crops and cattle, and their children and they weathered a series of family crises that ranged from a false accusations and attempted lynching to the murder of their eldest son.

Major and Malinda Cheney's great-great-grandson, Drew Sanders, recounts engaging tales of the family's life against the backdrop of Fort.

***The Meeting Will Be Held In The Livestock Exchange Building.**

Get your Green On in the Stockyards!

Don't miss Cowtown Goes Green, the city's largest and most family friendly St. Patrick's Day celebration., on March 19th, 12pm to 5pm.

The event in will feature free activities for kids including armadillo races, a petting zoo, face painting, games and contests with 92.1 Hank FM, gunfights, and a special Western/Irish themed Cowtown Goes Green parade follows the 4pm cattle drive. All activities are free of charge and are open to the public.

If you are interested in riding the NFWHS float in the parade call Teresa at 817-625-5082.



Glimpses of the Past...



Circa 1933. Standing from left: Fred Calhoun, Cecil Brower, Jesse Ashlock, Wanna Coffman, Derwood Brown, Ocie Stockard. Sitting: Henry "Babe" Cunningham, Milton Brown, "Papa" Sam Cunningham. (Photo from Roy Lee Brown.)

CRYSTAL SPRINGS DANCE PAVILION. The Crystal Springs Dance Pavilion was located in Fort Worth, and some have credited the honky-tonk as the birthplace of western swing. With the help of such performers as Bob Wills and Milton Brown, the dance hall at 5653 White Settlement Road became one of the most popular night spots in the area for dancing, drinking, and most importantly, listening to a new music genre, Western Swing.

Will there be a new Crystal Springs?

According to an article on www.fortworthbusiness.com, a Crystal Springs development is planned for west Fort Worth called Crystal Springs on the River. The development promises apartments, retail and restaurant space on 13 acres at the northwest corner of White Settlement Road and Roberts Cutoff.

Live music also will play a role, with a venue expected to draw national acts. That makes sense, considering that a dance hall known as the Crystal Palace drew visitors to near the location in its 1920s heyday while serving as a hotbed of Western swing music.

NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



Last month one of our members and volunteers, Ed Brown, spoke to the Lake Worth Area Historical Society about the history of the Fort Worth Stockyards. Joe McDaniel, of the Lake Worth Historical Society said, "Ed is one of the best speakers we have ever had. He spoke for almost an hour and really had our group engrossed in his presentation. One of our members even asked if he would come back to speak on another facet of Stockyards and North Fort Worth history. Thank you so much!"



Thank you Ed Brown for representing the NFWHS so well!

You are invited to

A Night at the Sid
Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 6pm

Ms. Deborah Carl will be our host and tour guide at the new exhibit
"Lonesome Dove: Art of the Story"

Sid Richardson Museum
309 Main St.
Fort Worth, TX

Please join the group at a local restaurant after the tour.

*RSVP's are not necessary however, if you are coming please email your confirmation to nfwhs@sbcglobal.net, so we may anticipate the number of people.

