

Tales 'n' Trails

MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

Nocona Boot Reunion

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- April 18 is our annual general membership meeting and kickoff for membership drive. 6 pm at the Museum. Everyone invited
- New members at the museum since the last newsletter include Cindy Browning and Lynn Prugel, Thank you and Welcome!



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Reading Between the Vines

Sunday afternoons at the Museum are turning out to be quite the place to be for fun, informative and illuminating happenings. The museum placed a spotlight on five local authors and one local winery in March and there should be no complaining that there aren't social and artistically enlightening events in the Nocona area because

this definitely was one. If you missed it, there are sure to be more with the multitude of local authors and artisans about. The five authors included, Stan Briney, Shannon Gillette, Gale Cochran-Smith, Treva Tindol Dawson, & Larry Lemons and they spoke of their latest books as well as held a book signing. The local Arche' Winery was on hand to

present three very delicious wines for tasting. Those in attendance also learned about Arche' Wineries beginnings and current happenings. It was a relaxing way to spend an educational and entertaining Sunday afternoon in the Nocona area. This was a membership free event.

BARN RAZING

Exciting things are happening on the Agriculture Exhibit front here at Tales N Trails. The Benton-Whiteside ranch has donated one of their barns to be relocated to the museum grounds. The rafters from the barn were

originally in buildings to the Museum. We at Camp Howze, the Word War II POW Camp in Cooke County. A team of professionals have been hired to deconstruct the barn and move it



is erected this summer. The barn will be the home to many of the larger agricultural artifacts such as wagons and buggies. It will also showcase different farm implements and tools. It will be a great asset to the outdoor exhibits at the Museum.

Why a membership?

Several levels of participation available from \$10 to \$1000 per year. Different benefits include:

- * Free admission to TnT (Admission fees will apply starting June 1, 2011)
- * Free admission to over 500 other museums as part of the North American Reciprocal Museums Group for all memberships of \$100 or more
- * Free admission for family and friends accompanying you to museum
- * Meal Tickets for our annual fundraising dinner
- * Gift passes for TnT admission to share with others
- * "The North Star" email newsletter (\$10 extra for print version)
- * Invitations to special member-only events
- * 10% discount on gift shop purchases

hope to be able to have an old fashion barn raising when it

SUMMER STAR STOMP 2013

With the lure of a billion year old comet and once in a lifetime viewing possibilities this past month with PAN-STARRS Comet, Star Gazing is becoming a huge hobby all across the Lone Star State.

May is your opportunity locally to check out all kinds of constellations, with close-up views of the moon and telescopic panoramas of nebulae, galaxies and star clus-

ters.

May 18, the Tales 'n' tail Museum will team up with Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences in Crowell for an all out Star Stomp.

Telescopes will be set up at the museum at about 8:30 p.m. to be ready for two hours or more of night-time viewing.

Star gazers are encouraged to bring binoculars, lawn chairs

and flashlights covered in red cellophane; most of the large telescopes will be provided by members of South Plains Astronomy Club.

Cost of admission is \$10 a car load and this is a Tales 'n' Trails member free event.

For more information contact Nell Ann at the Museum at 940-825-5330 or the Three Rivers Foundation at info@3rf.org or 940.684.1670

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES AT THE MUSEUM

Photography classes at the Museum have been very well attended the past couple of months. Iris Greenwell, a freelance photographer from Fort Worth has been offering classes through the museum for \$30 a sessions. Sessions available include beginners, intermediate and advanced with options of photography field trips. Members always receive 10% off of enrollment.

The beginner classes included getting to know your digital camera no matter the brand and learning about F-Stops, Apertures and ISO. Intermediate classes continue basic the skills needed in taking the best photo possible concerning lighting, angles and composition. Intermediate classes include a model upon which to practice. Advanced classes will also be offered for the first time

May 4th and more information about what that class involves will be available upon sign up. For more information about the classes, call Nell Ann at 940-825-5330. For more information and Iris's portfolio go to her Facebook page at [Iris Greenwell Photography](#) or her portfolio at www.irisgreenwell.smugmug.com.



Don't forget this year is Nocona's Tri-ennial Homecoming to be held September 27, 28 & 29th.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Nancy Fenoglio is our volunteer spotlight for Spring 2013. When asked, Nancy said that she likes meeting all the people who come to visit and loves helping archive the pictures. "I love pictures!" Her hobbies include listening to music, any music but especially Texas music and trying her hand at quilting. "I'm not very good

but I enjoy trying.", says Fenoglio. The most enjoyable event at the museum so far has been the Halloween celebration. "It was great, all the costumes, trick or treaters and the haunted house". When asked what she looks forward to seeing every time she walks through the museum doors are all of the memorabilia from the No-

cona Boot Company. "I see something different every time I'm at the museum and it brings back memories of special people. Maybe someone I hadn't thought of in many years. Makes me aware of just how short the time we have here is. We are so blessed to have this museum in our community and I feel honored to donate my time."

USS LITTLE REUNION

The U.S.S. Little DD 803 was commissioned on August 19, 1944 and was sunk by Kami-kaze aircraft on May 3, 1945 after



having only been in service for one year, three months and 16 days. The Little

was named for Captain George Little, USN.

Local Historian Melvin E. Fenoglio was part of the crew of the U.S.S. Little when it was at-

tacked. In 1958, Fenoglio attended a Language Arts seminar at Northwestern

University and while there wrote an original story of the account of the attack. That account can be found at www.dd803.org

Paulette Fenoglio, Melvin's widow will be the host family for this year's U.S.S. Little reunion #29. The event is to be held at The Veranda Events Center In Nocona May 2-4, 2013.



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Where can you get things you can't seem to find
ANYWHERE else? Stop by the museum gift shop !

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM



April 18— Annual
Tales 'n Trails general
membership meeting
and kickoff member-
ship drive. 6 pm. Eve-
ryone invited.

May 2-4 USS Little
Reunion

May 4 - Photography
Classes with Iris
Greenwell.

May 11— Basket Classes

May 18—Armed Forces
Day Fun Fest - Downtown
Nocona

May 18—Nocona Star
Stomp— Star-gazing at
the museum

June 1—Montague
County Historical Com-
missions Rolling History
Tour

June 7 & 8—Chisholm
Trail Round-up

Sept. 14 - Shebang
(theme agriculture)

Sept. 27 - Tri-Annual
NHS Homecoming