

# THE CHISHOLM TRAIL HERITAGE MUSEUM

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## TWO WOMEN LOOK WEST EXHIBIT AT CTHM



“Helen C. Kleberg Sitting on a Post”  
by Toni Frissell, c. 1939-1944  
King Ranch, Inc., Kingsville, Texas



“Helen & Bob Kleberg Riding Quietly  
into a Herd of Grade Santa Gertrudis  
Cattle Being Held for Selective Cutting  
in a King Ranch Pasture”  
by Toni Frissell, c. 1943  
King Ranch, Inc., Kingsville, Texas



“Toni Frissell Leaning on a Post”  
by Helen C. Kleberg, c. 1939-1944  
King Ranch, Inc., Kingsville, Texas

The Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum is proud to announce its upcoming exhibit based on the book *Two Women Look West: Photographs of King Ranch* by Helen C. Kleberg and Toni Frissell. The exhibit will feature some of the photographs from world renowned photographer Toni Frissell, but will focus on images taken by Helen C. Kleberg, wife of Robert (Bob) Justus Kleberg, Jr. of her surroundings on King Ranch.

*Two Women Look West: Photographs of King Ranch* debuted at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts in 2006. In a recent interview with Helen (Helenita) Kleberg Groves, daughter of Helen Kelberg, she said,

“the exhibit came about by a suggestion from a friend who thought it could be very interesting to have a show of pictures that my mother and Toni Frissell had taken at King Ranch. So you are seeing just a snippet of all that and of a time that’s gone.”

This exciting exhibit offers two very distinct, yet complementary, views of modern ranching during its heyday. Both ladies focus their cameras on similar subjects, communicating their particular relationship to the land. Kleberg approached her subject matter with recognition, while Frissell looked at it with a sense of discovery. Kleberg’s views are intimate documents of her life at King Ranch, while Frissell’s work is

more of discovery and fascination with the open land and its vastness. Both women share their deepest respect for their subject, of which they held separate and independent views.

Kleberg and Frissell’s photographs reveal not only their relationship to the King Ranch, but their long-standing friendship and their unique practice as photographers as well. Their true admiration for each other’s work is evident in the images they took of one another over the years.

The *Two Women Look West* exhibit will be displayed at CTHM from October 8th to November 1st, 2020. For more information, call the CTHM office at 361-277-2866.

# Taste of the Trail Delayed Due to COVID

Live & Silent Auction Items Available in On-line Virtual Auction

Life is ever evolving. Like you, the CTHM finds itself having to manage so many life and organizational choices in new and different ways as we get through this COVID19 world. We have postponed the fun Taste of the Trail event twice and are now looking forward to seeing you and getting together May 15th, 2021.

It has been a year now since the TOTT Auction committees solicited and received all the wonderful items and packages that were to be offered at our scheduled TOTT Live and Silent auctions. We now have something new to offer each of you - an **On-Line Virtual Auction** this October! Such auctions have become very popular and extremely well-received by those who have jumped in and had the fun in participating from home at any hour of the day or night. It's as easy as using your phone or browser to view, select and bid on anything you choose. We will be sending very detailed information to each of you in the next few weeks on how to get registered, at no cost, and how to be part of a very fun event that will help the CTHM keep its doors open and continue to host exhibitions and events to our community. We will make it easy for you!

If you think we may not have your e-mail address or phone number, please be in touch and provide us with any information with which you are comfortable. The Trail is taking us to new technology!

**HOW TO USE ONECAUSE MOBILE BIDDING**  
Use your smartphone to start bidding on items now.

**HOW DO I FIND ITEMS?**  
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**HOW DO I BID ON AN ITEM?**  
1) Find the item. 2) Select it. 3) Press Bid.

**WHERE ARE THE ITEMS I BID ON?**  
Items you have bid on can be found at: **Menu > Your Activity**

**CAN ONECAUSE AUTOMATICALLY BID FOR ME?**  
After submitting a bid, you will be prompted to set a Max Bid. When you've been outbid, OneCause will automatically bid on your behalf up to the Max Bid amount you set using the bid increments provided.

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You'll receive a text message when you've been outbid. Alternatively, navigate to **Your Activity** to check the status of your bids.

**BID OFTEN and HIGH!**

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**Detailed On-line Auction Instructions  
COMING SOON!**

## TWO WOMEN LOOK WEST

PHOTOGRAPHS OF KING RANCH BY HELEN C. KLEBERG & TONI FRISSELL

**Members-Only Preview**  
honoring Helen Kleberg Groves

Wednesday, October 7, 2020 | 4:00pm to 6:30pm

Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum

302 N. Esplanade | Cuero, Texas 77954

RSVP 361-277-2866 or email: [info@chisholmtrailmuseum.org](mailto:info@chisholmtrailmuseum.org)

**JOIN THE MUSEUM NOW & DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS EVENT!**

Mask UP, Cuero! Kindly note, facecoverings are required at CTHM according to current CDC health guidelines

# Taste of the Trail On-line Auction - October 17th - 30th, 2020 -

Luxurious Italian Villa - 7 night stay  
Any Week of October 2021

Vail Duplex - 5 bed/5 baths - 10 night stay  
Anytime in October 2021

Texas Longhorn Lead Steer

Set of Period Correct Vaquero Pistols  
with Pistol Grips

Set of Spurs from Bucky Sager's  
Private Collection

CTHM 20th Anniversary Commemorative  
Custom Spur Set by Greg Seiler

CTHM 20th Anniversary Commemorative  
Original Henry Rifle with  
CTHM 005 serial number

Texas 175th Anniversary Model 1887  
Lever Action 12-Gauge Shotgun

Marble Bowl

Billy Schenck Portrait

John Hardy Classic Necklace

Custom Made Quilt and Shams

Two Night Stay at Countryside  
Bed & Breakfast  
including festive dinner

Lazy Susan with Turquoise Inlay

Antler Hat Rack with Leather Fringe

Antler Hat Rack with Valet

Dallas Photographer Portrait Package

Four Course Italian Dinner for 10

Woodhouse Gift Card with Robe

Handcrafted Metal Wood Rack  
& 1 Cord of Cut Wood

Woodhouse Gift Card with Robe  
Cuero Pecan House Basket

Santa Fe Handmade Loop and  
Baroque Freshwater Pearl Necklace

Handcrafted 50 Beaver Felt Hat Certificate

Benchmark Knife &  
12 Custom "Design Your Own" Caps

Chocolate Cake by Sandy Hahn Ghosh  
Custom Made Fire Pit 36" with Cutout  
of the State of Texas

Double D Ranchwear Jacket & Pants

Hand Carved Cowboy Santa  
by Kerry Wilson

O'Farrell Cowboy Hat

Turquoise Platter with Consuela Bag

7 Piece International Serving Pieces

Brighton Jetsetter Cosmetic Bag with  
Necklace & Bracelet

Large Copper Centerpiece & Napkin Rings

Texas Liquor Collection Gift Basket

Michael Aram Mirage Large Tray

Spur Book with Set of Spurs

Bob Wade Modern Cowgirl Framed Print

Dinner Party at HOH for 10

5 Italian Wood Carved Candlesticks

2 - 36" x 36" Kilim Pillows

Turkeyfest Museum Party  
October 2021 for 30

# Adapting a Tradition: Virtual Cowboy Camp 2020

With the challenges presented by Covid-19, CTHM knew it had to continue the tradition of Cowboy Camp. In early June, CTHM members and volunteers decided that in-person camp would be cancelled for the year, but would have a new life on-line through the first "Virtual Cowboy Camp." Not only would we be able to bring the tradition of camp to those campers who had participated in previous years, we would also find a new global audience that allowed for the lessons of CTHM to reach around the world.

Virtual Cowboy Camp began on July 28th with a live broadcast from the museum's Facebook page. Over the next three days campers of all ages had a chance to join various staff members and volunteers to engage in a wide range of lessons and topics on the history of the trails, the American West, and the figure of the cowboy. To ensure opportunities for hands-on activities, each video lesson was accompanied by activity sheets located on the CTHM website. This allowed campers to try out skills covered in the videos. Activities included learning how to track and identify animal prints, make paint from items found in nature, to making your own lantern.

Even though Virtual Cowboy Camp is over, those who still wish to be a camper have a chance to participate in camp through the videos and lesson activities still available both on the museum's main website ([chisholmtrailmuseum.org/cowboy-camp/](http://chisholmtrailmuseum.org/cowboy-camp/)) and our Facebook page. The number of campers reached continues to grow and CTHM met the goal of truly having a global outreach for camp. Over 20,000 individuals have viewed the daily camp videos, with views coming in from as far away as Australia, Ireland, Brazil, and Germany. While 2020 has been difficult for many, CTHM continues to bring the history of the cowboy to life and the traditions of the museum to a new audience in this digital age.



# Farewell Precious Friends

It is with great sorrow that we say a final farewell to two of the most vivacious, dedicated, and hard-working individuals that have ever been associated with the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum; Sue Sulsar and Kay Walker. Amid our grief is gratitude for having had the opportunity to know and work with these two astonishing women. Each one brought light, joy, and a contagious smile wherever she went. Both had the unique ability to make everyone they met feel special, and both worked tirelessly during the Museum's early, formative years.

CTHM will be forever indebted to the contributions these two women gave through their volunteer time, talent, and intellect to support the success of the Museum and to make South Central Texas a better place to live.

Sue Caroline Sulsar arrived in Cuero from Southeast Texas in 1995. She made friends quickly and became involved in several community projects. When she heard about plans for the new Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum, she immediately volunteered to do whatever she could to help out. Sue joined the CTHM Board of Directors in the early 2000's and served as Secretary until she left Cuero in 2019 to be closer to family. Always ready to step-up where needed, Sue volunteered for many roles at the Museum. She served as docent, worked in the gift shop, helped out with Cowboy Camp, and worked countless hours at each Taste of the Trail event. CTHM Chairman, Robert Oliver, said, "Sue was a fierce protector of all things CTHM. You could always count on Sue." Her brilliant smile and cheerful demeanor will be missed by her siblings, nieces and nephews, and all the friends she leaves behind.

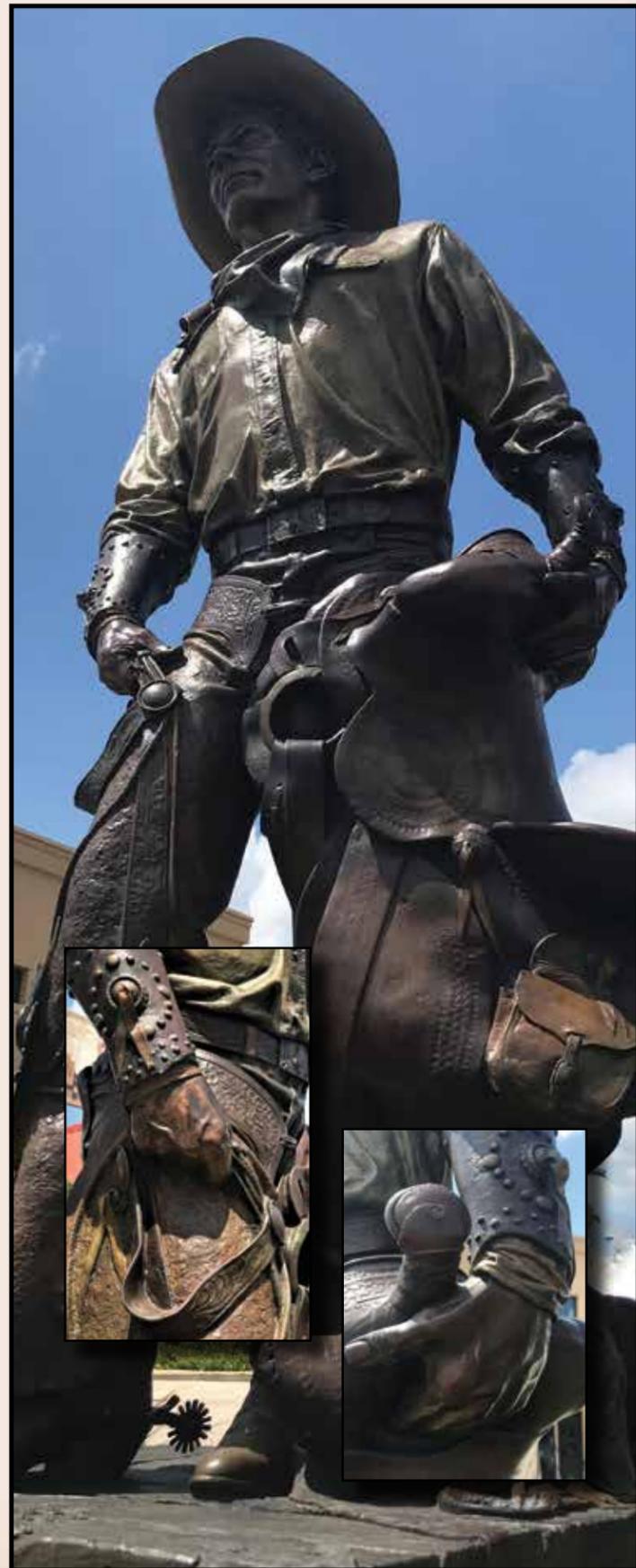


Kathryn (Kay) Kerr Walker was reared in Houston, Texas, but moved to Victoria with her husband, Ron Walker, in the late 1970's. There they created their cherished family (two children and seven grandchildren) and a wonderful life together. Kay has been described with glowing accolades such as vibrant, energetic, talented, smart, and a laugh that was contagious. Kay brought her talents, intelligence, and organizational skills to many community organizations in the area, including the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum, where she served as vice-chair for many years and co-chair of one of the Taste of the Trail events. Kay was the ultimate example of what a community leader, volunteer, and philanthropist should be, and she worked and lived with grace and kindness. A true leader and beautiful light in the world, Kay's passing leaves a great void in the lives of her family, friends, and community.

# Cowboy Statue Donated to CTHM

Have you seen the new cowboy in town? This past March, Robert Oliver generously donated this handsome 6'8" bronze statue that now stands proudly at the entrance of the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum. Arizona artist, Buck McCain, created "The Cowboy," describing the piece as being "modeled after a working cowboy...the way I remember him."

The CTHM cowboy is number 17 of 35 statues created by McCain. They stand in front and inside of various locations around the country including museums, universities, city parks and thoroughfares. Many thanks to Robert for this incredible addition to our museum grounds!



## The State of Texas



### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum in Cuero is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Cuero was a major staging area for herds destined for Kansas during the vast cattle drives of the post-Civil War era, and at the turn of the millennium, the museum was established to preserve the ranching and agricultural heritage of the town and South Central Texas; its holdings include one of the world's finest collections of cowboy artifacts; through family heirlooms, letters, journals, and personal accounts, interpretive exhibits tell the unvarnished stories of Texans who worked in the arduous cattle drives, among them many formerly enslaved individuals; in 2014, CTHM garnered the prestigious President's Award from the Texas Association of Museums; and

WHEREAS, Exhibits are housed in the Knights of Pythias Hall, built in 1903; a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, it is a contributing structure in the Cuero Commercial Historic District, and it received the 2013 Best Restoration/Rehabilitation award from the Texas Downtown Association; the CTHM has also rescued and restored two 19th-century buildings, the Proctor-Green House and the English-German School, and its next projects are two neighboring properties, the Trautwein and Cook & Day Motor Company buildings, recently donated by Robert Oliver Cuero Preservation; and

WHEREAS, In an era of rapid change, the preservation of Western history and culture is a matter of increasing importance, and while advancing this mission, the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum has also served as an outstanding catalyst for revitalization in downtown Cuero; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum be congratulated on its 20th anniversary and that all those associated with this noteworthy institution be extended sincere best wishes for continued success.



*Geanie W. Morrison*  
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State Representative  
District 30

## THE PROCTOR-GREEN HOUSE



### GUEST HOUSE & EVENTS VENUE

at Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum

307 N. Terrell Street  
Cuero, TX 77954

See our full suite of community and special event spaces on our website at:

[ChisholmTrailMuseum.org/Community-Rooms](http://ChisholmTrailMuseum.org/Community-Rooms)

The late-Victorian style Proctor-Green House was constructed in 1892. Restored in 2011-2012, the home is now part of the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum. The three-bedroom, two & a half-bath guest house is beautifully appointed, combining the charm of its gracious past with fully updated conveniences and amenities. The Proctor-Green House is available through the Museum for lodging and special events.

### RESERVE YOUR DATE TODAY

Book your memorable stay or special event at the Proctor-Green House through the

Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum  
(361) 277-2866

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Mail in this membership form, go online, call, or drop by the Museum Gift Shop - Tuesday through Saturday.

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10AM TO 4:30PM

Closed Sunday, Monday and major holidays.

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Prefer to purchase your membership by phone? Call 361-277-2866.

Membership dues support capital improvements, programs and operations. Your membership also helps us raise matching funds by demonstrating community support in numbers!

The Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Membership dues and gifts are tax deductible.

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\$1000 Scout

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\$100 Drag Rider (Family)

\$50 Wrangler (Individual)

\$25 Young Buckaroo (High School and younger)

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• 10% savings at Museum Shop

• Up to six Museum passes for unlimited visits

• Member Newsletters

• Invitations to Museum special events and openings

• Member rate on Friar Thomas Community Center event space rentals

\* Drag Rider level and above



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Taste of the Trail On-line Auction - October 17th -30th, 2020

Christmas in Downtown Cuero  
at the English-German School - December 2020

Deep in the Art of Texas - March 25th - April 18th, 2021

DeWitt County 175th Anniversary

Taste of the Trail - May 15, 2021

Waterways - Smithsonian Museum On Main Street  
July 17th - September 11th, 2021



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