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2023 PEEBLES PARK AND STEEN ROUNDABOUT DEDICATIONS



THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023: A banner day at CTHM. Board members, community leaders, members and friends gathered at the Museum for the dedication of our new public green spaces: Pebbles Park and Steen Roundabout, our arrivals access.

Over 100 families, ranches, businesses and civic organizations made this beautiful public green space addition possible. Donors are now recognized on permanent signage at Pebbles Park.

Over several months during 2023, donors gathered on different special occasions at the Museum to dedicate a total of four new life size bronze Western sculptures. The monumental artworks create an elevated sense of place at our expanded campus – calling up the spirit of the trail, cowboys, and the Longhorn.

We are grateful to all the families who made these gifts of inspiring artwork to the Museum, and ultimately, our Cuero and regional communities. ★

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SPECIAL EXHIBITION REVIEW

BLACK COWBOYS: AN AMERICAN STORY

MAY – AUGUST, 2023



African American cowboy Hector Bazy, b. 1851. Smithsonian photo.

DID YOU KNOW? ONE IN FOUR COWBOYS WHO WENT “UP THE TRAILS” WAS A BLACK COWBOY.

THIS PAST SUMMER’S SPECIAL EXHIBITION, “Black Cowboys: An American Story,” opened a window to the history of the Black West. It gave a diverse portrait of the American West through artifacts, photographs and documents depicting the work and skills of Black cowboys.

THEIR LEGACIES ENDURE. Black cowboys tamed and trained horses, tended livestock and rode on the trail with thousands of cattle across America. Over time, the role of Black cowboys evolved as they used the skills they learned on the ranch and trail to own their own ranches, serve as lawmen, ride in rodeos, become singers and perform in movies. Today, the lives and legacies of Black cowboys inspire new generations to explore the past through music, film, fashion and design.

Curated by The Witte Museum, San Antonio (wittemuseum.org), this powerful exhibition was offered free to our visitors from May to August, 2023. ★

WESTERN SPIRIT COMES ALIVE IN SCULPTURE

CTHM CAMPUS SHOWCASES WESTERN BRONZES

Our newly dedicated park and arrivals roundabout connect our campus to the neighborhood, creating a gracious sense of place. Five impressive bronze sculptures echo the American West – celebrating horses, cattle, and cowboys.

The Broncho Buster

Frederick Remington

The name Frederick Remington (1861 – 1909) is nearly synonymous with classic Western themed art. His illustrations were featured in popular magazines during the “golden age” of American illustration, c. 1850 – 1925.

A larger-than-life character, Remington was a prolific painter, illustrator, and sculptor during his relatively short life. *The Broncho Buster*, Remington’s first sculpture, was copyrighted in 1895.

**Gift of Robert Oliver,
in honor of Patricia Muir.
Pebbles Park.**



Round Up

Scott Rogers

Round Up’s galloping horse and rider captures speed, skill, and equine beauty. Artist Scott Rogers (b. 1961) brings people, horses, and the spirit of the American West to life. Rogers and wife Janette reside in Utah, where they stay connected to family and to the natural beauty of the nearby Wasatch Mountains.

**Gift of Steen Family Foundation in honor of Lias “Bubba” Steen.
Steen Roundabout.**



The Cowboy

Buck McCain

Painter and sculptor Buck McCain (b. 1943) brings a personal touch to stories of the American West. An experienced cowboy himself, McCain included details of his own ranching gear in this life-sized cowboy portrait. McCain’s *Cowboy*, located at our entry, is a popular favorite of visitors capturing a souvenir selfie.

**Gift of Robert Oliver and
Legacy Gallery, Scottsdale, Arizona.
Entry plaza.**

Headin' North

Mick Doellinger

Artist Mick Doellinger (b. 1956) brings years of study and experience as a wildlife guide to expertly rendered sculptures of wildlife, dogs, and cattle.

This magnificent life-size bronze symbolizes the spirit of the rugged Longhorn cattle who made epic journeys northward during the Great Cattle Drive Era of the late 1800s. And, yes – *Headin' North* is pointed North, headed “up the trail!”

Gift of Denise & Jeff McMahan, in memory of legendary cowboy Charlie McMahan, and of the longest-serving DeWitt County Sheriff, Bobby McMahan.

Proctor-Green House green space.



The Hungry Loop

Herb Mignery (b. 1937)

*Dedicated to the memory of
T. W. “Mon” Wilson, 1905 – 1994*

Mon Wilson, of DeWitt and Gonzales counties, went to work in the 1920s. A natural with livestock and horses, he became an exceptional cowboy and rancher. He was a top hand for the Dubose family for 50 years.

The title *The Hungry Loop* alludes to the meager winnings earned by rodeo and trail-riding cowboys on the early 1900s rodeo circuit. The sculpture’s expressive face and figure give tribute to the grit and determination of the many Black cowboys of the era.

Gift of Katherine L. Reilly.
Museum entry at Esplanade Street.

The CTHM Board is profoundly grateful to every family, business, and individual who supported the development of Peebles Park and Steen Roundabout; and to the generous sponsors of each of these significant bronze sculptures. ★★



SPECIAL EXHIBITION REVIEW

SPECTACULAR STITCHES

WORKS BY MASTER TEXTILE ARTISTS FROM
THE FRANK KLEIN COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 2023 – FEBRUARY 2024



New Dawn, detail. Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry, 2000.



DEWITT COUNTY NATIVE, Frank Klein is a rancher, an award-winning nature and wildlife photographer, a passionate conservationist with a singular desire to preserve native wildflowers, and for the past ten years has been an avid collector of “art quilts.” Raised by hard-working parents on a ranch owned by his family since 1878, Frank Klein has many interesting facets. His appreciation of quilts goes back to his grandmother, mother, and sisters who all quilted.

When he attended the 2003 International Quilt Festival in Houston, his enthusiasm for this extraordinary art form was piqued. Inspired by the visual beauty and intricate workmanship, Frank began collecting in earnest in 2014 and now has a collection of over 400 quilts from around the world.



Angel of Silver, detail. Wendi Bucey, 2014.

With an artist’s eye and a love of all things “nature,” Frank appreciates the textile artist’s interpretation of the world, as well as their craftsmanship. Frank’s contemporary quilt collections have toured the world, so the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum (CTHM) is honored to have hosted *Spectacular Stitches: Works by Master Textile Artists from The Frank Klein Collection*. The exhibit displayed 26 prize quilts, including the feature piece, *New Dawn* by **Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry**, named one of the top 100 quilts worldwide. The exhibit ran from November 2023 through February 2024 in the Blackwell and Hamilton Community Spaces, free for Museum guests.

Mr. Klein is a generous benefactor to CTHM and also supports many other worthwhile causes. A quote in a publication by Studio Art Quilts Association gives insight into the heart of Frank Klein:

“Who has ever seen a beautiful sunset and not contemplated the meaning of existence? The closer and deeper you examine nature and your inner self and motivations, the more alive you become.”

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CINDY HAMILTON SUPPORTS EXPANSION

DECEMBER 29, 2023: Cindy Hamilton, a faithful and long-time CTHM supporter, proudly presents Chairman, Robert Oliver, with a generous check for the Expansion Capital Campaign. In July 2021, Hamilton was the first to acquire one of 14 Longhorn Society naming opportunities in honor of her late husband John C. C. Hamilton. The Chairman and Board of Directors are extremely grateful for Cindy's generosity. ★



McMahan Family Gathers for Dedication of "Headin' North"

DECEMBER 7, 2023 – THREE GENERATIONS SHARE THE MOMENT: Left to right, Nicole Anderson, Linda McMahan Peterek, Will, Miranda, Brantley and Callahan Adams, Denise and Jeff McMahan and Mikayla and Easton Sebek. Denise remarks, "We dedicated this beautiful sculpture in hopes that future generations will always remember two remarkable men, Charlie McMahan and Bobby McMahan, who helped shape the history of DeWitt County. May this Longhorn steer inspire us to preserve the traditions that have been made before us and cherish the bonds that tie us to those special people in our lives." ★



REILLY DEDICATES "THE HUNGRY LOOP" WITH WILSON FAMILY DESCENDANTS

MAY 6, 2023: Honorees with CTHM Patron Katherine Reilly at the unveiling and dedication of bronze sculpture, *The Hungry Loop*. Dedicated to the memory of late cowboy and rancher T. W. "Mon" Wilson, the bronze honors the plight of Black cowboys in the early 1900s. Pictured above: Taylor W. Wilson, Jr., Katherine Reilly, Douglas H. Wilson, and Loleat Hollman Ross. ★



Steen Family Celebrates Arrival of "Round Up"

MAY 25, 2023: Left to right, Jennings Steen, Shannon Steen Mann, Lias "Bubba" Steen, and Lias "Jeff" Steen. Jeff and his siblings, Shannon and Jennings, saw naming Steen Roundabout as a prime opportunity to honor their dad, Lias "Bubba" Steen. Featuring a bronze horse and rider, Steen Roundabout is their way to celebrate the man who has played such an important role in their lives. Jeff has been involved with CTHM "since Day One" on the inaugural Board of Directors. Today, he is Chair of the Museum Endowment. Jeff adds, "The Museum has been a community-wide effort. It is a very special and unique asset that is a living, breathing testament of current generations honoring the past." ★



Sen. Hutchison's newest book
"brings to life the incredible stories
of the resourceful and brave women
who shaped the state of Texas and
influenced American history."

"UNFLINCHING COURAGE:" **SEN. HUTCHISON PRESENTS NEW** **BOOK AT CTHM LUNCHEON**

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023: Former U.S. Senator for Texas **Kay Bailey Hutchison** visited Cuero and the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum to present her most recent book, *Unflinching Courage: Pioneering Women Who Shaped Texas*.

Senator Hutchison presented her new book to a capacity crowd for luncheon in the Wofford Room, on the second floor of the Museum in our Friar Thomas Community Center. Afterward, the author generously signed copies of the book for our guests.

A passionate storyteller, Senator Hutchison introduces the mothers and daughters who claimed a stake in the land when it was controlled by Spain, the wives and sisters who valiantly contributed to the Civil War effort, and ranchers and entrepreneurs who have

helped Texas thrive.

An avid supporter of Texas, Hutchison earned a B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin and her law degree from the University of Texas School of Law. Most recently, Hutchison stepped down from her term as U.S. permanent representative to NATO in Brussels, Belgium, in 2021. During her 3.5 years as a permanent representative, she focused on the importance of U.S. leadership in the alliance and strengthening of North America. From 1993 to 2013, she represented Texas in the U.S. Senate. There, she chaired the Republican Policy Committee, the fourth highest leadership position, and was a ranking member of the Senate committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

Hutchison's lecture and book signing is a continuation of the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum's efforts to broaden educational opportunities for the population of Cuero and the region. ★



Mrs. Baros will be remembered
as a beloved friend of the Museum,
and consummate educator focusing
on bringing a love of reading
to all children.

REMEMBERING DEBRA BAROS: EDUCATOR AND CTHM BOARD MEMBER

CTHM Board of Directors and staff are greatly saddened by the loss of our beloved friend, Debra Baros, February 11, 2024.

DEBRA BAROS OFFICIALLY joined our board in 2020, but had long been a faithful supporter and staunch advocate for CTHM's educational goals.

Mrs. Baros was a consummate educator focusing on bringing a love of reading to all children by implementing the Reading is Fundamental Program and eventually rising to the top of her field as Assistant Superintendent of Cuero ISD. She helped to establish the Cuero ISD Education Foundation and served as President of the National Association of Federal Education Program Administrators. She realized the benefit of hands-on learning experience for area youth and eagerly promoted the mission of CTHM to the public.

Her work ethic, positive attitude, and enthusiasm allowed her to accomplish

many things during her tenure as a CTHM board member. She and **Kathy Frels** co-chaired our biennial fundraiser, Taste of the Trail 2022, which was a huge success. Debra served the community in many other capacities including board member of the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent, the Cuero Community Foundation, President of the Cuero Country Club, and President of the Westhoff American Legion Auxiliary.

Debra was a woman of strong faith and a positive force for good wherever she went. She will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. She is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, **David Baros**, her two sons, **Kendrick (Stacy)** and **Clay (Roberta)**, her four beloved grandsons, **Brayden**, **Weston**, **Augustin**, and **Roland**, and her sisters, **Jacque Moore (Bob)** and **Dyne Macha (Mike)**. ★ ★ ★

MANY-TALENTED CANDY & DAN GLIDDEN

DEDICATED TEAMWORK BY THE FOUNDERS OF OUR POPULAR COWBOY CAMP.



Candy Glidden aboard Longhorn "Tumbleweed."



Dan creating a painting en plein air, and leading a demonstration at Cowboy Camp.



Candy with Cowboy Campers taking turns roping; original cover art for Dan's forthcoming educational booklet, to be published in 2024.

ABOUT THE GLIDDENS: After living in Houston for a number of years and moving to Rockport for a quieter, more peaceful life, **Candy and Dan Glidden** purchased property on South River Road in DeWitt County in 1996.

In Houston, Candy taught at River Oaks Baptist, while Dan established a private art studio "Flat Lizard Graphics." In Rockport, Candy also worked as a docent at Fulton Mansion, designated by Texas Historical Commission as a state historic site.

Jumping On Board: In 2001, they moved to DeWitt County with son, **Travis**, to live amongst nature and to enjoy a more leisurely way of life. At that time, the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum was in its fledgling years. Early board member **Lindy Gohmert** introduced the couple to Robert Oliver, who invited Candy to serve on the Museum board of directors.

Cowboy Camp: Not by accident did Candy bring her educator background to the Museum; also, Dan began sharing his creative and graphic artist talents as well. In 2011, Candy established the Museum's Cowboy Camp for young buckaroos from the area. With Dan's artistic talents, Candy's expertise in education, and the community's countless contributions of supplies and props from local retailers, Cowboy Camp has grown to become one of Cuero's premier summer programs.

Once Upon A Time on the Trail: All of this has now culminated with Dan creating a handsome educational booklet for youth visiting the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum. Partially underwritten by Humanities Texas and CTHM board members, the booklet is slated for release later this spring and will be provided free of charge to visiting youth to the Museum. Titled, *Once Upon a Time on the Trail*, the colorful booklet is an introduction to the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum – its exhibits and artifacts. ★ ★ ★

This summer's Cowboy Camp will be dedicated to Candy and her endless efforts to provide the "Cowboy Way" to local youth, ages 7–12.

THE SHEPPARD FAMILY: A LEGACY OF COURAGE, CHARACTER, AND COMMITMENT

JAPANESE HISTORICAL NOVELIST, EIJI YOSHEKAWA, WROTE, “Great character is forged through hardships.” From the time **Captain Henry Sheppard** (b.1826, d.1879) and his wife, **Elizabeth McGrane Sheppard** (b.1834, d.1886), landed with their family and other settlers at the coastal town of Indianola, Texas in 1850, “hardships” were part of their daily existence. The challenges of running a household and raising five children (two daughters and three sons) in this burgeoning new coastal town was successfully navigated by Mrs. Sheppard, while the esteemed Captain Sheppard became wharf master for the New York-based Morgan Lines, the first steamship line in Texas. However, the routine hardships of life as a pioneer family would pale in comparison to the heartaches and challenges that were to come.

Although little is known of Captain Sheppard’s youth, there is evidence that he went to sea as a cabin boy at age 11, became a captain by age 21, and when he died in 1879 was the agent for the Morgan Lines and President of the Gulf Western Texas & Pacific Railway Company. Early in his career, Captain Sheppard was in charge of a steamer named the Louisiana. In 1857, Captain Sheppard was piloting the ship about 8 miles southeast of Galveston when it caught fire in the early morning hours. He exhibited strength of character as he bravely stayed with the ship, preventing many passengers from drowning. He was heralded as a true hero for his actions during this disaster. News articles, memorials, and other correspondence at the time of Captain Sheppard’s death used the highest accolades to describe him: *“just, honest, charitable, civic-minded, not ostentatious, faithful friend, loving and tender father and husband.”* This strength of character, keen sense of duty, and commitment to help those in need has been perpetuated throughout the generations of Sheppards that followed him and are still evident in

his descendants today.

To understand the Sheppard story, one first needs to know something about the port town of Indianola, Texas and the events that transpired there that forever shaped the fate and trajectory of the Sheppard family. In 1844, a small number of German immigrants settled in a place called Karlshaven close to Indian Point on Matagorda Bay. By 1848, Indian Point had become the chief port through which European immigrants streamed into Texas seeking land and opportunities. As the area grew, Indian Point and Karlshaven merged in 1849, and was renamed **Indianola**.

“GREAT CHARACTER IS FORGED THROUGH HARDSHIPS.”

EIJI YOSHEKAWA

With its deep waters and ideal location, it was chosen as the terminus for the Charles Morgan steamship line, and Indianola became the second-largest port in Texas. The town incorporated in 1853, continuing to grow and thrive, reaching its peak of economic prosperity and a population of 5,000 by 1875. At that time, the Sheppard family were well established as leaders in the community, participating in civic, social, and religious endeavors. On September 16, 1875, Indianola was struck with a devastating hurricane with winds measured at over 110 miles an hour. Homes and businesses were destroyed, and although half the population moved to higher ground (settling in Victoria, Cuero, and beyond) the Sheppard family refused to leave their home, rebuilding and remaining faithful leaders in their community.

When Captain Sheppard died in 1879, his widow, Elizabeth, and their three boys,

Willie, Joseph, and Henry were living in their family home in Indianola, while their two daughters **Lizzie and Jennie** were attending school in New Orleans. The family dynamic changed dramatically over the years following the Captain’s death. Both girls were married, Lizzie to **Frank Bates** and Jennie to **Max Luther**. The Sheppards’ oldest son, Willie, died at age 22. And Jennie Luther had two sons, **Sheppard and Willie**, whom she named after her deceased brother.

In the early morning hours of August 20, 1886, a second hurricane struck a fatal blow to the port town of Indianola. On that fateful day Jennie Luther and her two young sons (from Corpus Christi), Jennie’s friend, her friend’s sister and twin boys, were all visiting Mrs. Sheppard and young Henry in Indianola. The winds started howling and the water began to rise, greatly alarming the group. As the winds reached 140 mph and the sea churned furiously, the Sheppard house gave way to the raging waters. By sheer willpower and the strength of youth, 16-year-old Henry managed to free himself from the rubble and grabbed hold of the arm of what he later learned was his sister, **Jennie Luther**. They floated on their rooftop as it was tossed about like a toy until it landed about a mile from the original house location on the shores of Powderhom Lake. Gone forever were the rest of the group, including Mrs. Elizabeth Sheppard and her two young grandsons. Two other family members survived, **Lizzie Bates** who was living in Cuero and **Joseph Sheppard** who was in college in Galveston.

Henry and Jennie were brought to Cuero to recuperate after their harrowing ordeal, and a few weeks later, **Frank Bates, Joseph and Henry Sheppard** traveled back to Indianola to salvage what little remained of the family’s home. Today a charming white frame house still stands at the corner of Broadway and McLeod



Captain Henry and Mrs. Elizabeth Sheppard

Street as a testament to the courage, tenacity, and love of the Sheppard family of DeWitt County. Some of the very boards used to create this humble home are a part of the tragedies and triumphs that weave this tale of a family's heritage through now eight generations. The house became a family gathering place for several generations. **Frank and Lizzie Bates, Jennie Luther, and Henry D. Sheppard** lived in this unpretentious home (which now houses the **Dewitt County Historical Museum**) for the rest of their days. They became devoted aunts and uncles, teaching by example the courage and perseverance needed to not only survive but thrive in the face of unspeakable sadness and catastrophes.

Of the four surviving children of **Captain Henry and Elizabeth Sheppard**, only **Joseph L.** (b. 1867, d.1935) and his wife, **Jane Fassett Sheppard** (b.1869, d.1950) had children who survived them. Two sons were born to the couple, **Henry Fassett** (Fassett) and **Joseph Lawrence** (Lawrence). Lawrence married, but never had children.

Fassett (b.1893, d.1941) married **Constance Breeden** (b.1894, d.1965), and the couple had six children, one daughter, **Jane Sheppard Sorrell**, and five sons, **Robert Breeden, Frank Bates, Henry Fassett, Jr., Joseph Lawrence, II, and John Gillett**. Fassett Sheppard died in his 40s, leaving Constance Sheppard to provide for her three sons still living at home. Again, the love, dedication, and strength of the Sheppard family came forth as the relatives all helped care for and support the bereaved widow and her children. As the years went by, four of the five Sheppard sons remained in Cuero while Gillett and sister, Jane, made their homes in other parts of Texas. No matter where they lived, the six siblings always played significant and influential roles in their respective hometowns, making worthwhile contributions to society, and raising productive, accomplished children and grandchildren.



Children of **Henry Fassett Sheppard** and **Constance Breeden**: L-R (standing): **Joe, Henry, and Gillett**. L-R (sitting): **Frank, Jane, and Robert**.

Beginning with Captain Henry Sheppard, down through the subsequent generations, the Sheppards have been well-educated, prominent, and beloved members of their communities. They engaged in a wide variety of professions becoming lawyers, business owners, ranchers, journalists, educators, coaches, engineers, authors, a county judge, a postmaster, a district attorney, a child psychiatrist, and even professional athletes. In every successive generation, the Sheppards have dedicated themselves to serving others as leaders in their churches, city governments, and local service organizations. They were, and still are, active in educational, civic, professional, and charitable organizations, working on hospital boards, school and bank boards, historical commissions, Boys and Girls Club, and the CASA organization. Many also served their country throughout the years.

The obituaries and newspaper articles paint a consistent picture of the integrity of the Sheppard family with descriptions such as *"highly regarded and respected by all who knew him," "splendid citizen, a man of high character, a man whose life had been one of usefulness, of value to his community and his fellow man," "a useful member of society, her purse and heart were always responsive to the appeal of charity and with tender faithfulness she discharged the duties of life."*

Tragedies that befell the Sheppard family could have crushed the family's spirit, caused resentment and self-pity. Instead, the opposite occurred. From the heart-breaking events that beset the Sheppards so long ago arose a strong faith in a higher power, an unbreakable family bond, a strength of character, and a commitment to their community that is still part of the ongoing legacy of the Sheppard family today. ★ ★ ★

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Proctor Green Guest House and Event Venue



Wofford Room, Friar Thomas Community Center



Hamilton Room, Friar Thomas Community Center

A Picture Perfect Wedding:

MARY KATE KRUEGER & CORBIN GOEBEL

As family and friends proudly looked on, a local couple tied the knot under a majestic, flower-bedecked oak tree on the grounds of the historic Proctor-Green House.

JUNE 3, 2023: Mary Kate and Corbin's beautifully designed wedding celebration enlivened our entire campus, including the newly opened Peebles Park and Steen Roundabout, located between the existing Museum facility and future Museum Expansion.

After the wedding ceremony, guests mingled in the Museum's second floor Friar Thomas Community Center, then assembled on the grounds of the tastefully decorated park for dinner, dancing, and celebrating the union of this happy couple. White string lights, tables set with white cloths, candles and fresh flowers, and a large white tent for music and dancing gave Peebles Park a magical atmosphere.

The Steen Roundabout was dotted with a variety of food stations for the wedding guests to enjoy, while George Bishop Park was filled with tables where

guests could sit and enjoy the catered food and surrounding atmosphere. The green space just south of the Proctor-Green House was used for the late night dancing and socializing under a beautiful white tent.

Having been raised in the area, both Corbin and Mary Kate graduated from Cuero High School and have made their home together here in Cuero. Mary Kate coaches volleyball, basketball, and golf at CHS and teaches Health and English classes. She has been accepted to graduate school at The University of Texas for her Masters in Sports Management, and Corbin is carrying on family tradition, working for Goebel Woodwork. The CTHM campus was a perfect setting for this special occasion, and these newlyweds are a wonderful asset to our community. ★

PLANNING A SOCIAL OR BUSINESS GATHERING? The Museum campus offers several restored historic venues with updated amenities such as AV support, a full catering kitchen, and accessible facilities. With a built-in sense of welcome and charm, the **Proctor-Green House**, **English-German School**, and **Friar Thomas Community Center** rooms will make your guests feel right at home.

Adjoining landscaped exterior spaces, **Peebles Park** and **George Bishop Park** offer outdoor entertaining options.

To reserve the perfect setting for your event, call the Museum at (361) 277-2866 or email info@chisholmtrailmuseum.org

TASTE OF THE TRAIL XII

THE ROUND UP: CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF THE TRAIL

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024 ✨ BELLEVUE RANCH ✨ DAWN & ERIC DRAPER, YOUR CO-CHAIRS

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

1.

A Fabulous Week at The Ritz Carlton Puerto Rico

This exquisite auction item offers a beautiful 3-bedroom condo with a private pool boasting full beach views. With accommodations for up to 8 guests, this opulent retreat promises an unforgettable escape. *Date to be determined* – don't miss your chance to experience paradise in style.

*Generously donated by Fred Ghavidel,
New Leaf Homes.*

2.

8-Day Vacation in Vail

Experience ultimate luxury with an 8-night stay in a stunning 5-bedroom, 5-bath house nestled along Gore Creek in Vail, Colorado. This lavish retreat accommodates up to 9 guests and offers unparalleled comfort and convenience, with its prime location within walking distance to all the attractions. Don't miss this chance to indulge in the beauty of Vail while enjoying the comforts of home.

Date for availability, October 5-12, 2024.

Generously donated by Robert Oliver.

3.

Judge's Chair with Texas Seal

State of Texas Judges chair with diamond tufted upholstery seat and back with brass nail trim, hardwood framed, mechanical height adjustment, five-star base with dual wheel casters.

State of Texas Seal on headrest measures 19½", between arms 24", seat height 32", overall height 51- 54". Mahogany color with a dark red tint; chair rolls, tilts, and swivels.

*Generously sponsored by
Paddy Burwell.*

4.

Customized Guitar Signed by Billy Gibbons of ZZ Top

Customized Dean Vendetta guitar signed by Billy Gibbons, exclusively for this year's Taste of the Trail! Decked out with tremolo bridge; essentials guitar stand; vintage Dean M10 practice amplifier; guitar strap, amp cable, and Snark digital tuner. The guitar features a natural satin finish, paulownia wood body.

*Guitar customization by Kenneth
and Everett Odom. Donated by Diana
Thibodeaux and Ken Odom.*

5.

Vaquero Pistols

These Vaquero Pistols (also known as the New Vaquero) combine traditional western-style looks and a hand-filling grip. A patented reverse indexing pawl allows for easier loading and unloading, while the traditional beveled cylinder simplifies holstering. Handsome, larger crescent-shaped ejector rod head boasts traditional form.

*Generously donated by
The Smith Family*

6.

2024 Taste of the Trail Spurs by Troy Flaharty

Bid on a chance to win a pair of exclusive Taste of the Trail 2024 custom-made spurs! One pair will be displayed at the Museum, while the other could be yours to take home. Don't miss out on this opportunity to own a unique collector's item and be a part of history.

Sponsor TBD

7.

Henry Rifle

This Henry Big Boy 44 Mag Side-Gate "Gun That Won the West" will be up for grabs. This rifle's unbridled spirit lives on in a line of traditional big-bore rifles, but are also today's shootin' irons for today's new breed of cowboy.

Generously donated by Patricia Muir

8.

Pasture Golf at Friar Thomas Ranch

Experience the thrill of Legendary Cow Pasture Golf at the historic Friar Thomas Ranch! Join us for one of Texas' most enjoyable golf tournaments – a full day of golfing on the ranch, savoring delicious drinks, and indulging in a sumptuous feast. Don't miss out on this unforgettable day of fun and camaraderie in the heart of south Texas.

*Generously sponsored by Friar Thomas
Ranch Foundation.*

9.

Trophy Hunt at 74 Ranch

A trophy Gemsbok hunt at the legendary 74 Ranch. *Details to come.*
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While nibbling hors d'oeuvres, stop by the

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Shop our collection of Western- and Texan-inspired gifts and decor.

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"Fiesta in the Kitchen" author
Paola Lloyd will be on hand to sign
copies of her new cookbook!

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TASTE OF THE TRAIL XII

THE ROUND UP: CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF THE TRAIL

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MUSEUM EXPANSION NEWS

TELLING THE LARGER STORY OF THE AMERICAN WEST

BEGINNING OUR NEXT DECADE of service to community, our mission stays true, and it is growing. Looking ahead, our upcoming Expansion will allow us to present three key collections not yet seen by the public. These collections will broaden our narrative to tell stories of the Plains Indians, showcase art of the American West, and feature Texana, including rare artifacts from Cuero and the DeWitt County area.

The artworks and artifacts in the collections will enrich our understanding of the American West, and invite new dialogues. Titled, *Paying Tribute to Native American Plains Indians*, *Expressions in Western Art*, and *The Texas Room*, the three new galleries will also be available to host special exhibitions, opening doors to a broader narrative of our connections to history and legend.

The Expansion will provide a new multi-purpose community space for business and social events on the second floor of the former Trautwein Building. The Expansion will also add space for archival storage and conservation functions required to support the collections.

Stay tuned for updates on the Expansion and development of our permanent collections. ★



Above: *Once Upon a Time*, Billy Schenck, oil, 2014.

Above, *John Wayne*, Andy Warhol, silkscreen, "Cowboys and Indians" Collection, c. 1986.



Shield, attributed to Lame Bull (1841 - 1902), Cheyenne nation, c. 1880.



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