

# THE CHISHOLM TRAIL HERITAGE MUSEUM

Taste of the Trail  
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## TASTE OF THE TRAIL IV SET FOR APRIL 19



On Saturday, April 19, 2008, the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum will host its fourth biennial fundraiser, *Taste of the Trail*. Starting with the ceremonial cannon blast at sunset, the evening promises to be one of delectable food, plentiful libations, unique auctions, authentic chuck wagons, and cowboy storytelling. In addition, world-

renowned entertainer **Red Steagall** will bring his one-of-a-kind show to the event, to be held at **Robert Oliver's** Bellevue Ranch.

The event provides guests an opportunity to retreat from the hectic pace of modern life and share in our common appreciation of South Central Texas' rich ranching legacy. From the top of a hill overlooking beautiful DeWitt County, the big 13,500 square foot tent will host over 600 guests in what promises to be the largest and most successful *Taste of the Trail* to date.

Sponsors help underwrite many of the costs of *Taste of the Trail*. According to Board member **Sara Meyer**, "the response to our sponsorship solicitation among community businesses and individuals has just been phenomenal. We have sold over \$90,000 in sponsorships to date, and responses are still arriving daily." Adds Board member **Linda Anzaldúa**, "we have had to revisit and expand our guest capacity. We expect the event to sell out very quickly after the mailing of the invitation."

The proceeds from the event will help fund the construction of the new 4,500 square foot museum annex, located adjacent to the historic Knights of Pythias Hall. Board member **Tom Batts** explains: "Much of the funding for the Museum comes through grants that depend upon and match local contributions." Each dollar raised through *Taste of the Trail* will be leveraged several times through the proceeds of these matching grants.

So, put on your best cowboy duds, and gather around the campfire at the *Taste of the Trail*!

### Still don't have your tickets?

**Don't panic! Call 361-277-2866** today, or go online to [www.TasteoftheTrail.com](http://www.TasteoftheTrail.com).

### Raffle Tickets are available, too!

\$100 per ticket for a chance to win a fabulous Rocky Mountain Getaway summer vacation package. With only 75 tickets to be sold, you'll like your odds! Contact any Board member, or call 361-277-2866.



## Save America's Treasures Awards Funding for Second Floor Rehabilitation

**S**ave America's Treasures, a bricks and mortar preservation program implemented by the federal government in 1998 is providing valuable funding to assist in restoring the historic building purchased by the museum organization in 2002; and thus, fulfilling a secondary mission of the CTHM to provide multi-purpose community facilities for Cuero. While the ground floor of the historic Knights of Pythias Hall will house the new museum complex, the former meeting and ceremonial space on the building's second floor will be rehabilitated and adapted to provide space for a variety of community needs including lectures, meetings, special events, children's summer camp, small conferences, and other cultural, educational and recreational events.

The Museum's broad scope and multiple benefits make it a unique project, defined by "achieving several objectives with the same dollar investment." These key benefits will support community efforts to preserve the rich history and cultural heritage of a region of Texas encompassing DeWitt, Gonzales, Lavaca, Victoria, Calhoun, Refugio, Goliad, Bee and Karnes counties. These diverse benefits include:

- Restoration and preservation of a historically significant building in Cuero's National Register "Downtown Commercial Historic District," which will serve as catalyst for community revitalization;
- Preserve the history of the region's rich ranching legacy and contributions to the nation's cattle industry, while telling the story of the legendary Chisholm Trail through

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permanent and special exhibits;

- Provide a multi-use facility with amenities to include space for meetings, lectures, summer children's camps, small conferences, traveling exhibits and other education and recreational purposes;
- Establish a key destination point that generates a positive impact on local and regional economic activities;
- Create an educational resource for South Central Texas – to become a vital component in meeting curriculum requirements;
- Strengthen regional identity and local pride through the collection, preservation and display of objects and genuine artifacts that define our rich cultural patrimony;
- Demonstrate a successful model for partnerships among government, public and private sectors;
- Engage in cooperative programming with libraries, community schools, local civic organizations, and other regional educational and cultural resources;
- Foster volunteer service and youth development.

The Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum provides a unique model for public-private partnerships while supporting the principle that historic preservation and cultural enrichment can stimulate economic development and community pride. Partnering with the National Trust for Historic Preservation and National Park Service, the project is dedicated to the preservation and celebration of America's priceless historic legacy and, together with the funding received by Save America's Treasures, will "work to recognize and rescue the enduring symbols of American tradition that define us as a nation." When complete, the rehabilitated second floor of the museum building will allow Cuero to attract small groups of professionals who wish to hold conferences in a state-of-the-art facility, which up to this date has not been available in the community.

Save America's Treasures is a national effort to protect America's threatened cultural treasures, including historic structures, collections, works of art, maps and journals that document and illuminate the history and culture of the United

States." Recognizing the organization's efforts to provide facilities for a wide-array of community needs, the M.G. & Lillie A. Johnson Foundation in Victoria awarded the organization a grant in the amount of \$100,000, which will be used to match the \$345,000 funding awarded by Save America's Treasures. 

**Save America's Treasures  
Goals Support the Goals and  
Objectives of the CTHM:**

“It is one thing to read about our history in books. It is another to understand our history by seeing it, walking through it, and experiencing it first hand. Our important structures, original documents, works of art and authentic artifacts inspire us as nothing else can.”

To help insure that future generations will have an opportunity to experience our past and understand our identity as a community and as a nation, Save America's Treasures has established several important goals. These include:

- Foster pride in American heritage;
- Educate Americans on preservation problems facing the buildings, sites, monuments, objects, and documents that represent America's diverse cultural legacy;
- Raise concern for the urgent preservation needs of this country's historic and cultural treasures;
- Stimulate broad-scale involvement in saving our nation's treasures, including securing necessary resources and support, organization of grassroots preservation projects, participation in community preservation and educational initiatives.

By underscoring the principles and goals of the Save America's Treasures program, the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum will "implement educational outreach programs focusing on ranch life in late 19th century South Central Texas and its contributions to nation building, which took place during the great cattle drive era."

## Call for Donations: THE WISH LIST

The Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum is currently developing an interpretive concept, or "story line," that will guide the creation of exhibits in our Museum. Along with this story line, we have a "wish list" of historical artifacts to help bring the material culture of the cowboy and rural folkways to life.

We invite you and your family to consider honoring our shared heritage by contributing authentic items to our permanent collection. Below is a partial list of selected artifacts we seek. See the complete list the web site, [ChisholmTrailMuseum.org](http://ChisholmTrailMuseum.org).

### Firearms (for holsters and display)

#### Pistols

Colt model 1851 Navy percussion revolver, Colt model 1873 single-action Frontier Six-Shooter, Colt model 1873 single-action Army revolver, and more

#### Long Guns – double-barrel hammer shotgun

Winchester models 1866, 1873, 1876, 1880's models (either carbines or rifles)

#### 19th century Clothing and Dress

Cowboy hats and boots; men's, women's and children's clothing

#### Ropes

Rawhide ropes, Grass/hemp rope, Maguey rope, Horsehair rope

#### Spurs

Bianchi spurs, August Buermann spurs, Taylor spurs, Petmecky spurs, any other spurs from region

#### Chuck Wagon (with contents and fittings)

#### Spanish Colonial Spurs and Ranching Items

#### Tarabia

(the tool for spinning horsehair and moss; can be a reproduction)

#### Bridles and Bits

Spanish-style port bit and snaffle bit

#### Blacksmith/Ferrier's Tools

Branding irons from the region, fence-building tools, barbed-wire samples

#### Saddles

Mexican saddle for comparison  
Yorktown Mother Hubbard apple-horn

#### Ranching life

Furnishings, craft or life-way items

#### Sutton-Taylor Feud

Items related to the Sutton-Taylor Feud



## SPURS THAT JINGLE AND RINGS THAT BLING:

# THE TASTE OF THE TRAIL LIVE AUCTION EVENT

👉 LET THE BIDDING WARS BEGIN 👈

### 1 Picnic Lunch at Wildwood

Gather your near and dear friends for a picnic at **Bibba Wilde's Wildwood Ranch**. Located near Westhoff on Sandies Creek, this picturesque setting of century-old live oaks and DeWitt County's loveliest displays of spring wildflowers offers the buyer a special opportunity to enjoy the best of rural Texas. Offered as the perfect venue to host your "gal pals" to a sumptuous luncheon, this memorable occasion is offered for eight lucky individuals by hostess extraordinaire, Bibba Wilde. Available for an agreed-upon date in fall of 2008 or spring of 2009. Generously donated by Bibba Wilde.

### 2 No Fish Stories Here! Rockport Fishing Trip

Grab your fishing pole and best friends for a day on the bay. Well known and respected professional fishing guide **Gordon Spears** will take your party out on the bay in a 23-foot Hayne "Big Foot" boat. Two complimentary nights at picturesque **Pelican Bay Resort**, and the best in "effortless fishing" with the perfect "do-it-all-for-you" guide. So get ready to drop some lines and reel in The Big One. Accommodations generously donated by **Pelican Bay Cottages**. Fishing guide courtesy of Carlyle Stakes and Errol John Dietze. Date to be agreed upon based on availability.

### 3 Spurs that Jingle Jangle Jingle

The spurs offered in this year's auction are beautifully crafted to last a life-time (and then some)! These stunning hand-cut, hand-made spurs are made the old-fashioned way by **Mike Richardson** of Sundown, Texas. Richardson's talent stretches from cowboys at the Pitchfork Ranch in North Texas to the King Ranch in the South, "Star of Texas Rodeo" winners in Austin and the annual Texas Style Bit & Spur Association Auction in Lubbock. Personalize these spurs with your name or ranch brand, and to top off that strut, the leathers are tooled by **Richard Oliver** of Amarillo. Richardson is the first ever spur-maker to build spurs with the cutout state of Texas. Generously donated by Bucky and Dee Sager.

### 4 See Ya Round the Bend — Big Bend of Course! Lajitas Weekend for Six

Three couples or a family of six will have a relaxing weekend at this swankienda estate in the Big Bend Country. Situated in the picturesque Lajitas area, the home is decorated in true southwestern style from Yoakum's own

**Double D Ranch Designs**. It's the perfect getaway to an area of tranquility and majestic beauty. Golfing and a variety of activities are available. Four day/three night land package only — transportation, food and activities are at your discretion. Generously donated by Rodney Pedraza. Contact Carlyle Stakes for available dates in May, June or July 2008.

### 5 Texas Wine Tasting: An Evening at Courtyard Gallery

They say "wine, women and song" add the perfect elements for a delightful evening. So invite your ten favorite couples (20 guests) to **Courtyard Gallery** to sample some of Texas' finest wines (or brews, for those who prefer beer). Dig in to a generous spread of hors d'oeuvres and appetizers, and tap your toe to live music (Texas style!). Enjoy the hospitality and peruse the gallery, featuring local and regional artists and craftsmen. Be the host or hostess with the "mostest" and treat your guests to a relaxed evening of wine, food, entertainment and good company. Available for an agreed-upon date in the summer or fall of 2008. Generously donated by John & Carol Hildebrand and Robert & Kerry Rhotenberry.

### 6 You'll be Ridin' High in the Saddle Now!

This one-of-a-kind saddle, hand made by the world-class craftsmen at **Tod Slone Saddles** is sure to become a treasured family heirloom. Beautifully crafted of the finest materials, the saddle is designed to commemorate the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum — creating a stunning, locally made masterpiece. Not been able to brag before? You can purchase all the bragging rights that one person can handle by owning this show stopper. Generously donated by **Tod & Lonna Slone, Slone Saddle Company, Cuero, Texas**.

### 7 Dancing With the Stars, Under the Stars!

Get ten couples (20 guests) with happy feet out to **Lindenau Hall** for a night of classic Texas ambiance, superb cuisine — and lots of humility! Arrive for cocktails at 6:30, followed by professional dance lessons with **Mr. Blaha of Blaha's Ballroom Dance Studio in Victoria**. Dinner is at eight. After dessert (and a few more cocktails) refine your dance moves and "shake a leg" till you drop. Your hosts have promised to keep the lights down low for those with two left feet— and of course, what happens in Lindenau, stays in Lindenau... Your hosts are: Rick & Lindy Gohmert, Bill & Diana Thibodeaux, Bill & Holly Hickey, Ted & Sandra Simon, Mike & Kim Weaver and Keith & Laurie Ann Krueger. Event will



Bucky and Dee Sager with custom-made Richardson Spurs

be scheduled during cool months on a date amenable to hall, hosts and dance instructor.

### 8 Collectors' Edition Rifle – It's the Real Deal!

Here's a chance to own an anniversary edition of a **Texas Rangers Commemorative Winchester 30-30 Lever Action Rifle** produced in 1973. To celebrate 150 years of proudly protecting the citizens of Texas, the Rangers observed this special anniversary by issuing a Collectors' Edition Rifle beautifully appointed with the Rangers commemorative emblem in the stock. Only 5000 were produced, so you can imagine its value. The rifle is offered with its own leather saddle scabbard. This rifle is truly a gun collector's dream! *Generously donated by Paul & Cindy Holcomb.*

### 9 Villa La Querencia in Manzanillo, Mexico

The ultimate in luxury and ambience at the fantastic **villa of Travis and Peggy Basham**. Four couples can pool their funds to bid on this rare opportunity to enjoy this 6000 sq. ft. vacation home on the dramatic Pacific Coast. Your group will enjoy 5 days/nights of fun, sun and more. This elegant upscale Mexican resort offers golfing, fishing, boating, tennis and spa services. The villa comes with full staff, including a cook, maid and driver. This is a land package only – guests will secure their own transportation to Mexico and cover food/drink expenses. Excursions and private car fee are extras. *Dates depend on availability. Package must be used between May 1 and November 15, 2008. Generously donated by Travis and Peggy Basham.*

### 10 Top Gun for a Day in a Royal Air Force Jet

No trail dust up here, pardner! See Texas from the **Royal Jet Provost** – one of the two training jets used by **Prince Charles of England** while serving in the Royal Air Force. The aircraft carries the Royal Crest of the Prince of Wales. Your one-hour training flight will be directed by co-pilot Brian Childs – a 15,000 hour chief instructor and pilot and Royal Air Force combat veteran. Your adventure includes a full training briefing, suiting up with an aviation flight suit and oxygen helmet. Under Colonel Child's supervision, you'll streak across Texas, experiencing fighter jet take-off and landing right from the cockpit. Topping off this blockbuster auction item are framed photos of your

"Top Gun" experience, presented that day. Winning bid is transferable (what a gift!).

Applicable restrictions: reasonable good health, ability to climb the ladder into the cockpit, no respiratory or cardiac problems, and a weight limit of 210 pounds. Persons susceptible to seasickness or motion sickness are advised not to bid on this item. Flight must be taken by June 30, 2008. Winning bidder may arrange the flight with Brazoria Aviation Services, or Colonel Childs will fly to Victoria Regional Airport if you prefer. *This exclusive, high-adventure item is generously donated by TDECU – Your Credit Union.*

### 11 Celebrity Chef Dinner: "Stars Over Cheapside"

This will be an evening you and your guests will long remember! Celebrity chef **Carl Walker of Brennan's of Houston** will create the ultimate multi-course seated dinner for 18 guests at Robert Oliver's Bellevue Ranch. *Of note, Chef Walker's hometown, Fayette, Missouri is just east of St. Joseph, where Thornton Chisholm herded 1800 head of Longhorns in his famous 1866 cattle drive.*

**Caymus Vineyards**, recognized by wine aficionados as one of America's finest producers of Cabernet Sauvignon in the Napa Valley region of California (*Wine Spectator's* favorite wine of the year from the 1990s) is generously providing the evening's wine along with its **Mer Soleil Chardonnay** of Monterey County.

Bid high and bid fast! Don't miss this memorable evening set for November 8, 2008. *Generously donated by Linda Barth, Cindi Griffin and Robert Oliver. Wines generously donated by Jane Anthenien, South Regional Manager of Caymus Vineyards. Chef Walker sponsored by Brennan's of Houston.*

### 12 Here Comes the... Judge's Chair!

Take the seat of honor in this **impressive custom-made, hand carved wood and leather chair**. Talk about regal seating! Thanks to **Paddy Burwell** (he's got connections) this one-of-a-kind item was created at

the Dolph Briscoe Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division. This custom designed chair is stamped with the official seal of the great state of Texas, in the same fashion as the specially made chairs for our Texas Governors and Texas Supreme Court Judges. *Generously donated by Paddy and Bettye Burwell.*

### Tod Slone Saddles: Thanks, Pardner!

*Hearty thanks go out to each individual, group of friends, family, local business and company who generously contributed this year's outstanding auction items.*



*Master craftsmen at Tod Slone Saddles keep tradition alive in Cuero, Texas.*

### **13 Show Us Your Winning Hand**

This **Scott Kay designer ring** from **Torin Bales Jewelry** will soon be sparkling on some lucky lady's well manicured hand. The large blue topaz is set in Scott Kay's traditional basketweave design on a wide sterling silver band. The finishing touch: an outline of diamond accents, of course! Just wait for the "oohs and ahhs" from your girlfriends! So, guys – here's your chance to be a "jewel" of a bidder and treat your lady to this sparkling "gem!" *Generously donated by Torin Bales Jewelry, Victoria, Texas.*

### **14 Big Sky Country Getaway to Jackson Hole**

**Three couples** (or family of six) can experience Wyoming and Grand Teton Mountains from the **luxurious vacation home of Diana and David Burrow**. Near Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and the Teton ski area. Plus golf, tennis, hiking, fly-fishing and wildlife right in the back yard! Speaking of back yard, this unique mountain home is located on the 18th hole of the Jackson Hole Golf and Tennis Club – offering you and your guests golf and tennis privileges (don't forget the Clubhouse) during the summer months. Six days and nights. Land package only. Just a five minute drive to Jackson airport. *Generously donated by David and Diana Burrow. Not available Christmas, July or August.*

### **15 Cook it Up! Cooking Class and Dinner at Cuero's own Cooking Depot**

**Bring up to 20** of your hungry friends to an entertaining and educational evening at DeWitt County's own top rated cooking school, **Cooking Depot**. No experience needed to learn from one of the best chefs in Texas. With their award-winning menus and directions, you'll be able to whip up these dishes on your own. Then you can impress all those "other" friends who didn't score an invite to this gourmet extravaganza! Your group will sample a complete menu, from starters to dessert. So, bid high to be the host or hostess of a truly one-of-a-kind event that promises everyone a great culinary experience. Bon appétit, y'all! *Date to be agreed upon depending on availability of cooking school and scheduled chef. Generously donated by Erwin & Annette Rath and John & Carol Hildebrand.*

### **16 Giddy Up, Little Pony! A Custom Made Rocking Horse**

**Win the hearts** of your kids or grandkids with this one-of-a-kind vintage toy. This **traditional rocking horse** is custom made by hand from a variety of chosen woods at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institution. **Inmate artisans Timothy Acklen and Sam Miquel** created this unique piece that is perfect for any toddler or a wonderful décor centerpiece in the kiddo's western style bedroom. Imagine seeing those little ones delight in a toy that they don't have to plug in. Grandpa – you'll be their hero! This is surely a treasured family heirloom that will be passed down for many generations to enjoy. *Yes, we can thank Paddy and Bettye Burwell again for bringing this exceptional piece to our Taste of the Trail Auction.*

### **17 Dove Hunt at the Blackwell Runge Ranch, DeWitt County**

**Ten lucky hunters** (or five hunters and their guests) will be in for a grand day of camaraderie and serious **dove hunting at the Blackwell Runge Ranch**. Cuero's movers and shakers will be your hosts and they guarantee a rip-roaring good time. Food and libations are included, and wives or non-hunters in your party can enjoy a relaxed afternoon at the ranch house. That evening, the group will be treated to a steak dinner with all the trimmings right off the fire pit. So bid together or bid solo and be the host of this "doves and more" day at the Blackwell Ranch. *Date to be determined by mutual agreement during the 2008/2009 hunting season. Hosts: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blackwell, Nathan Post, Errol John Dietze, John Pokluda, Pat Elder, Tim Pennell, Barry Copenhaver, and Ronnie Luster.*

### **18 Hook this Prize: Your Very Own Longhorn Steer**

Honoring the spirit of those who blazed the Chisholm Trail in 1866, Crossroads Cattle Company has hand-picked a beautiful **Longhorn steer** you can brand as your own. "Sir Loin" was picked for his handsome coloration and bloodlines suited for growing an impressive set of horns. **Jennings Steen of Crossroads Cattle Company** has offered to hold "Sir Loin" until you can pasture him at your own location. And just to get the deal done, he'll have him branded for you with your own custom brand, or even *make* a custom branding iron for you. Now, that's a turn-key deal! *Generously donated by Jennings Steen and Leslie Callahan, Proprietors of Crossroads Cattle Company, Ltd.*

### **19 Pebble Ridge Progressive Dinner**

**Join three entertaining couples** as they host this fun evening at three of Cuero's newest homes in Pebble Ridge. Five couples or 10 guests will start the evening at the home of **Alton and Sara Meyer** for appetizers and libations. The group next takes a short trip around the block to the home of **Lawrence and Linda Anzaldua**. Here everyone will be treated to a sit-down, gourmet meal created by **Panache Catering of Goliad**. For desserts galore and after-dinner drinks, it's a short walk across the street to the home of **Paul and Myrna Hassfield**. Event will be scheduled for a Friday or Sunday evening in May, June or October of 2008. *Generously donated by the above-named couples, and to be scheduled at an agreed-upon date pending availability of caterer.*

### **20 To Bling or Not to Bling? Go For the Scott Kay Designer Earrings!**

**Gentlemen**, what one thing makes a woman happy? Being able to change her mind! Check out these uniquely designed pierced earrings – they're completely reversible. Just a flip takes them from daytime trendy to evening elegance. The sterling silver set was crafted in a traditional woven design on one side and the other is highlighted with a double outline of diamond accents. Two looks for the price of one! Last chance tonight to bid on a fabulous item for your lucky lady – don't miss out and go home to the doghouse! *Generously donated by TDECU – Your Credit Union*

**20 Bag the Duck!**  
**A Mike Hinkle Wood Art Original**

This half-size **realistic Mallard Drake** is carved from tupelo wood on a base of oak with brass reeds. Anatomically correct, the drake is shown shortly after becoming airborne. It's the perfect piece for that hunting lodge or sportsmen's den. The artist/sculptor is well known for his specialty of wildfowl carvings, and it is easy to see why his talents are in such high demand. Besides the intricate carving, this artist meticulously captured the beautiful colors and shadings of the mallard in paint, creating a true-to-life replica of this graceful creature. *Generously donated by Travis and Peggy Basham.*

## **SILENT AUCTION ITEMS**

### **1. Longhorns "On the Trail"**

This G. Harvey print is sure to catch your eye. Beautiful muted colors would complement any room with the spirit of the Southwest. *Generously donated by Roseann & Chuck Jacob*

### **2. We're Wild for a Stampede**

Exceptional photography captures the furor and free spirits of a team of wild horses in the American West. Perfect for that Western-themed den. *Generously donated by Kathy Oliver*

### **3. "Day of the Horns," Western Art at its Best**

Showcasing the excitement of a cattle drive in this Roberta Wesley print, beautifully double matted and faux leather framed, ready to hang. *Generously donated by Beverly & Reed Wagner, Gram's Attic, Cuero*

### **4. "Hill Country" in All Its Glory**

A signed Finis Collins watercolor print, a classic scene with barn, windmill and the beautiful Hill Country terrain. *Generously donated by Robert Oliver and Finis Collins*

### **5. "Sweet Memories"**

A collage of beautiful colors creates memories of a stroll on the San Antonio Riverwalk. It's another exceptional Finis Collins watercolor print. *Generously donated by Robert Oliver and Finis Collins*

### **6. Here's Looking at You, "Kid"!**

And we mean kid as in cowhide! This leather and cowhide mirror is definitely a Western work of art. *Generously donated by Ranch Haus Spirits & Gifts, Cuero; Don & Linda Stiles*

### **7. You'll Take A Shine to this Shiner Box.**

The perfect gift pack of Texas goodies galore — mementos from a vintage license plate to logo'd dominos. *Generously donated by Spoetzl Brewery, Shiner, Texas/Anne Raabe*

### **8. Houston "Texans" Leather Jacket**

You'll be the "center" of attention in a red/white/blue leather jacket with the professional football team's logo. Fan or not — you'll be stylin' on your way to any game! *Generously donated by Walter & Judy Fisher*

### **9. No Need to Bust Your Belt**

Just wear with pride this set of custom Chisholm Trail

logo'd belt buckle and tab. Add it to your favorite leather belt and you'll be ready to ride. *Generously donated by Jode & Gina Zavesky*

### **10. Rustic Floral Centerpiece**

Inspired by the scenery, history and culture of South Central Texas, this artistic rustic centerpiece was custom designed especially for this event by floral artist Carol L. McCracken. *Generously donated by Expressions Floral & Gifts, Victoria; Holly Weber and Carol Plentl*

### **11. Look Out: It's Poker Night for the Girls!**

Bring on the betting, bellinis and a wonderful array of hors d'oeuvres! You and five of your friends are in for a fun-filled evening. A local "expert" will teach you the rules of Texas Hold 'Em at the charming Farm House Cottage in Cuero. *Generously donated by Lindy Gohmert and Sue Sulsar*

### **12. Straw Hat Season**

The sun always shines in DeWitt County, so be ready to take cover with this Kamenski straw hat and summer fun bag. It's a silent auction buy that's twice as nice for the price! *Generously donated by Cricket & Co., Victoria; Dorothy and Cheryl Guthrie*

### **13. Goodies Galore Gift Basket**

Check out this food basket of edibles and treats from our friends at Simply Irresistible. Lots of gourmet "delights," and we love the bluebonnet theme — it's so DeWitt County! *Generously donated by Patricia Thamm, Simply Irresistible Delights, Cuero*

### **14. Faux Bois Planters**

This ain't no tree stump — its two faux-bois decorative planters ready to take root in your garden or on your patio to show off your favorite flowering plants. *Generously donated by Robert Oliver*

### **15. Love Your Squash'd Blossom Accents!**

Squash'd Blossoms Designs presents two artistic petal and fern decorative pieces — perfect accents indoors or out on that covered patio. *Generously donated by "It's Anne Original," Anne Cain*

### **16. Courthouse Replica**

DeWitt County celebrates the restoration of its famed landmark in this commissioned ceramic courthouse replica. Artistically true to detail and ready to plug in with its own accent light. *Generously donated by Robert Oliver*

### **17. Decorator Ceramic Vase and Bowl**

Hop on over and add this artisan-glazed vase and matching bowl to your china cabinet display. The rich sea-blue background features a playful motif of bunnies and carrots. *Generously donated by Bibba Wilde*

### **18. Take Me Out to the Ball Game!**

Four tickets to a Corpus Christi Hooks Baseball game at Whataburger Stadium. The perfect day outing for your entire family, with kid-friendly amenities like the climbing wall, speed pitch, moon walk and more. Enjoy the excitement of semi-pro baseball action! *Generously donated by Hooks Baseball Organization*

### **19. Nights of Wine and Roses Evening Bag**

How fancy can you get? A black satin evening bag adorned with creamy white silk roses, sure to complement any after-five ensemble. Plus, a hidden shoulder strap for when you are juggling a wine glass and hors d'oeuvres. *Generously donated by Linda Anzaldua*

### **20. Camo Jacket and Crocs**

You'll be "brushing up in style" in this brush jacket and camo crocs. No need to "hunt" for the latest in gear – it's all at 7C Unlimited. *Generously donated by Phylis and Steve Canion, 7C Unlimited, Cuero*

### **21. Shiny Spurs**

You'll be strutting your stuff in these designer spurs by Jimmy Korenek. They're a handmade replica of the Bianchi "bottle opener" style spurs. So get ready to kick up your heels in true cowboy fashion with this unique item. *Generously donated by Bill & Nancy Blackwell*

### **22. Down Home Tex Mex**

Five \$20 gift certificates to use or share. You'll soon be enjoying a variety of Tex/Mex dishes at Cuero's own Rosie's Restaurant. *Generously donated by Rosie's Restaurant, Cuero*

### **23. To Grill or Not To Grill?**

You decide, with this unique dual level fire-pit and barbecue grill. Comes with lots of options: just enjoy the fire at the next camp-out, or use the multi-level surfaces to cook up a variety of dishes at one time. *Generously donated by McMahan Welding, Cuero; Jeff & Denise McMahan*

### **24. Do You Know the Way to San...**

...Miguel de Allende? We went! We shopped! And brought back a matched pair of beautiful green artisan pottery vases with floral motif, just for you. *Generously donated by a friend of the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum*

### **25. One of a Kind Hand Made Artisan Candle**

"Designs in Wax" offers an exceptional hand carved candle by Susan Peters. This is not just a candle – it's a work of art. The intricate design with Western theme was created especially for this event. *Generously donated by Simply Irresistible Delights, Cuero; Patricia Thamm*

### **26. French Accents**

You'll want these French tile trivets on your kitchen counter, buffet or even the dining table. The beautiful colors and the style of the South of France will surely add to your culinary ambience. *Generously donated by Anne Cain*

### **27. Will It Be Houston or Chicago?**

Your choice — rub elbows with the Oil Barons of the world overlooking downtown Houston at the Petroleum Club in Houston, or with the Captains of Industry along Miracle Mile at the University Club of Chicago. Either way — a special, thrilling dinner is planned for a lucky couple to enjoy. *Generously donated by Buddy & Susan Barnes*

### **28. No Honky Tonk Angel**

Angelic for sure is the best way to describe this "Angel of Wood" art collectible, lovingly created from Mississippi drift wood by New Orleans artist and frequent CTHM donor Anne Cain. *Generously donated by "It's Anne Original," Anne Cain*

### **29. Take Home the Bronze!**

This classic bronze Longhorn sculpture will head "up the trail" as he proudly takes his position on your desk, mantel or bookcase. *Generously donated by Rick & Lindy Gohmert*

### **30. Mostly Mesquite**

Texas artist Don Jones certainly has a way with wood. We are in awe of the workmanship of this hand carved bowl, called "Mostly Mesquite," with whimsical carved duck lid. Just one of many one-of-a-kind pieces featured at Courtyard Gallery. *Generously donated by Kerry Rhotenberry*

### **31. Wearable Art**

It's textile art at its best. We love the feel, texture and colorations of this hand-dyed oversized (15" by 72") silk scarf created by Jennifer J. Martin. Oh, the dilemma! Wear it? Display it? Your choice! *Generously donated by Kerry Rhotenberry.*

### **32. Wildflower Nights**

Out of town guests coming soon? Then you'll want to secure this 2-night/2-room package at Cuero's own Wildflower Inn. Conveniently located at 2117 N. Esplanade, with parking for RVs and trailers. *Generously donated by Pradip Vora, Wildflower Inn and RV Park*

### **33. Who's Cookin' Tonight?**

You will for sure, with this four-book collection of fabulous recipes, photos and menu ideas. Explore Mexico, Provence, Tuscany and Texas-inspired cooking creations to impress your guests. *Generously donated by Robert Oliver*

### **34. Flashy Fashionista**

Swarovski crystal-embossed t-shirt sporting the festive Taste of the Trail logo. To complete the look, a necklace of jade beads accented with a green turquoise pendant with matching earrings. *Generously donated by paintdesignrhinestone.com, Marci Debord*

### **35. A Tisket, A Tasket, What's in That Basket?**

Wonderful woven straw Mexican Christmas ornaments. Colorfully trimmed in cords of gold, purple and hot pink, they are ready to hang on your holiday fiesta tree. Plus, the natural "twiggy" basket is a keeper too! *Generously donated by Robert Oliver*

### **36. If A Ring is Your Thing**

Designer ring by Texas' own Dian Malouf, known for her chunky sterling and 14k pieces. Corded band accented with a bold crossover top. The companion piece: Dian's latest book, *Seldom Heard*. *Generously donated by Dian L. Malouf*

### **37. Do I Hear Music?**

An evening of music: 2 tickets to the San Antonio Symphony on Saturday, May 10 in the city's beautifully restored Majestic Theatre. Featuring conductor Edwin Outwater and violin soloist Jennifer Frautschi, the evening's program includes Three Latin American Dances and Saint-Saen's *Concerto No. 3* and Berlioz *Symphonie Fantastique*.

☞ *Winning auctions can be paid with VISA, MasterCard, check or, as always, cash on the barrel head.*

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