Grand Opening Weekend November 22/23, 2013  Gala Concert  Dedication Ceremony

With a wave of the conductor’s baton, the stirring fanfare of Appalachian Spring ushered in a new era for the CTHM. Guests at our Gala Concert enjoyed a collective moment of pride in accomplishment, fellowship, and reflection, celebrating over ten years of collaborative effort. At the Dedication Ceremony, our extended family of volunteers, friends, civic leaders, and first-day visitors shared coffee and biscuits hot off the campfire – echoing the spirit of the trail riders of yesterday. A capacity crowd packed the tent to hear dedication speeches from Bobbie Greene McCarthy, on the value of historic preservation in saving some of the Nation’s treasures, and from former Texas Governor Mark White, who spoke to the importance of preserving South Texas’ rich agricultural and ranching heritage for the benefit of future generations of young Texans.

Community turns out in style for a Texas-sized celebration!
Grand Opening Inaugural Concert

Our gala concert showcased the Chamber Orchestra of San Antonio. The ensemble performed Copland’s beloved classic Appalachian Spring for an appreciative crowd of Museum members at The Venue on Church Street, in Cuero’s downtown historic district.

Grand Opening Dedication

Saturday’s ceremony featured remarks by Bobbie Greene McCarthy, representing Preserve America’s Treasures; a commemorative address (and a humorous anecdote or two) by former Governor of Texas Mark White, and a special taped greeting by former First Lady Laura Bush. Mayor Sara Meyer and Board members also took the podium to recognize the community effort – through dedicated volunteers, donors, and talented professionals – that made this milestone achievement possible.

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GRAND OPENING WEEKEND  NOVEMBER 22/23, 2013

Left to right:
Bobbie Greene McCarthy, Robert Oliver, Hon. Mark White, members of the Native American Women’s Warriors, and Linda Gale White.
Good morning to everyone gathered in the beautiful Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum in Cuero, Texas.

I’m Laura Bush, and I’m thrilled that this museum is open and that it honors the rich ranching legacy of South Texas. President Bush joins me in congratulating you for your work to preserve the history of our state’s ranching traditions.

Your commitment to protect and keep alive the stories of the people from the epic cattle drive era is saving this time in America’s history for our children and grandchildren. Visitors from all over will enjoy exploring the true stories of the Longhorn, the great cattle drives, and the American cowboy, all in the former Knights of Pythias Hall.

In 2004, Cuero was one of the first 60 communities in the nation to receive the prestigious designation as a Preserve America Community. Today, with the opening of the Chisholm Trail you are truly preserving America. Please accept my very best wishes and congratulations.
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2014 Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum Membership
As of December 2013, current through 2014
ConocoPhillips Contributes $3K to Cowboy Camp

February 25, 2014: Sincere thanks to ConocoPhillips for their generous contribution of $3,000 in support of the CTHM’s 2014 Cowboy Camp. The company sponsored a check presentation luncheon and ceremony in Kenedy on February 25, 2014 where ConocoPhillips awarded $233,000 to 36 organizations who represent the company’s philanthropic pillars: Health, Safety and Environment (HSE), Education, the Arts, and Cultural Preservation. The CTHM is proud to be included in this select group.

Each summer, the Museum’s Cowboy Camp attracts approximately 30-35 young buckaroos who spend a week experiencing the cowboy life: activities include leather tooling, roping, horsemanship, and chuck wagon cooking. Volunteer Margorie Kacir will be coordinating this summer’s Cowboy Camp for the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum, alongside with veterans coordinator, Candy Glidden, husband Dan, and son Travis.

Union Pacific Foundation Awards $5K for Exhibits

January 2014: Union Pacific Foundation has announced a grant award of $5,000, for the Museum’s exhibits and displays. The Union Pacific Foundation is a philanthropic arm of Union Pacific Corporation, and its goal is to distribute funds to qualified organizations and communities that Union Pacific serves. The foundation is not endowed, but is funded each year from the operating profits of Union Pacific Corporation.

In 2012 alone, Union Pacific in conjunction with its foundation, supported more than 2,500 nonprofit organizations. “We award grants through an annual online application process available to nonprofits located in Union Pacific communities, and combine those efforts with corporate support and employee matching gifts.” Awarded by the Union Pacific Foundation on several occasions in the past, the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum is grateful for the continuing support of such an important funding partner.
Volunteer Spotlight: The Deputies

Behind every successful museum, the CTHM story, is outstanding volunteer support. The CTHM could not run without its Deputies—those volunteers who provide the public face of the institution by serving as docents. The CTHM would like to salute our volunteer team: Deputies, you make it possible for the CTHM to engage the public through your dedication.

Thank you!

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hen the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum opened its doors to the general public in November 2013, it marked the culmination of many years of thorough planning. Drew Patterson and Pony Allen were engaged in 2009 by CTHM to plan, design and execute a first-class museum, to incorporate authenticity with different learning styles, while adhering to the Concept Plan: Roots in Regional Ranching History.

The project’s Interpretive Concept Plan, created in 2007 by a team of board members and regional stakeholders under the direction of Lonn Taylor and Bruce Shackleford, was titled, “Don’t Fence Me In and Other Life Lessons,” how fortitude, ingenuity and skill created a thriving cattle industry in the Guadalupe River Valley in the latter half of the 19th century and how those qualities are still deeply ingrained in our region’s heritage.” Patterson and Allen were also charged to implement an interpretive philosophy explaining, “that ranching and trail-driving were arduous endeavors, which required skill, fortitude, and ingenuity.” The plan continued, “Visitors should be brought as close to the experiences of the men and women who engaged in these enterprises as possible. The exhibit should appeal to a wide variety of learning styles and should not assume that the visitor has a great deal of previous information about ranching and trail-driving.”

Decades of Exhibit Design Experience Benefit the CTHM

Earlier in their careers, Patterson and Allen collaborated on the well-received Dairy Crockett exhibit at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. More recently, the Texas Historical Commission employed the team to produce exhibit material for Casa Navarro in San Antonio. The Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum is fortunate to have hired such a capable and experienced team of museum design experts, who successfully helped us take our ambitious project about ranching and trail-driving.

To engage the public through your dedication.

Thank you!
MISSION STATEMENT

THE CHISHOLM TRAIL HERITAGE MUSEUM'S MISSION IS TO PRESERVE THE RANCHING AND WESTERN CULTURE OF SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS THROUGH INTERPRETIVE EXHIBITS, RESEARCH, AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

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