



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

DOCENTS

Saturday, July 10

*Precinct 1 Courtroom
on Eugene Heimann Circle*

Social time: 9:30 a.m.

Meeting: 10 a.m.

Speaker: Bruce Kelly

Topic: Early Sugar Land

ARCHEOLOGY

Tuesday, July 20

7 p.m., Room 2B

George Memorial Library

Speaker: Michael Bailey

Topic: Excavation of
the Acadia, a Civil War

Blockade Runner

**MUSEUM
ASSOCIATION**

July 24

Vintner's Celebration

& Wine Tasting

6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

at the original

Wessendorff home



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Vintner's Celebration is this month!

The 10th annual Vintner's Celebration and Wine Tasting event will take place on Saturday, July 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the original Wessendorff Home on Long Acres in Richmond. Have you made your reservations yet?

Two marked differences will set this year's celebration apart from previous Vintner's events. In addition to the main wine-tasting areas, the 2010 celebration will feature a **beer-tasting station** for those who enjoy the art of beer-making. Also new this year is a change of venue: Guests will get to enjoy the unique setting and historic ambiance of the **original Long Acres home of the Wessendorff family**.

The wine selections for this year's event are generously provided by Jan and Lee Leaman. Host couples are Pam and Bill



Zemanek, Patty and Joe Robinson and Pam and Mark Magee.

Tickets are \$75 per person. For more information, visit www.fortbendmuseum.org or find us on Facebook to receive real-time updates.

Slight date change for July summer history programs at the Museum

The Fort Bend Museum has altered its summer history program schedule this month to take place only on July 13 and 14. Next month's summer history dates will remain the same: August 10-13. Programs are very interactive and are geared for children ages eight through 12. (However, children under eight can

be allowed with a parent or adult chaperone.)

Each day features a morning and an afternoon program. Topics include "At Home in 1860," "At Home in 1890," "Frontier Survival" and "Archeology."

Reservations are required. Cost per child is \$6 per program (\$5 for members of the Museum Association).



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all the current news!

Do you have any original artwork by Carmen Willey?

The Fort Bend Museum is currently looking for original artwork by local artist Carmen Willey to display at a very special exhibit coming up later this year.

If you have a piece you would consider loaning to the Museum from September 1 through November 20, please call Claire Rogers at (281) 342-6478.

Carmen Willey, 92, helped form the first art league in Fort Bend County in 1957 and is recognized

for her sketches and water-color paintings of historical sites around the County, many of which are no longer standing.

A special invitation-only exhibit opening will be held on Friday, September 10. The exhibit will be set up in the 1883 Moore Home instead of the traditional Museum gallery to give the artwork a special historic ambience; Carmen Willey will be in attendance.

More details to follow as they become available!

George Ranch Historical Park's Summer Topic Schedule

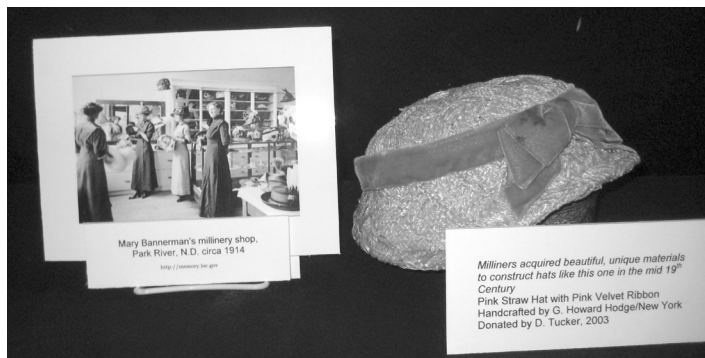
- July 6-9: Livestock
- July 13-16: Food Ways
- July 20-23: Kid Stuff
- July 27-30: Ranch Tools

Hats off to history: Fort Bend Museum unveils hat exhibit

Stop by the Fort Bend Museum this summer to browse our new hat exhibit. The display was created by volunteer Stephanie Dacus and will be up until October 1. Special thanks to Donna Kay Tucker and the Max Johnson family for donating the hats. If you had to wear any hat in our exhibit, which one would it be? Chime in with your answer on Facebook!



PHOTOS BY CLAIRE ROGERS



Mary Bannerman's millinery shop, Park River, N.D. circa 1914

Milliners acquired beautiful, unique materials to construct hats like this one in the mid 19th Century
Pink Straw Hat with Pink Velvet Ribbon
Handcrafted by G. Howard Hodge/New York
Donated by D. Tucker, 2003



This was a variation of a requirement for women while attending church. This hat is an example of a hat that had been worn for work as well as leisure.
Black and Grey Felt Hat with Blue Grey Satin Ribbon
Donated by D. Tucker, 2003



This design is similar to the famous Alamo-style ribbon-trimmed design from the 1850's - 1860's.
Pink & Pastel Ribbon Hat
Donated by D. Tucker, 2003

Linking Fort Bend County and the Civil War

Blogging!



with Curator
Chris Godbold

Editor's Note: You can follow Chris Godbold's blog online at <http://www.ultimatefortbend.com/author/Chris%20Godbold>. This blog was first posted on June 3, 2010. Show Chris your support for Fort Bend County history and leave him a comment!

While no Civil War battles were fought in Fort Bend County, this area did feel its impact.

The majority of capable Fort Bend County men went off to war from 1861-1865 after the County voted unanimously to secede from the Union during Texas' secession vote on Feb. 23, 1861.

The most prominent group of Fort Bend County soldiers was a group led by Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Terry. Terry owned the Oakland Plantation, was a successful planter and turned his plantation into one of the largest sugar plantations in Texas with his partner William Kyle. (This plantation would later become the home of the Imperial Sugar Company and the city of Sugar Land.) Terry's family included his wife Mary and six children: David, Mary M., Frank, Jr., Sally, Kyle, and Cornelia.

The regiment was born after Texas' secession convention in January. Riding home, delegates Frank Terry, Tom Lubbock and John Wharton planned to form a regiment and set off for war.

The Rangers were recruited



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Terry's Texas Rangers

throughout Texas and 1,170 men assembled in Houston in September 1861. By the end of the year, the regiment, formally the 8th Texas Cavalry, was made part of the Army of Tennessee under the command of Albert Sidney Johnston.

Terry was elected colonel but was killed in the regiment's first battle at Woodsonville, Kentucky. Lubbock died shortly thereafter and John Wharton became colonel of the regiment which was given free reign under Johnston.

Terry's Rangers did not have uniforms; Instead, they wore whatever they had available to them, but were armed to the teeth. The Rangers often carried bowie knives, preferably shotguns but sometimes rifles, and two or four revolvers.

After Albert Sidney Johnston was killed in 1862, the regiment served in a variety of corps, most notably under Joe Wheeler, Nathan Bedford Forrest and Joseph Johnston during Sherman's "March to the Sea." Terry's Texas Rangers fought in the battles of Shiloh, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, the Atlanta campaign and raided in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Some of Terry's Texas Rangers sur-

rendered with Joseph Johnston on April 26, 1865. However, most of the remaining members of the regiment chose not to give up and instead slipped away to join other Confederate armies still in the fight.

The Confederacy collapsed before any of the remaining 158 men could join in another battle, so instead they straggled back home to Texas never having officially surrendered.

Benjamin Franklin Terry's body was brought back to his Fort Bend County home and buried there. His body was later moved to Glenwood Cemetery in Houston and interred in a family plot.

At war's end, Fort Bend County was left to mourn its fallen soldiers and repair its tattered economy. The majority of the men who enlisted in the Confederate army from the County died in battle or succumbed later to wounds or illness sustained in the war effort. Those men that did return from the battlefield, including those from Terry's Texas Rangers, played an integral role in its rebirth in the years following the defeat of the South.

For bibliography and source information, please visit Chris' blog online at www.ultimatefortbend.com.

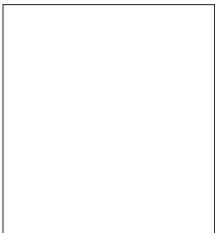
Vendors: Reserve your booth space for Texian Market Days

Vendors, it's time to reserve your booth space for the 27th annual Texian Market Days festival! The annual living history festival will take place on **Friday, October 22** and **Saturday, October 23** at the George Ranch Historical Park. Friday, Oct. 22 is the school day: Expect approximately 2,000 middle school students from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The general public day is on Saturday.

Arts and crafts are one of the most popular areas of the event, said arts and crafts coordinator Mitzi Jackson. Surveys from the past years ranked the arts and crafts section as one of the top at-

tractions during the weekend. Items must be arts/crafts, antiques or collectibles, and all items for sale must be approved by the craft coordinator. Vendors are also encouraged to dress in period attire to add some character to the marketplace.

For more information, visit www.texianmarketdays.com and click on "Vendors." Download the information packet/contract and reserve your booth space today! Early bird prices range from \$35 to \$80. For more information, contact Mitzi Jackson at mjackson@fortbendmuseum.org or (281) 342-1256.



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