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Shebang 2022 was Great Success!

Shebang 2022 was a great success! Thank you to the City of Nocona for providing the Justin Building! The food couldn't have been better and our auctioneer, Paul O'Dwyer always does a great job! Thank you to all who were involved in any way! Sponsors, donors, bidders, attendees, set up and clean up crew, cooks, auction volunteers, etc. It takes so many people to put this on and there are way too many to list without forgetting someone! We raised over \$30,000 to help with our yearly operations! (Pictures courtesy of Barbara Green of The Bowie News)

Thank You to Our Presenting Sponsor!



Great crowd at
The Justin Building



Checking out the auction items



Holiday Quilt Designed by Jenna McBroom Luedecke



Roulette Wheel Prizes Included \$1300 in Gift Cards!



Music by Robert Howington, Larry Lemons, and Dennis McBroom



Paul O'Dwyer, Auctioneer with help of volunteers Wyatt Yowell & Mike Shipman



Some of the silent auction items.

Roger Simpkins, Volunteer of the Year



Congratulations to our 2022 Volunteer of the Year, Roger Simpkins. Roger is originally from Nocona, moved away, and has recently moved to Gainesville. He comes to the museum any time we have a few "handy man" jobs that need doing!
Thank you, Roger!



Thank you to volunteer Carol Luton who graciously made our table runners to compliment our "Patriotism" theme for this year's shebang! The tables were beautiful!

West Wing Recognition



Don't our mailboxes look nice? These came out of the post office in Ringgold and the names on the boxes represent those who contributed to our West Wing project whether it was monetary or volunteer labor! They made it happen! Thank you to those who contributed as well as to Bob Ferguson and Mandy Kirkpatrick who got the names installed!

Texas Archaeology Month



October is Texas Archaeology Month! What is archaeology? It is the study of human history and prehistory through the excavation of sites and the analysis of artifacts and other physical remains.

Did you know that Tales 'N' Trails Museum has a lot of archaeological artifacts from Texas? Joe Benton paid people (mostly kids needing spending money) to pick up anything they found around Spanish Fort and Red River Station since there were findings that there had been a lot of Native American activity along the Red River. When he died in 1958, Mr. Benton had amassed one of the largest collections from one geographic area. We have a large sampling of his collection on display.

The oldest artifacts have been known to be from the Paleo era, roughly 15,000 - 8,000 years ago! But now Texas archaeologists are finding pieces dating back even farther! This period doesn't even have a name yet!

The Native Americans used mainly different types of stone to make their points and tools of all kinds. After the appearance of Europeans in North America, they taught themselves to make things out of metal which they got from the white man's guns, pots, bridles, etc. Since metal disintegrated, metal points are hard to find. But Joe Benton had so many of them that they are actually called "Benton Points" after him!

Native Americans made all their points using primarily other stones and the tips of antlers. They were quite the craftsmen! They also made tools out of animal bones.

With today's technology, archaeologists can tell a lot more about artifacts they find, not only about the age and origin of the piece, but hints as to how the people who made them lived. Visit the museum and check out some of our Texas Archaeology!

New to Western Heritage Collection!



It's some of the crew from Lonesome Dove! Gus, Pea Eye, Mose, Call, and Po Campo! Hand carved and donated to us by Tom Foster, a Spanish Fort native.

Welcome new members!
Thomas and Jennifer Walker
Ed & Mitzi Hallmark



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