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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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Official State Historical Center of the Texas Rangers

Home of Texas Ranger Bicentennial 1823-2023

Preservation & Restoration

The Museum's Collections Department recently devoted several days to cleaning and polishing the bronze sculptures on exhibit in the museum's galleries. After initially dusting the bronze pieces, a special micro-crystalline wax is rubbed onto the surface and buffed with a soft cloth. It maintains the integrity of the artwork for future generations of Texans.



Eric Richard, Collections Assistant, and Jan Devereaux, Collections Volunteer, cleaning one of our amazing bronze sculptures in the gallery.



Since 1909, the State of Texas has had a program to mark historic sites and houses and secured their preservation. At the front of the historical center entrance are three State historic markers dedicated to the founding and early history of Waco, the “Fence Cutting Wars” of the 1880s and the now inactive Waco Longhorn Club. After decades of weathering, the markers became dull and corroded by the elements. Our Collections staff

used a painstaking multi-step restoration process following State guidelines. Each plaque was cleaned, painted, polished, and sealed to preserve them for many years to come.



A Gift for Future Generations

A treasured painting of early Texas history by State Artist Lee Herring now belongs to the People of Texas. Mr. and Mrs. William Adams of Dallas generously donated *Delaying Action: The Battle of Plum Creek*. On loan to the museum since 2010, it has been viewed by more than 700,000 students and visitors.

The monumental 4-foot by 8-foot oil painting was created between 1975 and 1978 and depicts a scene near Lockhart during the Great Comanche Raid of 1840. An estimated 600 Comanche raided ranches, farms and settlements stretched from the Panhandle to the Gulf Coast devastating the two towns of Linville and Victoria.



Left to Right: Artist Lee Herring, Major James Thomas, and Donor Bill Adams

Mr. Adams and Mr. Herring were able to attend the *Texas Ranger Talk* by Major James Thomas. They were presented with donation plaques by Major Thomas on behalf of the Texas Rangers, City of Waco and the Museum Board.

Three Off-Site Educational Events

In June and July, Educational Programs Manager Audrey Ladd traveled to events and workshops throughout Central Texas.

On Thursday, June 30th she attended “Texas History Night: Professional Development for Texas History Teachers” at the Dr Pepper Museum. This free event included interactive booths around the Museum hosted by organizations in our community that offer Texas History resources, field trips, or content that support Texas History teachers. In addition to earning professional development credits, teachers received practical examples of how the organizations teach hands-on Texas History while informing them about how they can be supported in the classroom throughout the year. This event was in partnership with Region 12. Participating organizations included:

- Dr Pepper Museum & Free Enterprise Institute
- Temple Railroad & Heritage Museum
- Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum
- Martin Museum of Art
- Mayborn Museum



At the Dr Pepper Museum. A special thank you to them for the photograph.

On Saturday, July 16, Audrey and Christine Rothenbush, Marketing Specialist, attended STEMfest 2022 at the Mayborn Museum Complex. A partnership between Education Service Center Region 12 and local science and education institutions in the Waco area, STEMfest engages students and families with STEM activities. The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum set up a Crime Scene Science program where visitors learned about fingerprinting and were able to take a closer look at their own fingerprints.

STEM, or Science Technology Engineering and Math, is currently the largest growing job market in the state of Texas. By connecting students with different STEM topics and activities, Region 12 hopes to encourage more Texas kids to go into related fields.

Education Service Center Region 12 provides education services and solutions to 77 school districts and 13 charter schools in 12 central Texas counties and provides support for statewide initiatives of the Texas Education Agency.



At the Hewitt Public Library.

Wrapping up an exciting month, we attended "story time" at the Hewitt Public Library on Wednesday, July 20th along with the Cameron Park Zoo and Mayborn Museum Complex. The children enjoyed learning about badges and vera chains as much as we enjoyed teaching about them.

Two New [Discovering the Legend](#) Episodes

[In episode 42](#), we recorded a presentation by retired Ranger Matt Cawthon about some of his notable cases to visitors at the Museum.

[In episode 43](#), Ranger Justin Duck talks about the steps he took to become a Texas Ranger and how he balances investigations with paperwork.



Ret. Ranger Matt Cawthon



Ranger Jason Duck

Please [click here](#) to access all *Discovering the Legend* episodes. Presented by The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco, this series takes a look at some interesting stories covering more than two centuries of law enforcement by the revered members of the Texas Rangers. Produced by The City of Waco.

2022 Guide to Group-Friendly Museums

A special Thanks to *Leisure Group Travel* for including us in the 2022 Guide to Group-Friendly Museums. Among the selected Museums in North America were:

- Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia
- Conner Prairie, Indiana
- Getty Museum, California
- Kentucky Railway Museum, Kentucky
- Milwaukee Public Museum, Wisconsin
- Museum of Making Music, California
- National Willa Cather Center, Nebraska
- The Ronald Reagan Museum, California
- Rockwood Park & Museum, Delaware
- Seminary Ridge Museum and Educational Center, Pennsylvania (photo below)
- St. Catharines Museum & Welland Canals Center, Ontario
- Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, Texas
- Will Rogers Memorial Museum & Birthplace Ranch, Oklahoma



Established in 1994, *Leisure Group Travel* magazine, the industry's leading meeting magazine, is a brand directed at the burgeoning group travel leader market.

[Please click here to access the Guide.](#)

Highest-Rated Things to do in Texas

FOX network affiliate *CW39 Houston* and *TripAdvisor* published a list of the 30 "**Highest-rated things to do in Texas.**" Out of 1,633 attractions in Texas, The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum made the top 2% based on 90%+ good-to-excellent visitor feedback and other criteria. Waco did exceptionally well, with the Waco Mammoth National Monument, Cameron Park Zoo and Waco Suspension Bridge also making the list.



[Please click here to read the full list.](#)

Chasing RV Sunshine

During their RV Life Full Time travels, Joel, Deb and dog Maya spent the winter of 2021-22 exploring the great state of Texas. A stop in Waco included visiting the Museum.



Is traveling to Waco, Texas worth it? Does Joel like being dragged to the Magnolia Market at the Silos or not? In *Chasing RV Sunshine* video bloggers find some fun things to do in Waco, Texas. They visit the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, Magnolia Market & Silos Magnolia, Dr Pepper Museum, Southern Roots Brewing Company, Tecovas Boots, and Balcones Distillery. In addition, they share RV tips and travels help & show you how wonderful RV life is!

[Please click here to watch the YouTube video blog.](#)

New Gift Shop Product: New T-shirts

Whether you are back-to-school shopping in the hot Texas summer or cooler Northern weather, our collection of Bella Canvas t-shirts, sweatshirts and more is perfect for looking and feeling your best. Here is just a sampling of the new designs in the Gift Shop. Prices range from \$18.00 to \$50.00 + Tax.



To shop more items available for purchase, please visit our [Gift Shop online](#) or in person 9am to 4:30pm daily. You never have to pay admission to shop. Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum. Please call (877) 750-8631 or email thestore@texasranger.org to order. We ship worldwide. Thank you!

Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ Partners Program

Be part of the Texas Ranger Bicentennial! The Texas Rangers will commemorate their landmark 200th anniversary in 2023. With a \$100 contribution, you will receive:

1. A limited-edition enameled bronze pin featuring the official Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ seal
2. A certificate signed by an active or distinguished retired Texas Ranger
3. Your name or family name on the online roster of Bicentennial Partners™
4. A one-time-use family admission ticket (admits 4) to the Museum.

\$90 of the contribution qualifies as a charitable contribution. The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame is a 170(c) government-owned nonprofit.

Please [click here](#) to learn more about the program.



Official Texas Rangers Bicentennial Pin

Trademarked by the Texas Dept. of Public Safety
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Expires 9/1/2022

Save \$1.00 off regular adult admission for up to two adults. Coupon not valid on discounted senior or military admission. No cash value.

The museum is open 9am to 5pm with the last guest admitted at 4:30pm. The museum is located off I-35 and University Parks Drive in Waco, Texas. For more information, call (254) 750-8631 or visit www.texasranger.org.

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