

Fall Recap: Lomax Gathering & FallFest



Bosque Museum was on the move around the county this fall. Hopefully, you were able to join in the fun at one of the events. The fun began at the Lomax Gathering in Meridian's beautiful John A. Lomax Musical Amphitheater (*Left*). The weather was perfect for an evening of music and stories inspired by John Avery Lomax. So much fun was had by all that this event is returning in the Fall of 2022. Stay tuned for more information. The fun kept on rolling into Clifton's Fall Fest with a temporary exhibit, "Cowboys, Cowgirls, and Cattle Drives". We were lucky to be located in the historic Old Mercantile in the heart of downtown that was the perfect spot for our first pop-up exhibit. We had a mini gift shop, activities for the kids, and even a display of historic barbed wire (*bottom right*). Our youngest guests loved the stick-horse rodeo and trail ride (*bottom left*)!

Thank You!

We are so grateful for our volunteers who gave their time during September & October. We appreciate you!

- Leslie Bennett
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Happy Christmas: Christmases From the Past

“Happy Christmas” is a phrase we often hear our friends in England and other parts of the world say, but this year, we’ll be saying it in Bosque County, too.

Happy Christmas: Christmases Through Time is Bosque Museum’s theme this year for the Christmas display. There have been several Christmases throughout time when the world was relatively at peace and happy, and the Museum wants to celebrate these time periods. After the past two years, it is likely that Christmas of 2021 will also be listed as one of these Christmases.

The end of World War 2 will be featured in the Temporary Gallery with Christmas of 1945. Often called The Greatest Celebration in American History, there will be photo opportunities to join in the festivities and shared stories from folks who were there.

The Pioneer Gallery will be jumping back even further to remember Christmas of 1845, in the days just before Texas was admitted as a State. Even though the US Congress had passed the annexation resolution back in February, Texans wouldn’t get their gift of becoming a state until December 29, 1845, when

Congress accepted the new state’s constitution, and the annexation was complete.

A much more recent Happy Christmas was Christmas of 1989. The Berlin Wall had fallen a little more than a month ago, and with talk of Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia leaving the Soviet Union the next year, the Cold War was ending.

With interactive elements in each gallery and children’s craft opportunities the entire month, there’s festive fun for the whole family!

Check out the Calendar of Events inside for more details on all of the holiday fun.





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The Count is On!

Bosque Museum staff and volunteers have begun an inventory of *all* collections items! This is the first collections inventory since moving into the Jacob Olson Annex, and doing an inventory will allow the staff to update our collections software. This will make finding objects and archives easier, and it's a great refresher to see all of our wonderful collections.

Volunteers are enjoying opening all of the boxes, and getting a peek into Bosque County's past.

If you're interested in joining our volunteers in this exciting endeavor, Executive Director Erin Shields will be on hand to get volunteers started every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 10 am and 1 pm. Come count with us!



Docents Do Lunch & Cooking Class at The Old Mercantile on Thursday, November 11 has been canceled.

Stay tuned for info on their upcoming Spring Tea!

Upcoming Events

- November 14 - 2 pm Lecture: Norse Experience in Canada
- November 18 - Happy Christmas Sneak Peek begins
- November 28 - Museum Store Sunday
- November 30 - Giving Tuesday
- December 2 - Mistletoe Sales Begin
- December 3 - Happy Christmas Evening Preview
- December 4 - Norwegian Country Christmas Tour; Free First Saturday

Lectures have Returned

Sunday Lectures are back at Bosque Museum, and the first one is coming up on **Sunday, November 14**. Museum member Russell Tillman will be presenting his lecture, *The Norse/Viking Experience at L'Anse aux Meadows, Newfoundland*. Tillman will be tracking the immigration path of Vikings, eventually ending in Canada. He will then explore their culture in Newfoundland, and attempt to answer how Norse traditions (Freeman and inheritance) both enhanced and hindered the Age of the Vikings and their discoveries.

Tillman is of Norwegian and Swedish descent. His mother's family settled in Waco from Norway. Russ had a 36-year career at the US Army Corps of Engineers. He has also taught statistics courses at the University level. He is married to Dr. Dorothy Tillman, and they have a daughter, Blair. In retirement, Russ and Dottie have enjoyed proudly showing their Norwegian and Swedish family Texas, including the Bosque Museum.

The lecture is free to the public and will begin at 2 pm on Sunday, November 14 in the Bosque Seven Gallery. No registration is required.

In Memoriam

- In Memory of Bill Beck
Sidney and Buck Thomason
- In Memory of Donnie Gartman
Leslie and B.C. Bennett
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- In Memory of Joanne Poston
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