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Work in Progress!

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Museum Arts of the
Horn Shelter exhibit
redesign.



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HORN SHELTER EXHIBIT RENOVATION ON TRACK

The Bosque Museum has begun renovation of our permanent exhibit on the Horn Shelter. Almost 50 years ago, avocational archaeologists Al Redder and Frank Watt discovered the double burial of an adult male and pre-teen youth that dated back 11,700 years ago. Their discovery was one of only 14 burials found that date to the PaleoAmerican period (13,500-9,500 years ago) in North America and the only double burial. A trove of artifacts demonstrated the sophistication and complexity of their ancient culture. It is one of the most important archaeological sites in the United States.

The Bosque Museum is contracting with the Dallas-based company, Museum Arts to redo and build the new Horn Shelter exhibit which will feature over 500 square feet of exhibit space that will reflect the most scientifically up-to-date information. The exhibit will have interactive touch screens and updated striation maps to show where the burials were in the soil. A 3-D figure of Al Redder will tell his story. The exhibit will educate our visitors on the importance of Horn Shelter and transport them to the world of the First Texans.

This renovation has an estimated total cost of over \$250,000. So far, our fundraising has successfully procured almost \$225,000 from notable charitable foundations and generous individuals. The Clifton Economic Development Committee approved a suggestion that the Clifton City Council loan the Museum \$30,000 on a 5-year loan at no interest to help with funding needs. This was later approved.



Al Redder shows excavation area

Construction on the exhibit is scheduled to be completed by the beginning of October. A private event for donors will be scheduled after that time. A larger fundraising event celebrating the new renovation will likely be scheduled after the first of the year. Stay tuned!

We need help from you to reach our goal, however. If you would like to contribute to this renovation, please contact us today. We will happily accept any level of support. This is an opportunity to join us in telling the story of the First Texans. The story is one that deserves to be told and we want your help to tell it.

Trish Ferguson & Leslie Bennett

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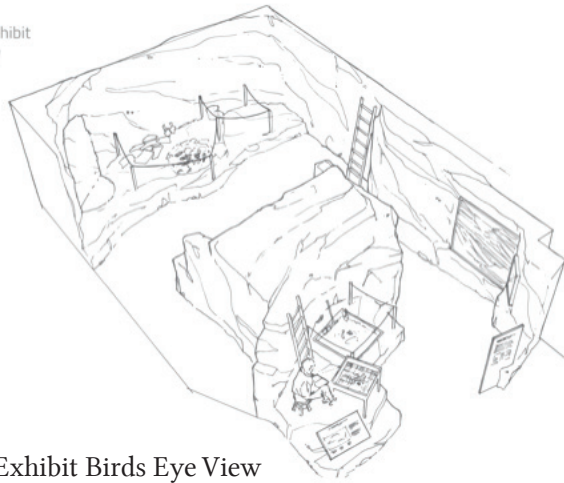


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The Bosque Museum is dedicated to protect and preserve Bosque County's historic and prehistoric resources for the use, education, enjoyment and economic benefit of the public it serves.

Horn Shelter Exhibit
Bird's-Eye View



Horn Shelter Exhibit Birds Eye View

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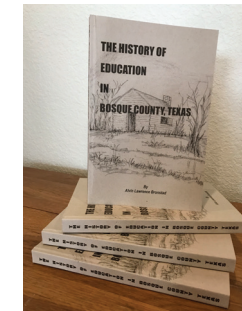
NEW & IMPROVED ENTRYWAY

Visit the Museum to see the updates to our foyer. Former museum staff members, Dawn Nowell and An Thompson have redesigned the gift shop and reception area. Dawn and An also have re-purposed existing shelves and wood panels to make the area a more functional and attractive space. The Museum is now open Thursday - Saturday, 10-5.



Early Education in Bosque County

Our current exhibit focuses on the 80+ common schools, beginning with its log cabin school house during the Pioneer Period (1884-1902). Read more in *The History of Education in Bosque County Texas* by Alvin Lawrence Bronstad available in our gift shop.



Baylor Graduate Students Assist with Exhibits & Collections Management

While many internship programs have been shut down due to the global pandemic, the Bosque Museum hired four second year Baylor Grad Students to help with exhibits and collections management in May and June.

Dali Atchley, William Bullard, Ella Sykes, and Maree Yard worked on removing artifacts from exhibits for the renovation of the new Horn Shelter Exhibit and accessioning artifact donations in the PastPerfect database used by the Museum. This process is essential to museum practices but rarely seen by the public. Every artifact donated to the Museum must be assigned a three-part artifact number for control purposes and be assessed for quality, authenticity, historical relevance, provenance, etc. The students worked diligently over several weeks to catalog artifacts and help the Museum with the backlog of donated items. The Museum is grateful to the students for their assistance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOW THRU OCTOBER

THE EARLY SCHOOLS OF
BOSQUE COUNTY

HORN SHELTER EXHIBIT
DONORS PREVIEW PARTY

*Follow us on social media for
updated information*

COVID UPDATE

The museum is currently open to visitors at 50% capacity.

We expect our visitors to maintain social distancing with other groups while they're in the building.

Staff has hand sanitizer at the reception desk and are cleaning commonly touched surfaces with disinfectants.

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