

# Fall Recap: Lomax Gathering & Docent Afternoon Tea & Style Show

Once again, the Bosque Museum brought the community a starry evening of cowboys, cowgirls, cowboy poets and cowboy songs by honoring John A. Lomax and his musical contributions to Bosque County, the U.S. and Europe. Held at the John A. Lomax Music Amphitheater, Pipp Gillette, Jeff Gore, Kristyn Harris and Hailey Sandoz voices rang out throughout the evening reminding us of cowboy singing and their trail songs.



Attendees commented: fantastic entertainment, friendly people, beautiful setting; loved that it was outside and beautiful weather!; I loved the entertainment; a very enjoyable evening; Good talent and great venue; The music most enjoyable; all the artists were wonderfully talented. Plans for 2023 are already in the works with the expectation of expanding the already existing Lomax exhibit at the Bosque Museum.

The Fall also brought the community the Docent Tea and Style Show on October 1st. The Alice in Wonderland themed tea, attended by over 80 guests, was truly a peek through the looking glass. "Alice" could be found welcoming guests, posing with them, pouring tea, and smiling beautifully as she weaved her way through the beautifully decorated room. Showcasing fashions from Albrecht's Pharmacy, Lady Bugs, Market at the Mill, Main Street Antiques and Interiors, and The Emporium in Meridian, the Docents models donned Fall fashions available to all in Clifton and Meridian. Cheerful Heart Gifts & Boutique in Meridian donated a raffle item.



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Imagine the stark contrast in moving from the cold, brown, barrenness of a winter in Bosque County, and into the opulence of a warm, fire-lit home all decorated for Christmas. Once inside, you know you're safe, and surrounded by friends and memories from the past. The next few hours may hold baked goods, festive caroling, time with family, or a good nap. The *Christmas Abundance* surrounds you.

So, too, we hope that *Christmas Abundance* will surround you at the Bosque Museum this winter. May you enter into our warm, festive space and know that the cold past is behind us. 2022 has been a year bustling with recovery from the effects of the past few years, and we wanted to show it with our holiday decor theme: *Christmas Abundance*.

Every nook and cranny of the museum will be decorated with this celebratory look at the joys of the season. The familiar mix of greeting cards, presents, the sounds of carols, and decorated trees will surround you as you and your loved ones enjoy the joys of the season, both big and small. From the joy of taking a family photo in front of our new 15 foot tree, to the joy of discovering the difference between an arrowhead and a dart point. Don't worry, all of your favorite galleries will still be open, including our Temporary Gallery, which will transform into the warm, fire-lit home that was our inspiration. Starting on December 1, you can visit our brand new Nutcracker Village, enjoy a festive craft, learn more about the history of Bosque County and enjoy the *Christmas Abundance*!

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# Get Your Jingle On!!



## Christmas Fun at the Museum

**CHRISTMAS ABUNDANCE:** If ever there was a time to celebrate extravagantly, Christmas in Bosque County is the time (and place)! The museum will be decorated to the hilt, along with several showcases into past Christmases. *Runs from December 1 - January 8*



**NUTCRACKER VILLAGE:** There will be an infantry of life-sized nutcrackers in the Museum Pavilion helping ring in the season! These sentries will be in many styles, so take your time and explore the village. Viewing the Nutcracker Village is free and *runs from December 1 - January 8*

**NORWEGIAN COUNTRY CHRISTMAS:**

Candlelight Preview: Come by the Museum after the city's Christmas Parade, and enjoy a warm beverage as you peruse the museum in all of its Christmas Abundance, and perhaps even take care of some gifts in our Gift Shop! *December 2, 6 pm - 8 pm*



**YOU'RE INVITED TO DECORATE A MINI GINGERBREAD HOUSE... NEW THIS YEAR**

Bring the kids and start a new holiday tradition at the Bosque Museum. All supplies included for \$5. No reservations needed. *Friday, December 2, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm (after the Christmas Parade) OR Saturday, December 3, from 10 am to 4:30 pm.*

*Upcoming Events*

- Oct 29- 2 pm Say Yes to the Dress: Closing Reception
- Nov 5 - First Free Saturday
- Dec 3 - First Free Saturday
- Jan 7 - First Free Saturday
- Jan 26 - April 16 - Origins: The Jacob Olson Collection

**Peek into the Past: Decorated Christmas Trees in America**

One of the harbingers of the upcoming Christmas season is the lighting of the Christmas Tree. Even Clifton now has its own tree lighting ceremony to start the season off on a festive note. But did you ever stop and think about how putting twinkle lights and glass bulbs on a tree came about?

Ancient Egyptians and Romans celebrated the winter solstice with evergreen branches, but the Germans began celebrating the winter season and Christmas with simple evergreen trees in the early 1800s. It makes sense this tradition would begin in Germany, a northern country filled with evergreen trees. However, the first Christmas trees weren't decorated. The history is a bit varied, but some legends say that Martin Luther came up with the idea of adorning trees one evening as he was headed home, thinking about his sermon. As he walked along, he was struck by the beauty of the stars in the sky next to the trees on earth. Upon arriving home, he wired a tree in his home with lights to show his family his discovery.

But this is at best, a few isolated decorations in the Old World, just as the United States is getting its start. Hard-scrabble early Americans didn't have the energy or time to erect a Christmas tree. Additionally, in the early 1800s, doing such an act was considered something that only pagans would do. Our world, as it has continued to do, got much smaller through the process of immigration. Christian German immigrants continued the tradition of their homeland. As German immigrant communities tended to settle the Midwest, it slowly became a more commonplace tradition in that part of the U.S.

However, it would take a British Royal to change how the entirety of The U.S. celebrates Christmas. In 1846 or 1847, Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's husband, decided he wanted a Christmas that was nostalgic of his youth in Germany. He brought a tree into the castle and decorated it. Because the Royal Family was the arbiter of style across the globe, the Royal Family appeared in magazines worldwide depicting their family Christmas Tree. Americans quickly adopted the trend, but of course, put our own American spin on things. Most European trees were only 3-4 feet tall, setting on occasional tables. Americans did away with the table and immediately began decorating full-size trees. So this year, when you head over to the Clifton Tree Lighting after the Christmas Parade on December 2, you can thank Prince Albert, Martin Luther, and true American panache!

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