

Fall Newsletter 2022



Tomball Museum Center Spring Creek County Historical Association



Hours of Operation

Sunday 2:00pm-4:00pm

Wednesday 10:00am-2:00pm

Saturdays 10:00am-2:00pm

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Letter from the PRESIDENT

Dear Supporter.

As I mentioned in my summer letter, we held two major events this fall, the Tea and Chat and the Antique Car Social. Both these events were a big success. Mayor Lori Klein Quinn was in attendance at both functions. Thank you, Mayor Lori for your support of the Museum. I will not bore you with details here as there are separate articles included on both events.

Coming up is Kid's Museum Day on November 19th from 2 - 4 pm. The kids will enjoy activities that will teach them some of the ways the kids used to enjoy themselves in bygone years. (NO PHONES OR COMPUTER GAMES WILL BE ALLOWED.). Space is limited so if you have a child or grandchild that would like to know more about our history you need to sign up today.

As always we will be having our Annual Candlelight Tours on December 9th & 10th. Yes, Santa will be there for the kids. The air will be filled with music from all our choirs. We hope to see you there.

Our volunteers have done some amazing things this fall. Three have joined our Friday work group helping us paint the Oil Camp House. Many are training or already have trained to be a docent. Most of them attended our car social, some in period dresses. A number of them helped clean and reorganize the attic in the Griffin House where most of our Christmas decorations are stored. One of our volunteers has taken on organizing of the library. In addition, a few are taking brochures to many of our antique shops, bridal shops and motels for distribution.

We are now utilizing a web based program to help with our record keeping. It will include visitors signing in on the computer and keeping records of our volunteer hours.

We are emailing this newsletter to you because we have your email address. If we do not have an email address, we will send by post. We will also be including each month's newsletter as part of our website.

Henry Reid,

President

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Fall and Winter

Kid's Museum Day

11/19/2022 2pm-4pm @ Tomball Museum Center Schoolhouse



Calling all Kids ages 2nd through 4th grade! Please join us for a Kid's Museum Day on Saturday, November 19, 2022 from 2pm-4pm. We will do 3 fun activities with Whirlygigs, Bandanas and Feather Pens!

Spots are \$10/kid. Limited space, only 25 spots available. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!** go to: tomballmuseumcenter.com

Please wear old clothing that can get paint/dye/etc. on them. All kids **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Proceeds benefit The Spring Creek County Historical Association, Tomball Museum Center.



57th Annual Tomball Holiday Parade
November 19, 2022
10:00 AM

Look for us in the Annual Tomball Holiday Parade on November 19th.

We will be showing off one of our own wagon from our barn display



CANDLELIGHT TOUR

12/9/2022-12/10/2022

6PM-9PM @ TOMBALL MUSEUM CENTER

See local history come alive in our annual Holiday Open House event! The museum provides a special Christmas candlelight tour that is free to all.

Docents provide exclusive anecdotes and living history at each exhibit. Each night choirs of local school children provide holiday spirit with concerts in the historic Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Live music and visits with Santa Claus Texas style in the Barn exhibit.

(Special Secret: Santa always has a special surprise for his favorite little Texans.)

Experience a Taste of Christmas with our “nibbles” spread of sweetness (cake & cookies) available in the Fellowship Hall.

Our HIGHLIGHTS

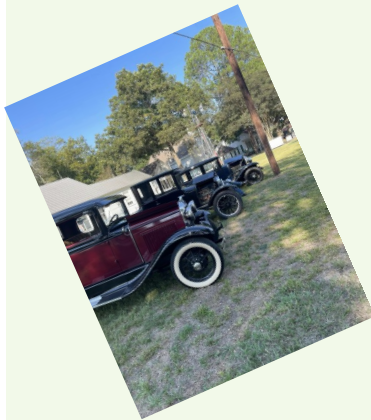
ANTIQUe CAR SOCIAL



On October 8th, we had our first ever Antique Car Social. It was a great success! We had almost 50 antique cars on display including Tomball Fire Department's antique fire truck (HOWE) and Jeffrey Klein's antique delivery truck purchased by his grandfather when he established Klein's Grocery in Tomball.

The day started with a procession of antique cars led by HOWE and Mayor Lori Klein Quinn. The procession went from Walmart to Main Street and down main street to the railroad tracks. It then circled back to the First Baptist Church's parking lot on Pine Street.

We want to thank First Baptist for allowing us to use this lot for displaying many of the antique cars. Most of the antique cars were provided by Antique Automobile Club of America Gulf Coast Region and the Model A cars were from the Piney Woods Model A Club. There were a few individuals who brought their antique cars for our enjoyment.



We opened all our buildings for display and had kids from Tomball High Theatre Department dressed in period clothing at each of our buildings. In addition, for everyone's enjoyment, we had the Texas Long Shot band playing in our gazebo. We also had three (3) food trucks to feed the crowd, Para Done Vas, Landers BBQ and Catering and Emergency Sweets.

We would like to sincerely thank EVERYONE who supported the Antique Car Social! It was a beautiful day, and we are so grateful to EVERYONE who came out and visited, supported, volunteered, worked, donated, and had any part at all in the success of that day.

We couldn't believe how many visitors let us know they had NO IDEA the museum was even there in the middle of Tomball and can't wait to tell their friends and family and come again for a longer visit!

We would like to give a special thanks to the COT for their support and all the individuals who brought their antique cars for display.

Thanks again to everyone who made that day possible and for all of the love and support. It was truly an amazing day! THANK YOU!



More of Our HIGHLIGHTS

TEA AND CHAT

It has been said, "The tea party is a spa for the soul. You leave your cares and worries behind. Busy people forget their busyness. Your stress melts away, your senses awaken." Saying by Alexandra Stoddard author of Living a Beautiful Life

Alisa Reynolds brought the 1800's into focus with her presentation of woman's fashions of that time during our Tea and Chat held at Tomball Museum in September.



Everyone had the opportunity to taste several kinds of tea. The most popular of the teas was Raspberry Hibiscus. It was delicious and trying different kinds was fun.

The flowers, donated by Cornelius Florist, and the food, donated by the Whistle Stop Tea Room, lifted our spirits, and satisfied our palates.



Thanks to our museum volunteers for donating their time to make the tea possible; June Stroble, Patti Emerson, Minnie Stucker, Jean Solomon, Debby Jacobson, Tim Kennedy, and Alisa Reynolds, Pam McKinney and Cindy Whitehead.

Thanks to Tomball Methodist Church for the loan of their tea items, and to Jane Scott, Dale Reid, and Mary McCoy for tables and vases.

Thanks to Stageworks Theater, Verna Anderson, Alisa Reynolds, and Jean Solomon for the loan of period dresses, undergarments, hats and dress forms.

It was wonderful to hear so many guests saying, "Can we do this again?" I agree, let's do this again.

Lucy Harvell



Clark Johnson WWII Memorials Update

We had the opportunity to catch up with Clark Johnson of BSA Troop 113 about his progress repairing and restoring the WWII Memorials at the Tomball Museum Center.

Clark is doing an AMAZING job, working every weekend and is ahead of schedule!

Clark was joined by some of the other members of BSA Troop 113. He finished with the project by the Antique Car Social. If you get the chance make sure to go by the WWII Memorials and admire the wonderful results Clark has accomplished!



P.S. Be on the lookout for another exciting announcement with Clark Johnson and BSA Troop 113 soon!

Saving String and OTHER THINGS

Continued from Part 1 which talked about saving nails, string, wood boxes, feed sacks, rubber bands and aluminum foil.

Part 2:

Goose wings were used for dusting and cleaning the way we use small vacuums today. Goose feathers were saved and used for pillows and for comforters. The large feathers were stripped from the stem which was then discarded. I last slept under a feather comforter while visiting relatives in Germany. These comforters are "light as a feather" and very warm.

Plastic rings in several colors were available to put on chicken legs. Different colors designated the year and could be switched from left to right leg to separate a chicken from the rest of the flock. We would find many uses for the chicken rings.

Occasionally girls would wear belts or necklaces made from the rings. Aluminum bands were also available and had dates stamped on them.

Even before I started to drive, I would service the car and truck and replace the fluids. Used crank case oil was used to paint the chicken roost as a preventative for mites. We also mixed sulfur with the oil and treated the dogs for mange.

Most bottles that could be opened and resealed came with cork stoppers. Corks were always needed for bottles and for fishing lines.

When the bottoms of wooden posts rotted off, these posts were used on lower fences and then saved to make a bonfire for cattle that had died from anthrax.

Each year we got new license plates made for us by the Texas department of corrections at Huntsville. The old plates were used to patch roofs where a shingle had blown off, to patch a hole gnawed by a rat, and as a temporary A-frame for bedding plants in the garden.

We bought our syrup in gallon buckets, The syrup buckets had a stout handle or "bail" and a tight-fitting lid. They had many uses on the farm such as storing seeds, storing lard, and for lunch pails.

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Paraffin wax was recycled to seal jelly jars. We also chewed it instead of gum.

All leftover fat, drippings, lard, and tallow were saved to make soap. Hard white soap was made indoors and used for dishwashing and bathing. Soft gray-brown soap was made outside in a washpot and used for laundry.

Stay tuned for Part 3, the finale to appear in the next newsletter.

Written by Benjamin H. Scholl as published in:

Scholl, B., (2004), "Growing Up In Rose Hill (We Were Poor But Didn't Know It)", ISBN 1583968830



THANKSGIVING RECIPIE

MOVE OVER APPLE AND PUMPKIN, PECAN PIE IS IN TOWN

You are asked to bring dessert to Thanksgiving dinner. Clearly it must be pie (Thanksgiving cake feels weird, right? We can all agree to that?). You could bring apple or pumpkin OR you could bring their much younger, more delicious cousin: pecan pie.

Pecans are native to North America and was a winter food staple for many Native American tribes due to their accessibility, easier shellability, and excellent taste. When European Settlers arrived in North America, they were introduced to this magical nut and popularity for it continued to grow. Thanks to French Settlers and the port city, New Orleans, pecans were traded world-wide. It should also be noted that because of the French's involvement in pecan trading and their well-known culinary skills, some believe that pecan pie credit goes to them (I mean, I get it, have you tried a macaron?). However, there isn't anything that supports this theory.

What we do know is that printed pecan recipes began popping up in Texas cookbooks in the 1870s. In 1889 the first pecan pie recipe was published in a church charity cookbook in St. Louis – submitted by a Texas woman.

We can thank the Karo Syrup company for taking Pecan Pie to its highest level. By 1930, Karo began printing the recipe for pecan pie on every can of Karo syrup sold. This was part of a large marketing campaign to promote the syrup as a sugar substitute which was a brilliant move on the company's part. Not only is the pie easy to make, but sugar was hard to come by and/or expensive in the 1930s and 1940s. Paired with pecan season running from September until November, pecan pie quickly became a Thanksgiving staple.

So, when you're trying to figure out what to bring or make for Thanksgiving dessert this year, try one of the 100s of pecan pie variations. And if you're still feeling that pumpkin pie, at least give the Pumpkin Pecan Pie a try.

By Natalie Eglinton

- 1 cup Karo Light Corn Syrup
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1.5 cups (6oz) pecans
- 1 unbaked pie crust



1. Preheat oven to 350F
2. Stir the first 5 ingredients together. Mix in pecans.
3. Pour into a pie crust.
4. Bake on the center rack of oven for 60-70 minutes.

Cool for two hours. Store pie in refrigerator.

Pro tips:

1. Spray pie pan with cooking spray or butter for easier clean up.
2. Cover the pie with aluminum foil when you put into the oven. Remove aluminum foil half way through baking. This way you are not trying to add aluminum foil to a hot pie dish when your crust starts to brown but your pie isn't quite cooked yet.

Old Fashion

REMEDIES

Cure of Rheumatism

Take cucumbers, when full grown, and put them into a pot with a little salt; then put the pot over a slow fire, where it should remain for about an hour; then take the cucumbers and press them, the juice from which must be put into bottles, corked up tight, and placed in the cellar, where they should remain for about a week; then wet a flannel rag with the liquid, and apply it to the parts affected.

MacKenzie's Five Thousand Receipts in all the Useful and Domestic Arts at 394, James Kay, Jun. & Co. at Philadelphia, 1830.

Old Fashion

RECIPE

To Cure Butter

Take two parts of the best common salt, one part of sugar, and one part salt-petre; beat them up and blend the whole together. Take one ounce of this composition, for every sixteen ounces of butter, work it well into the mass, and close it up for use.

Butter cured this way, appears of a rich colour, and never acquires a brittle hardness, nor tastes of salt. It will likewise keep good three years, only observing, that it must stand three weeks or a month, before it is used.

MacKenzie's Five Thousand Receipts in all the Useful and Domestic Arts at 360, James Kay, Jun. & Co. at Philadelphia, 1830.

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