

Fall Newsletter 2023



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 Friends.

We have had a great fall and are now looking forward to our annual Candlelight Tours on Dec 8th and 9th. We have all of our buildings decorated and all our singers lined up for your entertainment. We hope you are all planning on visiting our museum for this occasion. All buildings will be open and docents in place to help you if you have any questions.

This fall's activities included our second annual Antique Car Social and our Halloween in Texas Museum Talk. In addition, we had our first Halloween event giving our kids an opportunity to explore our museum and to show off their Halloween costumes (this included many parents in costume, too) . If you missed any of these events, you missed a good time had by all.

In addition, we had our Griffin House painted this fall. This included repairing or reinstalling missing shutters and painting all of the shutters. It is amazing what a fresh coat of paint can do, even for a 160 year old building! We are planning on painting the Theis House in the spring of 2024.

The New Year, 2024, is almost on us. We will be having our members drive after the first of the year. Members are our most important assets and we can not survive without your membership. Please consider becoming a member or renewing your membership and helping us keep our museum operating for years to come.

Regards,

Henry Reid

President

Tomball Museum Center

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Thank You All!



TOMBALL MUSEUM CENTER
ANNUAL

Candlelight Tour

DECEMBER 8 & 9, 2023
6:00 PM-9:00 PM

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SPRING CREEK COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION



Tomball Museum Center Tea and Chat



Saturday, February 17th, 2024
3pm - 5pm

Individual Seats - \$25
Private Table For 4 - \$100

Flowers Donated by Bloomers Florist
Food Donated by Manna - Bread From Heaven



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2023 TOMBALL MUSEUM CENTER

55TH Annual

Candlelight Tour Church Schedule

Friday December 8, 2023

6:00 (On the Griffin House Porch)

Tomball Elementary Treble Makers 3rd & 4th grade

Ms. Ashlynn Harrison; Director

6:30 (In the Gazebo)

Creekside Forest 4th grade Choir

Ms. Jessica Hughes; Director

7:00 (In the Gazebo)

Creekside Forest 5th grade Choir

Ms. Jessica Hughes; Director

7:30 (In the Church)

Tomball High School Chamber Choir

Ms. Lynn Brewer; Director

8:00 (In the Church)

Tomball Methodist Church Sanctuary Choir

Ms. Lynn Brewer; Director

Saturday December 9, 2023

6:00 (In the Church)

Concordia High School Handbell Choir

Ms. Marge Harris; Director

6:30 PM TBA

7:00 (In the Church)

Trinity Lutheran Cherub Choir

Mrs. Chezney Dones-Zold; Director

7:30 (In the Church)

Trinity Lutheran Seraphim Choir

Dr. William Brusick; Director

HIGHLIGHTS

Tomball Museum Center on September 30th, 10-2. Antique Car Social. So much to see: antique cars and also costumed guides in each building. This event brings history alive with the added bonus of live music and food trucks. Enjoy strolling through the cars and on the beautiful grounds of the museum. A great family day. Please make this a must do on your calendar. 510 Pine Street Tomball, Texas



TOMBALL MUSEUM CENTER TALKS

October 26
6pm - 8pm



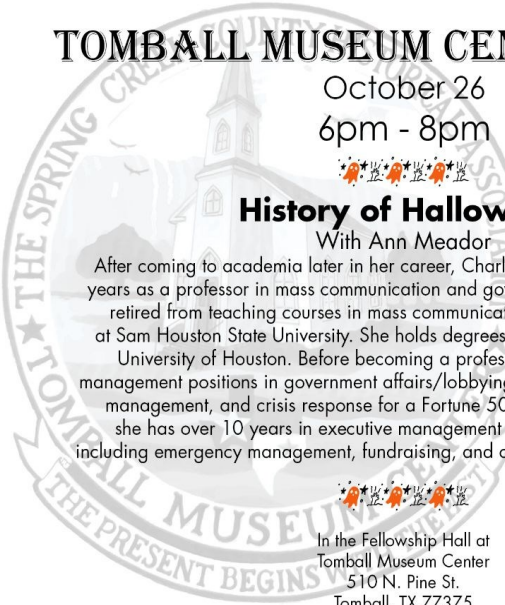
History of Halloween

With Ann Meador

After coming to academia later in her career, Charlotte Ann Meador spent 15 years as a professor in mass communication and government. Meador recently retired from teaching courses in mass communication and public relations at Sam Houston State University. She holds degrees from Louisiana Tech and University of Houston. Before becoming a professor, she held corporate management positions in government affairs/lobbying, financial relations, media management, and crisis response for a Fortune 500 company. In addition, she has over 10 years in executive management in the health care field, including emergency management, fundraising, and corporate strategic planning.



In the Fellowship Hall at
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All Hallows' Celebration

We feel we were successful in serving our Tomball community as well as introducing the history of Tomball to many, many children, and adults with our first major Halloween event. We had almost 500 visitors.

The best part for me happened when I was visiting the different activities areas provided for the children. As I entered the Fellowship Hall where kids were coloring and cutting out Halloween things, I expected to see our volunteers slaving away with many kids needing their attention and help. To my surprise, they were not busy. As I looked around the room, my heart was filled with joy and I realized why they were not busy. Every child had an adult coloring with them. It was the sweetest scene.

Museums serve so many purposes but, in this instance, it was an old timey simple craft which provided much enjoyment between an adult and a child.



VIV Corner:

Wow!! We have had an extraordinary, exciting, and busy few months.

- Just for September and October, volunteers have served more than 1000 hours.
- We have accomplished two major events, The Car Social and All Hallow's Eve.
- Had a school tour of more than 100 kids.
- Enjoyed the museum talk on the history of Halloween in Texas.
- Had booths in two Festivals.
- Entered the museum in the Tomball Holiday Parade.
- Took many visitors on individual tours
- Acquired major donors.
- Written and submitted a grant request.
- Repaired and upgraded many things on the buildings and the property.
- Added upgrades to our visitor sign in system.
- Upgraded the web site and social media sites.
- Filmed for a QR code on each building to give a little advertisement for people to want to come back when we are open and take a tour
- Added to the oral history project.
- Continued work on our library.

The museum is gifted with a volunteer team that is both talented and dedicated.

Thank you to all our volunteers for a productive 2023. I am excited to see what we can accomplish in 2024.

Lucy Harvell

Volunteer Coordinator Tomball Museum Center

Docent Field Trip

"Docents love history and learning. What a wonderful experience to upgrade our knowledge of the Wendish people on our first docent road trip. We gained new facts and stories to add to our tours about our own Wendish Cabin. "

The first picture is a painted church. The second is native dress. The third is one of the Wendish Museum's exhibits, and the last is their museum's Log Cabin which is very similar to ours.



Christmas Decorating of the Museum

Our museum becomes a wonderland after many, many hours of hanging lights, decorating trees and each individual building. This year we have had creative and dedicated help from over 30 volunteers.

Please come to see the results on the evening of Dec 8th and December 9th from 6-9. In addition there will be bands, choirs, and Santa.



Become a Member of Tomball Museum Center

INDIVIDUAL \$35 | FAMILY \$50 | BUSINESS \$500

Tomball Museum Center is a privately owned 501(c)3 non-profit association. We depend on the support of our members and other donations to maintain and make improvements to the facilities and grounds. Please consider becoming a member of our association and supporting Tomball Museum Center for years to come. Thank You!

Individual Membership \$35.00

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