



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

ARCHEOLOGY

Tuesday, November 16
7 p.m., Room 2B
George Memorial Library

**MUSEUM
ASSOCIATION**

November 22
Texian Golf Classic
10 a.m.
Sweetwater Country Club

**DeWALT
HERITAGE
CENTER**

Work Day
November 12
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Kitty Hollow Park

**FORT BEND
MUSEUM**

November 6
Scouts Badge Workshop
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Registration required

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Join us Nov. 22 for the Texian Golf Classic

Take a swing for history at the 11th annual Texian Golf Classic!

The tournament will be held on Monday, Nov. 22 at Sweetwater Country Club and will honor Fort Bend County leadership – including County Judge Bob Hebert, Commissioner Richard Morrison (Pct. 1), Commissioner Grady Prestage (Pct. 2), Commissioner Andy Meyers (Pct. 3) and Commissioner James Patterson (Pct. 4).

Registration is currently underway for sponsors and teams; you can download the registration forms online at www.fortbendmuseum.org.

The Texian Golf Classic will begin at 10 a.m. with registration and various contests. The lunch buffet line will open at 10:30 a.m. and the tournament will officially begin with a shotgun start at noon. At 6 p.m., golfers will enjoy a buffet dinner, cash bar, live and silent auctions and prizes.

All proceeds from the Texian Golf Classic benefit the educational programs of the George Ranch Historical Park as presented by the Fort Bend County Museum Association, a

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‘Candlelight Tours’ raffle tickets on sale

The Fort Bend Museum Docents are currently selling raffle tickets for their annual “Candlelight Tours” Christmas raffle. More than a dozen prizes are up for grabs, including a double/queen-size bargello-twist quilt, gift cards, jewelry, a Ducks Unlimited framed print and a hand-painted (Texas flag) cow skull.

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ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT TOURS
December 3 & 4, 2010
John M. Moore Home/Fort Bend Museum
Admission: \$5/adults, \$4/seniors, \$3/children
Raffle Tickets: \$2 each; \$5 for three; \$15 for 10
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“We’re hoping to sell 2,000 raffle tickets this year so we can really give a boost to the Fort Bend Museum’s

programs,” said Ginger Walker. Walker and her

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mother, Sue Kelley, are co-chairing the event and have been working out preliminary details since last January.

"We're so excited to see our plans finally coming together," Walker said.

"Christmas Around the World" is the theme for this year's Candlelight Tours program. Rooms in the 1883 John M. Moore home will be decorated to give visitors a glimpse into Christmas celebrations in other countries, including Egypt, Scotland, Germany, Ireland, Australia and Italy.

The Candlelight Tours will take place on Friday, Dec. 3 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 4 from noon to 6 p.m. Group tours will

take place on Friday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New this year will be a Christmas craft corner for children. Cookies and wassail will be served on the porch of the Moore home, and Santa Claus will make a surprise visit!

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Fort Bend Museum (500 Houston Street in Richmond) and cost \$2 for an individual ticket, \$5 for three tickets or \$15 for 10 tickets. Admission prices for the Candlelight Tours are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children.

All proceeds from the Candlelight Tours and raffle will benefit the educational programs of the Fort Bend Museum.

For more information, call the Museum at (281) 342-6478 or go online at www.fortbendmuseum.org.

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For more information, contact Russell Hill at sponsors@fortbendmuseum.org or (281) 342-1256.

FORT BEND MUSEUM NOVEMBER CALENDAR

6 — Texas Badge Workshop for Scouts

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Registration required

13 — Docent Meeting

Guest Speaker: Sharon Wallingford

Location: New Precinct 1 building,

1517 Eugene Heimann Circle in Richmond

14 — Docent Craft Workshop

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Museum

20 — Carmen Willey Exhibit Closes

25-26 — Museum Closed for Thanksgiving

CAMPFIRE CHRISTMAS

Progressive Christmas Dinner

Period Music • Hay Ride

Tours of the 1930s George Home & 1890s Davis Home

Dessert around the Campfire with the George Ranch Cowboys

December 10, 11, 17 & 18

at the George Ranch Historical Park

\$40 for adults • \$35 for children, seniors & groups

Make reservations NOW! Tickets must be purchased in advance.

RSVP: education@georgeranch.org • (281) 343-0218 x.220

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NOTE: Campfire Christmas is non-refundable and will be held regardless of the weather in true Texas tradition.

Deaf Smith's burial site remains an unsolved mystery

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Deaf Smith is best known as a scout and soldier in the Texan Army under Sam Houston during the Texas Revolution.

His efforts at tracking the movements of Santa Anna and in destroying the bridge behind the Mexicans at San Jacinto were vital to the birth of the Republic of Texas.

Smith was born in New York and migrated to Texas via Natchez, Miss. Eventually settling in San Antonio, he married Guadalupe Ruiz de Duran and began scouting, stock raising and hunting.

Initially, Deaf Smith preferred to remain neutral in the fight between the Texians and the Mexicans. He sympathized with the Texians but had lived peacefully with Mexicans, had married a Mexican and had no desire to fight them or put his family in danger.

After a near arrest by the Mexicans as he tried to return home, Smith pledged himself to the Texians and became a stalwart scout and cavalryman.

He participated in the siege of Bexar, covered the rear of the retreating Texian Army and settlers during the Runaway Scrape, destroyed Vince's Bridge before the Battle of San Jacinto and then participated in the battle.

After the war, Deaf Smith returned to his family in San Antonio. It included four children: Susan, Gertrudes, Travis and Simona.

Later, he led a group of rangers to patrol the Mexican border near Laredo. After a skirmish there, Smith returned again to San Antonio and retired from military service.

Shortly thereafter, he engaged in a real estate partnership with John Borden. He was in the Richmond area on business and died at the home of Randall Jones on November 30, 1837. Deaf Smith was buried in Richmond.

Unfortunately, no one at the time thought to mark the grave and the burial site became lost. The general thought around 1900 was that the grave was near the Episcopal Church at what is now the corner of 6th and Houston Streets.



Deaf Smith died in Richmond on Nov. 30, 1837. However, nobody marked his grave and the burial site is still unknown.

Thomas Jefferson Smith tried to find the site several times but met with no success.

The DAR placed a marker at an approximate spot in this area but it was later moved to Morton Cemetery. In the 1930s, the state of Texas erected a larger monument to Smith next to the church.

The church was also later moved and the streets around it paved and enlarged. The State's monu-

ment was moved to the Fort Bend County Courthouse.

A historical marker was again placed near the accepted site of Deaf Smith's grave in 1973. It sits on the grounds of the Fort Bend Museum, near the corner of Sixth and Houston.

It is still unknown where the grave actually is but it seems likely that it sits underneath a stretch of paved road on Sixth or Houston Streets in Richmond.



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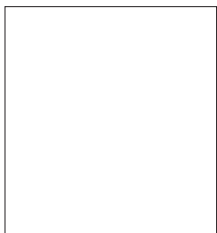
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