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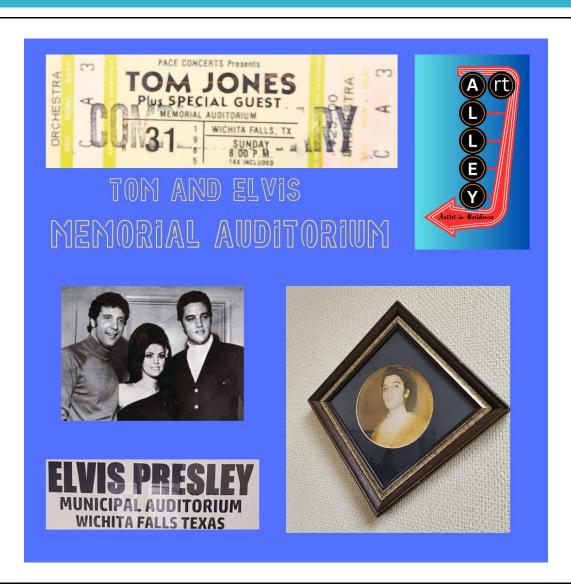


The Museum of North Texas History has begun the search for an Executive Director.

For more information, see the posting at the Texas Association of Museums. **TMA**

If you or someone you know is interested, please send a cover letter and resume/curriculum vitae to melissa.prycer@gmail.com.

Art Alley



Tom, Elvis, and Memorial Auditorium.

Among the many famous and infamous to grace the Memorial Auditorium stage include Tom Jones and Elvis Presley. Elvis brought his considered risque, "banned from the waist down" show to Memorial in 1956. His album, "Elvis Presley" spent 10 weeks in 1956 at #1 on Billboard charts, the first rock and roll album to do so. The singles released from the album include Blue Suede Shoes, I Got A Woman, Just Because, and Money Honey.

The English version of Elvis, also appeared at Memorial. Tom Jones' career began in the 1960s with hits such as It's Not Unusual and What's New, Pussycat. In the 1980s, Tom recorded country music with nine songs in the US Country Top 40. Tom appeared at Memorial in 1985, brought to Wichita Falls

by Pace Concerts.

Tom and Elvis met in 1965 and were friends until Elvis' death. They crossed paths in Las Vegas frequently.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership to the Museum of North Texas History runs on a January to December cycle.

You can join or renew anytime online at the link below. You can also pick up a membership envelope next time you visit at the Museum.

Your membership donation ensures the success of the Museum of North Texas History.

SPECIAL OFFER

Renew your membership in person at the Museum and receive a GIFT.

Already renewed? Come by for your GIFT!

Museum Membership

Harvey Hall - In Process



As we occasionally have an improvement project in our homes, the Museum of North Texas History has a new renovation project. After many years of use, the Ralph Harvey, Jr. Exhibit Hall is the location of our current "home improvement." Our plans include new carpet, fresh paint, and new accent areas.

Watch this space for a Grand Re-Opening!

Bit of History



We have new greeters at the Museum of North Texas History! As you enter the Museum, you will be greeted by five Wichita Falls Trailblazers.

Charlye Farris became the first African American female admitted to practice law in Texas. Practicing in her hometown, she served as the first African American female Special Wichita County Judge. Farris also served as the acting District Judge of the 78th District Court in Wichita County

Arthur Bea Williams was the first female African American City Councilor and the first African American Justice of the Peace of the City of Wichita Falls. Williams worked tirelessly in her community.

Delfina Martinez was the first Hispanic teacher and principal for Wichita Falls Independent School District.

Kay Prothro Yeager, community and civic leader and namesake of Kay Yeager Coliseum, served as the first female mayor of Wichita Falls.

Myrtle Hirschi Ledford, member of a pioneer Wichita Falls family, served as the first woman on the Wichita Falls City Council.

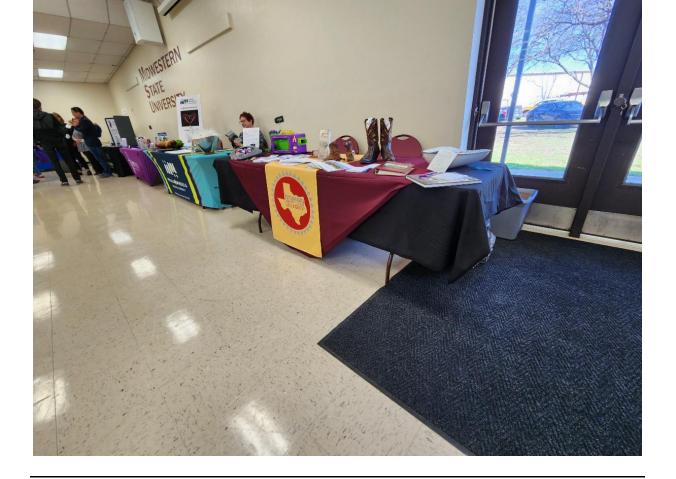
Come by and say "hi" to these remarkable women.

Women's History Month



The Museum of North Texas History was honored to be included in the Mayor's Proclamation honoring Women's History Month. Mayor Tim Short presents the proclamation to Bettie Richie of the League of Women Voters and Diann Taylor.

Nonprofit Showcase



The **Museum of North Texas History** participated in the Nonprofit Showcase sponsored by MSU Texas' Center for Nonprofit Management & Leadership. We had the opportunity to interact with members of the Leadership Wichita Falls Class. Plus, we enjoyed the opportunity to interact with other area nonprofits. Thanks to Whitney Beeson and Lori Wilson for helping with manning our table.

April Special Days











NATIONAL ARBOR DAY















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Museum Hours

Thursday - Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm



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