

**Museum of North Texas History**  
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## Executive Director's Note


Can you believe it's already August!?! The past month has been busy around the museum, and I'm delighted to share some wonderful news! To open things up, I have joined the team at the MSU Lifelong Learning Center to present a talk entitled "Museums: Cultural Touchstones & Community Treasures" this fall. Registration opens soon and I hope you can join me.

Closer to 'home', a new Exhibition plan is being developed. The plan includes a refreshing of every exhibit and exhibit space, besides the newly completed Harvey Hall, over the next two years. A big part of that story is the awarding of a capital grant to begin the development of a major 'destination-style' racing exhibit here at MoNTH. I know many of you will be excited to see newly envisioned exhibits, interactivity, and the opportunity for something new here nearly every month over the next few years.

On top of the new Exhibition plan, we have booked our first major temporary exhibit for 2025! The museum's curatorial team will be working with the folks at Backdoor Theatre creating an exhibit celebrating the history of Wichita Falls' oldest theatre organization and the fantastic young artists of the Summer Youth Musical. And the best part? Once the temporary exhibition closes here at MoNTH, the exhibit moves just a few blocks from the museum to its permanent home inside the old icehouse, ... home to both Summer Youth Musical and the over half-century-long residence of Backdoor Theatre! We are so proud to partner with a fellow community organization to share their wonderful story!

I want to thank all of you who joined us at OG Cellars this past month for Wine Bingo, helping raise thousands of dollars for the museum! You all are incredible!!

This past month, MoNTH proudly joined the national network of Blue Star Museums,



an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts. Through this program, the museum will offer free admission to our nation's active-duty military personnel and their families, including the National Guard and Military Reserve, through Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2024. In 2025, the program will cover the entirety of the summer... Armed Forces Day through Labor Day, 2025.

On the road, last week I made the beautiful drive to The National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas, to pick up a wonderful gift of several hundred archival boxes. Thanks to a surplus of these boxes and a chance discussion at a conference, the MoNTH curatorial team now has close to \$10,000 worth of archival materials for the cost of a moving van and a short overnight trip.

July's After Hours Artwalk was even bigger than last month's, with the museum welcoming over 330 museum visitors! Again, as programs develop and things around the museum ramp up, we will update our Volunteer program to improve the visitor experience. Be on the lookout for more information, especially if you want to support us by volunteering!

Lastly, as amazing as it may seem, 2025 rings in the Museum of North Texas History's Silver Anniversary year. We are in the early planning stages of an inaugural North Texas Gala, an annual celebration of the museum to be held each March around our anniversary date, March 21st. Our 25th year will be our best as we look to the future and celebrate what has been accomplished in the past quarter century! Details coming soon!

In closing, I want to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support of the museum.

Respectfully,  
Jeremy L. Davis, M. A.  
Executive Director

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**Blue Star Museum Network**

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The Museum of North Texas History proudly announces membership in the Blue Star Museum network. This collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and participating museums across America provides free admission to those currently serving in the United States Military plus five family members.

Qualified members must show a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), DD Form 1173-1 ID card or the Next Generation Uniformed Services (Real) ID card for free entrance into a participating Blue Star Museum.

The Museum of North Texas History continues as a free museum. With our community's connection with the military, joining the Blue Star Museum network allows us to better reach and serve service members visiting Wichita Falls.

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## MEMBERSHIP

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**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 when you visit the Museum.**

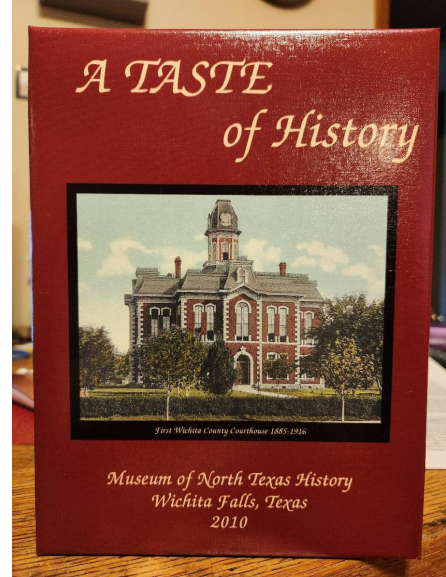
**Your membership donation ensures the success of the Museum of North Texas History.**

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## Wichita County Historical Commission



### Wichita County Historical Commission

PAUL BATA  
A HISTORIC ATLAS  
OF NORTH TEXAS

**Thursday, August 1st      Noon**

**Museum of North Texas History**

Join the Wichita County Historical Commission for its monthly meeting on Thursday, August 1st at Noon in the Museum of North Texas History. Our speaker will be Paul Bata, who works for the Wichita County Appraisal District as a Geographic & Information Systems Manager. His topic is "A Historic Atlas of North Texas."

**After Hours Art Walk**



# AFTER HOURS ARTWALK

AUGUST 1, 2024  
5:30PM - 9PM



## ACE Awards

The Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arts and Cultural Empowerment (ACE) Awards with an awards luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

The ACE Awards Ceremony recognizes individuals and organizations making Wichita County a more vibrant place to live. The categories include artists, arts organizations, arts educators, volunteers, and businesses that work in or support the arts in Wichita County.

Awards will be presented for the following categories:

- Outstanding Arts Educator
- Business Champion
- Artist of the Year
- Distinguished Cultural Organization
- Nadine McKown Volunteer Service Award
- Margie J. Reese Innovation Award
- The Mayor's Award



If you know someone who has made Wichita Falls a better place through their contributions to artistic, cultural, or historical endeavors, nominate them for an ACE Award!

**NOMINATE TODAY!**

## Texas Historical Marker Dedication



Join the Wichita County Historical Commission on Saturday, August 17th for the dedication of a Texas Historical Marker commemorating the Church of the Good Shepherd. Located at 1007 Burnett, the dedication begins at 6:00 pm at the Church.

## Uniforms of American Airmen

### **Uniforms of American Airmen - Their Heritage and Transformation**

continues on display in the Ralph Harvey Jr. Exhibit Hall at the Museum of North Texas History. The uniforms reflect the changes in styles and service areas. Be sure to check out the video "fashion show" in the exhibit.



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NORTH TEXAS HISTORY



August Art Alley



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ART ALLEY  
Laura Gillis

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The Museum of North Texas History welcomes our August Artist in Residence, local artist, Laura M. Gillis. She calls her exhibit, **Wild About Texas**. "Building sculptures from found metal or working on paper in ink and watercolor, Laura M. Gillis is an award-winning artist interested in observing and preserving the natural and cultural history of our world. Her whimsical sculptures, varied in size and subject matter, are made from metal bits and pieces found around the farm or along the roadside.

Laura also enjoys drawing, nature journaling, and watercolor painting. Her "Daily Doodles" have been posted every morning since January of 2014 on her blog. Laura's writing endeavors include the Christmas doodle books, "Christmas on the Forest Trail" and "Santa's Watching". She was also included in the Tom Burnett Memorial Library's anthology, "Haunted Libraries, Vol. 2" which is available on Amazon.com.

Laura is a member of the Arts Council Wichita Falls, Wichita Falls Art Association, Western Trail Historical Society, and currently serves as President of the Rolling Plains Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist.

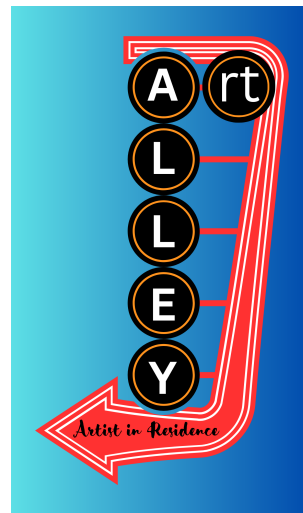
Laura lives near Iowa Park with her husband, James, and a very spoiled dog.

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**Be sure to stop by ART ALLEY during After Hours Artwalk!**

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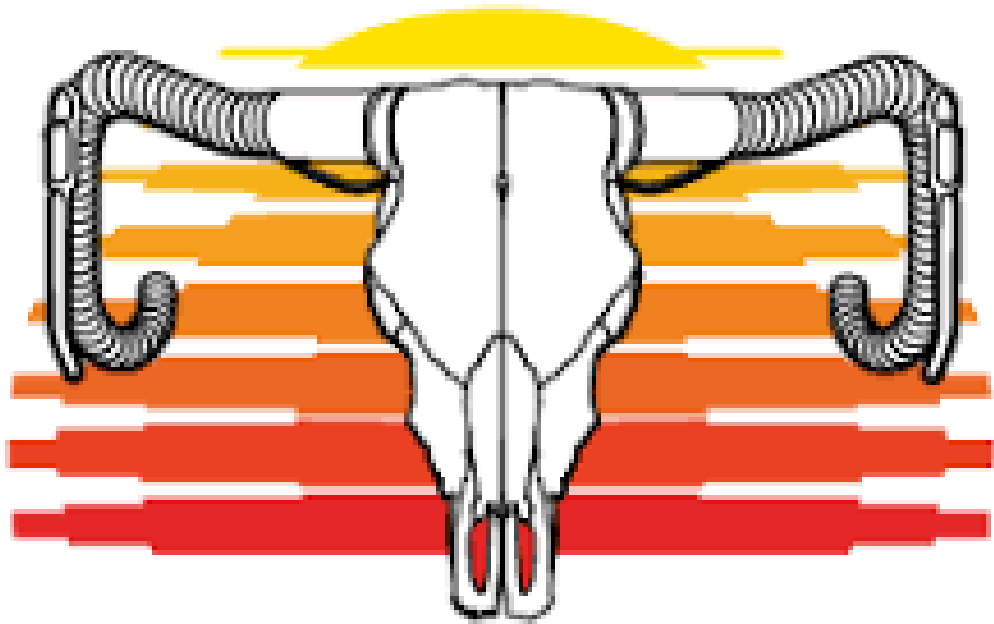
**Do you know an artist looking for their first one-person show? Contact the Museum of North Texas History! You could be our next Artist in Residence in Art Alley.**



## August Special Days







**HOTTER'N HELL  
HUNDRED.**

NATIONAL  
**NONPROFIT**  
DAY





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Alliance of  
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**Museum Hours**

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

**Legends of North Texas**



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**Wichita County Archives**

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Hours: 10:00am - 4:00pm  
(By appointment)  
Wednesday through Friday  
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