

Museum of North Texas History
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From the Executive Director's Desk

Happy November Month!

As we near the close of 2024, things just keep moving here at the museum and the last month has not disappointed! October began with one of the largest events held in-house for quite some time and if you missed it, you missed something truly special.

With over 500 visitors through the museum in just three hours, on October 30, Museum closed out the 2024 Art Alley season by welcoming the Lamar D. Parr College of Fine Arts from MidU Texas for an evening of music performed in the heart of Texas! A musical production of Texas Composers performed by the distinguished Fine Arts Quartet. The performance was in conjunction with the premier of MidU Texas Art Series as our Artists of the month. It was an incredible night and we look forward to working with MidU in the future on similar projects.

I was honored to speak on behalf of the museum to the Wichita County Historical Commission, meeting with them both our history and the vision for the future of our institution. That was also the last day of the uniforms of the American Airmail which in the Harvey and many thanks to our wonderful Curator, BRIGGS Leanne Kay, MSW (Ret.) for the great work she did on that exhibit and the history of so many fascinating uniforms. That first Thursday certainly wore me out!

This past month, professional development efforts continued for both myself and our Center as we both attended training in our respective areas of focus. I was able to attend a single-day course on "Fund Development" at MidU Texas which was, certainly, an engaging and exciting day into development in the nonprofit sector. I look forward to continuing with the nonprofit Management Certificate program soon! Leanne took the drive up the Hill to DCC last week, where she attended a Friday American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) conference on the way of military collectors at the Oklahoma History Center. She also had a wonderful time and learned a lot!

Our community partners at Wichita County came by the museum to meet the Ralph Harvey, Jr. Historical Marker on the building! It is a truly beautiful piece honoring one of Wichita County's greats. I hope each of you came by and see it, if not now, make sure to come by real soon! Thank you and congrats to Senator Patten and Hall's Board Member Dr. Becky Trammell on the hard work put into this incredible project. The dedication will be November 26th (details below).

In closing, this month marks the first time in over twenty years and only the second time in my life that I'll celebrate my birthday (November 18th) outside my home state of Oklahoma. As I celebrate my 43rd in the grand state of TX, I thank each & everyone of you for your support of both the museum and my tenure at the Museum of North Texas History. We could not be here and our work would not possibly without the continued support of our members as well as the Wichita Falls community!

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

WPAAC - The Legends Project

Members of the Board of the Museum of North Texas History joined the Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture along with members of the community at the dedication of the statue honoring Wichita Falls legend, Charles Ike Farms.



November Art Alley



The Museum of North Texas honors presents artist Orlando Sosa as our Artist in Residence for November. Orlando, a proud member of the choraleo tribe, credits his interest in art with a 6th grade teacher who saw potential in a young boy's doodling. After graduating from Wichita Falls High School, Orlando joined the military, serving until retirement. Orlando also worked for the City of Wichita Falls, retiring there where he still. Orlando has performed at Four Rivers and other National American gatherings. His art honors his culture and those he regards as sisters of his tribe. His works in weaving, leather, feathers, and pearls. The Museum of North Texas History is proud to preserve the art of Orlando Sosa in Art Alley.

Texas Historical Marker
Lloyd Ruby



Many friends and family gathered for the dedication of Texas Historical Marker honoring Wichita Falls during legend, Lloyd Ruby. Fellow actor, Johnny Rutherford, played the statue of Ruby standing firm in the first Ruby 500 Club. Ruby's children, John Ruby and Mary Ann Ruby Bailey, unveiled the marker.

ACE Awards



Board Members and Staff of the Museum of North Texas History joined with other arts and culture organizations to celebrate the ACE Awards, given by the Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture.



Texas Historical Marker Dedication
Ralph Harvey, Jr.

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Join the Wichita County Historical Commission and the Museum of North Texas History as we dedicate a Texas Historical Commission marker to one of the founders of both the Wichita County Archives and the Museum of North Texas History, Ralph Harvey, Jr. The dedication takes place on Thursday, November 7th at 2:00 pm at the Museum.

November Special Events and Days



<p>Blue Star Union Opportunity</p>	

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