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It's a whole new history.

For an organization that preserves the past, we have a whole lot of new to celebrate right now.

Start with our renovated museum. One year in to our redesigned space, we're still energized by the response from visitors to the new exterior, new exhibits, and new possibilities our transformed building presents.

That idea has naturally extended to telling old stories in new ways and to bringing more recent aspects of our county's history to light as well. Our diversity series in 2022 is a great example of that idea. So, too, was our immersive Carry Nation exhibit which engaged visitors this past fall.



Out at the George Ranch, our Black Cowboy Rodeo emerged from the pandemic in full force last February, with record-setting attendance numbers. What began as an inspiring new idea has now become an established tradition.

Increased admissions at virtually all of our properties and events, in fact, point toward an exciting future. History has a way of connecting us, whether 200 or 20 years ago. It's our mission to put that idea into place.

Guiding us there is perhaps the biggest new story of all – the appointment of our new Executive Director, Madeleine Calcote-Garcia, who came on board in November following the planned retirement of long-time director Claire Rogers.

New can be a good thing. Even for a history association like ours.

Regards,

Paul Horak Board President

Fort Bend History Association

FORT BEND HISTORY ASSOCIATION



throughout the year.

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41,104

The number of individuals randed educational raial events

Texian Market Days Festival returned in 2022 with 850 students on Friday and 1,270 Saturday visitors.



897 Attended the George Ranch Rodeo, now the Black Cowboy Legacy Rodeo.



Volunteer hours. which would be equal to a \$272,441.81

2022 Black Cowboy Legacy Rodeo Volunteer Luncheon



Executive Director Retires:

After 20 years, Claire Rogers retired from the Fort Bend History Association. She plans to be an active member of the Fort Bend Museum Docents.



FORT BEND MUSEUM

Table 11

volunteer hours

donated from Fort

Bend Museum

Docents, teen

volunteers and

other groups.

Museum staff created an immersive Carry Nation exhibit with artifacts from the collection.

2,314

There were 12 exhibits featured in the museum lobby and gallery that travelled from various museums, schools and artists in 2022.

Fort Bend Museum hosted 22 site rentals, 11 photography sessions and 8 non-rental events and partnerships in the newly renovated museum in 2022.



The Museum hosted one homeschool Friday, 28 schools, and 3,334 students plus summer history activities.



GEORGE RANCH HISTORICAL PARK

G.R.I.T.s participated over the summer, Largest group yet!

Chuckwagon cooking demonstration at the 2022 Texian Market Days Festival



2nd Annual Great Pumpkin Round-Up hosted an Autumn Coffee Viewing.





18,795 Kids attended school

field trip programs including 756 during homeschool Thursdays.



DeWALT HERITAGE CENTER

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Total visitors to the DeWalt Heritage Center in 2022

Related Neighbors: DeWalt and Missouri City first post-covid Permanent **Exhibit**





Womans Club of Missouri City donated \$500 to the DeWalt Heritage Center.



12th Annual Wassail was a success with over 100 visitors in attendace.



The Annual Yard Sale brought in \$1.000.

495.5 volunteer hours

donated by Dewcents and other community members.

FORT BEND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

New pit was cleared and artifacts discovered in good condition by volunteers.



completed the excavation report for Thomas and Nancy Barnett artifacts and the abandoned Fort **Bend County Paupers** Cemetery assigned as number FB-C182.

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Ceramic creamer from a private home site in Fort Bend County uncovered.

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594

participated in a Texian Time Machine or Traveling

Trunk program

new programs developed and 5 school districts attended the Texian Time Machine in 2022.



Fort Bend Museum Outreach Coordinator, Allison Harrell, contributed 243 hand and face paintings

for children at 14 community events.

FORT BEND MUSEUM DOCENTS

Candlelight Tours: A Gilded Age welcomed 449 visitors in 2022.

cents

1,735

Hours contributed by the Docents for school programs, exhibit installations, Candlelight gala, tours & decorating.



Fort Bend Museum Docents celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Fort Bend Museum.

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