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The official Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum offers diverse educational programs promoting the history, heritage, & values exemplified by the Texas Ranger law enforcement service.

- Guided tours covering Texas history and the legacy of the Ranger service
- Activities at the museum meeting TEKS requirements for all grade levels
- Outreach materials for the classroom including our Crime Scene in a Box traveling trunk
- New Education Center available on site with classroom space for up to 100
- Special rates are available for groups of ten or more people

Contact the Education Coordinator at 254-750-8631 or email educator@texasranger.org to book your educational program today!



Fuji TV Japan Features Texas Ranger Hall of Fame



On September 9th, Fuji Television from Japan filmed the Museum exhibits as a backdrop for a feature on the Texas Rangers. Traveling from Tokyo to Texas to film a small documentary on the Texas Rangers baseball team, the station wanted to also highlight "real Texas Rangers culture," said Florent Dabadie, reporter.

The Japanese crew was given a guided tour of the Museum by Lt. Frank Malinak of Co. "F" and Christine Walker, Marketing & Development Coordinator. The Japanese crew used the information they learned to develop a segment about "the roots of the Texas Ranger baseball team," according to Mr. Dabadie. The segment aired in late September.

[Click here](#) to see highlights of the tour and remarks by Yuichi Arai, Creative Director, (which are translated by Mr. Dabadie) about his experience at the Museum.



Fuji Television Network Inc. was founded on November 18, 1957, and started broadcasting on March 1, 1959. Since its establishment, Fuji Television has maintained its position as the foremost leader of the Japanese media industry. For over 20 years, according to a national survey, the public has chosen Fuji Television as the station they most watch.

Fuji Television airs evening news, dramas, variety, and informational programming throughout much of the United States of America and Europe. Because this service is aimed at native Japanese speakers residing abroad, all programs are aired entirely in Japanese, without foreign language subtitles.

Fuji Television is known for their high-quality drama, variety, "infotainment," sports, news, and other programs. In addition, Fuji Television holds the top 4 highest grossing live action films in Japanese cinematic history and creates an average of 10-15 new films per year.

Fuji Television has produced video games; the motion picture, Hachiko: A Dog's Story, starring Richard Gere; a 3D television show Tokyo Control featuring the Tokyo Air Traffic Control Center; and operates Thriller Fantasy Museum, one of the largest horror-themed towns in the world. Fuji Television also supports the Hakone Open-Air Museum and organizes numerous top-rate art exhibitions.

More information about the station and its programs can be found on its [corporate site](#) and on the station website [in English](#) and [in Japanese](#).

New Exhibit Features Sketches by Joseph Mikeska



The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum staff is pleased to announce a temporary fall exhibit of three works of western art by the late artist Joseph Mikeska.

Joseph sketched with colored pencils and competed in statewide competitions winning awards such as the reserve grand champion at the Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo. Tragically, Joseph contracted Muscular Dystrophy which progressively robbed him of muscle control and mobility. He valiantly struggled against declining health and it required several months to create each artwork. Eventually the disease took his life in January of 2011, leaving his final work, a sketch of a saddle, as an unfinished legacy.

The art proudly displayed by his father Gene in the photo is colored pencil on black paper. Gene served as the model for the Texas Ranger. His father's interest in the Texas Rangers and frontier law enforcement was an influence on his son's brief but impressive artistic career.



Left: Cowboy boots sketch by Joseph.

Right: Joseph at the Waco Fair grounds when he won the reserve grand champion and a scholarship for his efforts in creating the portrait of a Texas Ranger.

Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center Renovation Update

Work on the Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center is rapidly progressing. The soil has been compacted to assure the pier-and-beam foundation will adequately support the structure on the banks of the Brazos River. Completion is expected during the spring of 2012.

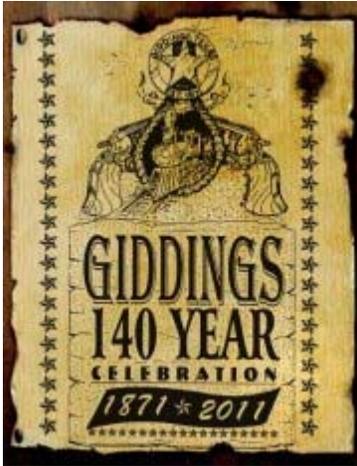


Step 1: Compact dirt foundation



Step 2: Add reinforcement piers

Giddings, Texas 140th Anniversary Celebration



Established in 1871, railroad transportation was the driving force in the founding of Giddings, Texas. The land was originally part of the Stephen F. Austin's colony.

Join Giddings residents as they celebrate the 140th anniversary of Giddings on Saturday, October 29, 2011.

During the event, Wild West History Association authors will tell stories of Giddings, Texas and the Texas Rangers. The authors will follow an official welcome and remarks by Company "F" Lieutenant Frank Malinak, formerly a Giddings resident. Doug Dukes will speak on Ben Thompson and the Lee County connection, Bob Alexander will talk about the real Texas Rangers, Bill O'Neal will speak on reel Texas Rangers from the movies and Rick Miller will discuss the myth and reality of Bloody Bill Longley.

More event information is available on the [City of Giddings website](#).



**Save
\$2.00**

Save \$1.00 off regular adult admission for up to two adults. Coupon not valid on discounted senior or military admission. No cash value.

The museum is open 9am to 5pm with the last guest admitted at 4:30pm. The museum is located off Interstate 35 Exit 335B University Parks Drive in Waco, Texas.

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