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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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Lee Herring and the Surveyors' Fight

Lee Herring, Texas State Artist for 2007, has donated a painting depicting the 1838 Surveyors' Fight in Navarro County. A desperate battle, it involved a party of 23 surveyors and Texas Rangers against 300 Kickapoo, Tawakoni, Caddo Indians. Only seven Rangers and surveyors survived the fight.



Lee Herring was born in Rains County, and graduated from Texas A & M Commerce. After success as an illustrator, Lee has earned an international reputation as a western artist, portrait and landscape painter.

As is evident in his work, Herring is committed to historical accuracy. He travels to the places he depicts and researches every component. Herring's paintings are starkly realistic, yet highly individual, traditional subjects molded by the artist's interpretation.

Mr. Spikes and the Surveyors' Fight is currently on exhibit in Taub Hall. Please [click here](#) to read the article on the historic account of *Mr. Spikes and the Surveyors' Fight*.

Rick Miller's Collection

Rick Miller is one of the best known authors on frontier Texas. His books such as *John B. Jones and the Frontier Battalion* and *Sam Bass and Gang* have brought the era alive for thousands of readers.

Over the past three years, Mr. Miller has generously donated his extensive collection of books, magazines and microfilm dealing with the American West. The bulk of the collection covers lawmen and outlaw history of the southwest concentrating on Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. He also donated a large collection of Texas county and local histories.



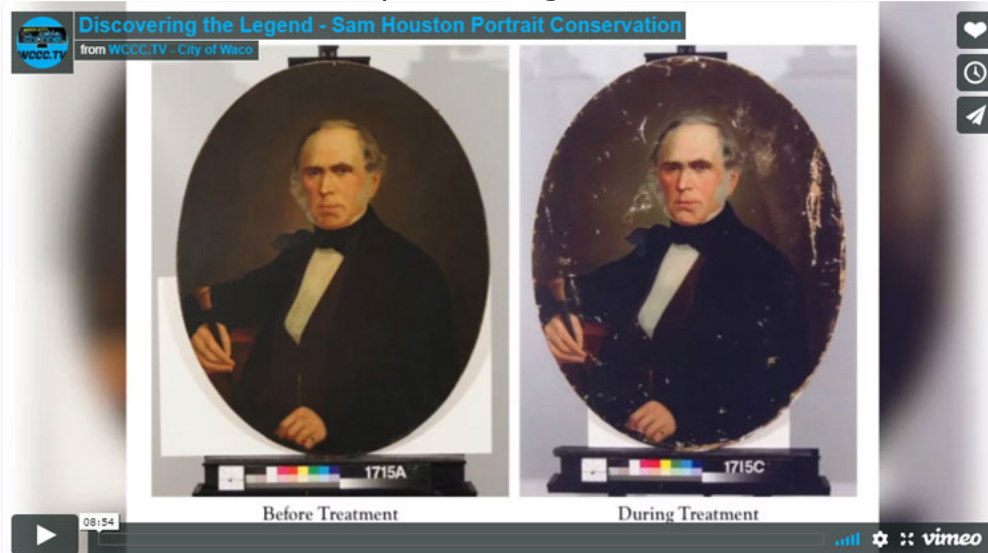
Author Rick Miller is standing in front of his latest donation to the Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center.

Mr. Miller's continued support of the Research Center and the programs of the Museum is greatly appreciated.

Discovering the Legend - Our Television Series

After three months of conservation work, the restored Sam Houston Portrait was unveiled on August 28th. This work was made possible by generous support from the family of J. Fred Bucy III and Joshua F. Bucy.

During the celebration, Shelly Crittendon, Collections Manager, delivered a program on the conservation of the portrait and on other known paintings and photographs of Houston. This presentation was filmed for *Discovering the Legend*, a television series produced by the Waco City Cable Channel and distributed to over 50 City and College cable channels across Texas.



Please [click here](#) to watch *Discovering the Legend - Sam Houston Portrait Conservation*.

Please [click here](#) to watch other *Discovering the Legend* episodes.

Upcoming Events

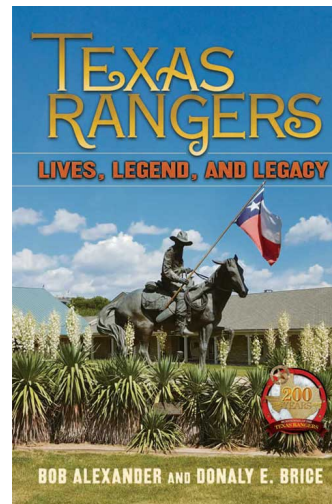
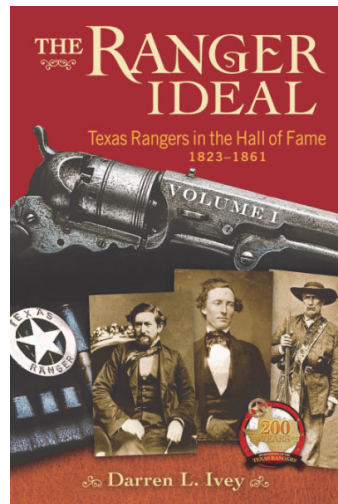
Military Appreciation Day

For Veterans Day on Saturday, November 11, all active duty personnel, retirees & veterans will receive FREE admission to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in honor of their service (valid id or documentation of service required). Family members will receive discounted admission.

Bicentennial Books Signing

Join us on Saturday, December 2nd when authors Bob Alexander and Darren L. Ivey will autograph copies of their new books, *Texas Rangers: Lives, Legend, and Legacy* and *The Ranger Ideal: Texas Rangers in the Hall of Fame 1823-1861*. In addition, they will discuss their work in the Hall of Fame rotunda.

Books may be purchased in the Museum Gift Shop. More information will be available in our next newsletter. These books are the first two in the Texas Ranger Bicentennial Publication Series.



8th Annual Big Texas Christmas Present

Big 95 has teamed up with the Museum to help Compassion Ministries! Compassion Ministries helps those who are homeless or on the verge of homelessness into permanent housing and employment. They also provide a transitional housing facility, financial training, and other services. Compassion Ministries needs gift items and donations for children, teens, and adults this holiday season.



Saturday, December 2nd, from 1 to 3pm, Big 95 and Compassion Ministries will be accepting donations at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. For each item donated, you will receive one free admission to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. You can get a list of donation suggestions at compassionwaco.com. Help us wrap up the Big Texas Christmas Present with the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum, Compassion Ministries and Big 95!

Quick Links

- [Website](#)
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Education Center

The following groups utilized the Education Center in September:

DPS Criminal Investigative Division
Texas Rangers

[Research Center](#)
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