



WEST TEXAS HISTORICAL
ASSOCIATION

89th Annual Meeting

March 30 – 31, 2012

Alpine, Texas

Cover – Moya del Pino's *View of Alpine*, 1940. The mural, painted as part of the WPA era art project during the depression, is still on display at the old Alpine Post Office building. Featured on the cover is a cropped view of the mural that shows ostensibly two students reading in the foreground and the Sul Ross State University campus in the background.

Back Cover – The bronc and bronco buster illustration was found on an Alpine building during a remodeling project in the downtown area. Rather than paint over it, the figure was saved for all to see. It is an iconic figure of the "wild west" personae of Alpine. Perhaps you can find it during the conference.

Inside Back Cover – At the bottom of the page is Stytle Read's *Brewster County Brands*, 2005.

Exhibitors:

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2012 Program Committee:

Troy Ainsworth, El Paso
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Scott Sosebee, Nacogdoches
Leland Turner, Weatherford, OK

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Robert Hall, Pittsburg
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Travis Roberts, Marathon
Brandon Shuler, Lubbock
Pat Worthington, El Paso
Freedonia Paschall, Lubbock
Monte Monroe, Lubbock
Lynn Whitfield, Lubbock

Tuesday – Thursday March 27-29 Train Trip to El Paso, Tom Lea art and history Tour. Train departs Alpine Tuesday for El Paso at 1:30 PM and arrives 4:15 PM (MT). Train leaves El Paso for Alpine Thursday Morning at 8:35 a.m. and arrives in Alpine at 1:45 PM.

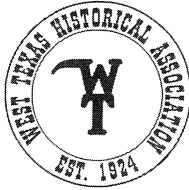
Thursday 3:00 P.M. - Early Bird Tour of Marfa, Texas and the Marfa Lights
- Supper at 6:00 P.M. at Padre's in Marfa

Saturday Afternoon and Evening Program

A tour of the Alpine and Fort Davis area, supper at the Prude Ranch, and evening program at the McDonald Observatory.

Hotels – See "News You Can Use" information page.

Meeting sessions will be held at the Morgan University Center on the Sul Ross State University Campus in Alpine, Texas.



**West Texas Historical Association
89th Annual Meeting – Alpine, Texas
Friday March 30, 2012**

Registration: 8:00A.M. – Mezzanine, Morgan University Center

Silent Auction: 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. UC-210 (2nd floor), Morgan University Center. To benefit the Student Scholarship Fund – Viewing and Bidding

8:30 – 9:45 A.M.

1. Depictions of West Texas in Film, Television, and Drama. Room A

Suzanne Campbell, Angelo State University, Presiding

- *“Hot Reactor”*: A Drama with Comedic Elements and Action Based on True Recent History and the International Oil Crisis, Cynthia Buchanan, Comadre Productions, Uvalde
- *Roy Bean, Temple Houston, Bill Longley, Randal Mackenzie, Buffalo Bill Jr., and the Texas Rangers: Depictions of West Texans in Series Television, 1955 to 1967*, Billy Hathorn, Laredo Community College

[Stuart Williams, Texas Tech University. Student Essay Award Winner was originally scheduled to present in this session]

2. CENTER FOR BIG BEND STUDIES SPONSORED SESSION. Room B

William A. Cloud, Sul Ross State University, Presiding

- *Tracking Miniature Zoomorphic Pictographs Through the Eastern Trans-Pecos*, Reeda Peel, Sul Ross State University
- *What about Gomez?: The History of Juan Gomez and the Southern Apacheria of the Trans-Pecos*, Richard W. Walter, Sul Ross State University
- *The Black Hills Revisited*, Roger Boren, Sul Ross State University

3. Building West Texas. Room C

Kregg Fehr, Lubbock Christian University, Presiding

- *The Family Forts on the Southern Plains*, Jim Hammond, Midwestern State University
- *Set in Stone: German Stonemasons in West Texas*, Matthew D. Tippens, Austin
- *How the Civilian Conservation Corps Impacted West Texas...and More*, Elleta Nolte, Ransom Canyon

10:00 – 11:15 A.M.

4. Civil War in Texas, Room A

Monte Monroe, Texas Tech University, Presiding

- *Ridge Greathouse, Confederate Hero or Villain*, Marisue Potts, Motley County Historical Commission
- *Palmito Ranch Battlefield*, John Edward Ginn, University of North Texas and William McWhorter, Texas Historical Commission
- *An Officer and a Great Many Ladies: Military Leadership and Prostitution on the Texas Frontier*, John Gaines, Texas Tech University

5. EAST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION SPONSORED SESSION.

Room B.

Scott Sosebee, East Texas Historical Association, Presiding

- *The People of Trinidad de Salcedo: Settlers of a Forgotten Villa on New Spain's Northern Frontier*, Bradley Folsom, University of North Texas
- *East Texans Move West: Two Families Make the Trek*, Winston B. Sosebee, Midland

10:30 A.M. 125th Anniversary Celebration of Brewster County's Founding at the Courthouse sponsored by the Brewster County Historical Commission.

Brewster County has extended an invitation to attendees of the West Texas Historical Association meeting to stop by the Courthouse between 10:30 to 12:30 to enjoy presentations about the County's history accompanied by a barbeque lunch.

1:00 – 2:15 P.M.

6. Buried Dreams: The Journey of the Old Val Verde Cannon, and Disputed Texas Land. Room A

Jean Stuntz, West Texas A&M University, Presiding

- *Symbols of Southern Imperialism: The Val Verde Battery in the Trans-Mississippi*, Paul Fisher, Baylor University

- *Epilogue to the Civil War: An American Reunion Movement*, Dixie Hoover, Texas Historical Commission
- *The Great Granbury Land Title Dispute*, Bob Kent, Granbury

**7. HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NEW MEXICO SPONSORED SESSION:
New Mexico-Texas Borderlands Connections. Room B.**

Kevin Sweeney, Wayland Baptist University, Presiding

- *The Spikes-Gholson Feud*, Don Bullis, Historical Society of New Mexico
- *Julian Jacquez, Rosa Villapando, and the Taos Massacre of August 1760, Trekking Through Texas*, Henrietta Martinez Christmas, Historical Society of New Mexico
- *The Last Frontier: Is There Really History in Southeastern New Mexico?* Calvin B. Smith, Western Heritage Museum, Hobbs, New Mexico

8. Mescalero Haunts, Delawares and Gridiron Heroes. Room C.

Troy Ainsworth, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Assn.-
 Las Cruces, New Mexico, Presiding

- *The Mescalero Apaches and the Guadalupe Mountains in Historical Memory and Popular Culture*, Jeffrey P. Shepherd, University of Texas-El Paso
- *The Role of Delaware Indians in West Texas*, James Kearney, Weimar
- *First and Ten: Football Origins of West Texas Colleges*, Bob Brinkman, Texas Historical Commission

REFRESHMENTS IN THE MEZZANINE

2:30 – 3:45 P.M.

9. *Sul Ross, Alpine, and West Texas: Becoming the Palette for Two Prominent Artists.* Room A.

Jack Becker, Texas Tech University, Presiding

- *Jimmy Swann in West Texas: An Artist in the Making at Sul Ross*, Victoria Cummins, Austin College
- *The Lost Colony: The First Thirty Years of the Art Department and Art Colony at Sul Ross State University*, Mary Bones, Sul Ross State University
- *Frances B. Fisk and the Promotion of the Visual Arts in West Texas*, Light T. Cummins, Austin College

10. Texas Personalities. Room B.

JoAnn Pospisil, Baylor College of Medicine-Houston, Presiding

- *John C. Granbery and the Modernist-Fundamentalist Controversy of 1931-32*, H. Allen Anderson, Texas Tech University
- *Laura Bush: Life and Legacy*, Lauren Roach, Lubbock Christian University.
- *Recalling a Texas Legend: A Retrospective of Samuel Thomas 'Booger Red' Privett*, Jerry Young, Mesquite

4:00 – 5:15 P.M.

11. BREWSTER COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION SPONSORED SESSION: *Brewster County 125th Anniversary.* Room A.

Bruce Glasrud, Seguin, Presiding

- *Geology of Brewster County*, Pat Dickerson, University of Texas-Austin
- *History and Establishment of Brewster County*, Travis Roberts, Brewster County Historical Commission
- *Early Mapping Brewster County*, Matt Walters, Sul Ross University

12. Texas Songbird, Honking Tenor Sax, and Geronimo's Cadillac. Room B.

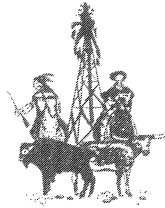
Leland Turner, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Presiding.

- *Carolyn Hester, Texas Songbird*, C. Ross Burns, Sul Ross State University
- *Sneaky Pete: The West Texas Tenor Sax Stylings of Jimmy Seals*, Joe W. Specht, McMurry University
- *Important Texas Music: 'Geronimo's Cadillac'*, Andy Wilkinson, Texas Tech University

13. The Rio Grande Frontier during the Eighteenth Century and the Mexican Revolution in the Big Bend, Room C.

Wes Sheffield, Burlison, Presiding

- *A Description of El Paso del Norte in 1773*, Roy B. Brown, Museo de la Revolución en la Frontera-Ciudad Juárez
- *'The Population is Overwhelmingly Mexican': Tejanos and the Mexican Revolution of 1910 in the Big Bend*, John E. Klingemann, Angelo State University
- *Caught Between the Crossfire: Refugees of the Mexican Revolution*, Nicholas Villanueva, Vanderbilt University. **2011 Fellow, Excellence in West Texas History Program.**



West Texas Historical Association
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FRIDAY EVENING

**6:00 P.M. – President’s Reception Honoring President Bruce Glasrud,
Alpine Country Club. 1601 N Loop Rd [map at registration].**

**7:00 P.M. – Banquet at The Alpine Country Club. 1601 N Loop Rd. Check
with the registration desk for availability of van transportation
from hotels.**

President Bruce Glasrud, Presiding.

8:00 P.M. – Program—Featured Speaker – Alwyn Barr.

Black Cowboys: Background and Roles in Texas

Alwyn Barr is professor emeritus of history at Texas Tech University and a former chair of the history department. Among his five authored books on Texas history are: *Black Texans: A History of African Americans in Texas, 1528-1995* (2nd ed. 1996) and *African Texans* (2004). He also wrote the Introduction to a collection of essays entitled *Black Cowboys of Texas* (2000), and has published several articles on other aspects of black history in Texas. He is a former president of the Texas State Historical Association and a member of the West Texas Historical Association.



Saturday, March 31, 2012

SATURDAY MORNING. Registration – 8:00 – 11:00 A.M.

**Silent Auction. 8:00 to 10:00 A.M. UC-210, Morgan University Center
Bidding will close at 10 AM.**

9:00 – 10:15 A.M.

14. *Big Bend History.* Room A.

Travis Roberts, Jr., Brewster County Historical Commission, Presiding

- *Walter Fulcher: Early Big Bend Rancher*, Kitty Sibayan, Sul Ross State University
- *Sul Ross State President Horace Morelock and the Founding of Big Bend National Park*, Judy Parsons, Sul Ross State University
- *Discovering the Big Bend in El Paso*, Paul Wright, Sul Ross State University

15. *Environment and Meteorology in West Texas.* Room B

J. Tillapaugh, University of Texas-Permian Basin, Presiding.

- *Following the Storm: The Waco Tornado and Civil Defense*, Kregg Fehr, Lubbock Christian University
- *Bordering North America: Creating Wilderness Along the Periphery of Canada, Mexico, and the United States*, Neel G. Baumgardner, University of Texas-Austin.
- *The First West Texas Weatherman: Issac Cline at Fort Concho and Abilene*, Robert Sledge, McMurry University

16. *The West Texas Frontier on the Eve and during the Civil War.* Room C.

Peggy Hardman, Socorro, New Mexico, Presiding

- *Uncontested Ground: The Northwestern Frontier of Texas, 1846-1855*, Debbie Liles, University of North Texas
- *It Matters Not: Camp Cooper, Texas, 1861*, James Collett, Midland
- *Defending the Indian Frontier During the Civil War: The Second Frontier District of Texas*, Jim Matthews, San Antonio.

SATURDAY AWARDS AND BUSINESS LUNCH: Noon – 2:00 P.M.
Morgan University Center.

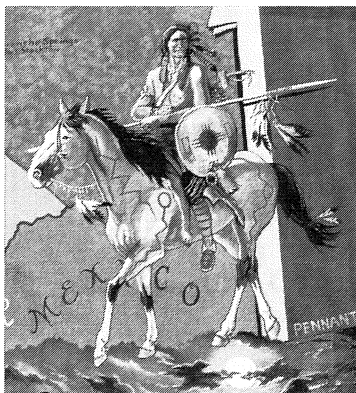
- Mrs. Percy (Ruth Leggett) Jones Best Article Award - \$1250
- Rupert Richardson Best Book Award - \$500
- R. C. Crane Best Fiction Award - \$500
- Best Student Essay Award - \$250
- Ernest Wallace Research Grant - \$1000
- William Curry Holden Grant (student) - \$1000
- Student Scholarship - \$750
- Election of officers.
- Presidential Address

WTHA President, Bruce Glasrud's Presidential Address:

The West Texas Historical and Scientific Society

**2:00 P.M. Saturday Afternoon Tour of the Fort Davis and Alpine region.
Supper at the Prude Ranch with an evening tour of the McDonald
Observatory.**

Check with the Registration Desk for the availability of this activity



A cropped portion of Stylee Read's mural downtown Alpine

Notes



