



WEST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Bankhead Highway – 1st Paved Highway To Span the U.S.

93rd Annual Meeting, April 8–9, 2016

Abilene, Texas



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Cover: An untitled 1932 oil painting by George Sanderson Bickerstaff, displayed at the Buffalo Gap Historic Village in the unincorporated Taylor County, Texas, town of the same name, near Abilene. The Lyda Hill Texas Collection of Photographs in Carol M. Highsmith's America Project, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division



West Texas Historical Association
93rd Annual Meeting—Abilene

Thursday April 7

6:15 P.M. “Lead-Off” Session for the 93rd Conference:

Baja Room

A Titanic Personality and a Time it Never Rained

- Jerod Haines, Wayland Baptist University, “The Filthy ’50s: The 1950-1957 Drought and Its Impact on the Queen City of the South Plains—Plainview”
- Bill O’Neal, Texas State Historian, Sam Houston, Texas Icon”

7:15 P.M. Early Bird Dinner

Baja Room



Friday April 8

Registration: 8:00 A.M. – Playa Area (near hotel entry and stairwell).

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Silent Auction: 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. The Royal Room.
To benefit the Student Scholarship Fund – Viewing and Bidding

Session II, 9:00-10:15 A.M

Rock 'n Roll from the Key City to El Chuco

Acapulco Room

Lynn Whitfield, Texas Tech University, Chair

Joe W. Specht, McMurry University, “Sonny West: A West Texas Rockabilly Pioneer”

Andy Wilkinson, Texas Tech University, “Drawing the Line: the Music, Art, and
Architecture of Dow Patterson”

Robert Reitz, Dallas, Texas, “I Fought the Law and We Both Lost—The Tragic Life of El
Paso Rock 'n Roller Bobby Fuller”

**Texas Media Interpretation of the 2015 Military Vehicles Preservation Association
Bankhead Highway Convoy**

Embassy Room

Tim Chandler, Hardin-Simmons University, Chair

Hardin-Simmons students will present a multi-media presentation on their work to
document the Bankhead Highway Convoy through Taylor County in October 2015

HSU Dog-Days, Abilene Art, and Tracking the Big-Foot Wallace Gun

Robert Weaver, Texas Tech University, Chair

Cancun Room

John N. Davis, Hardin-Simmons University, “‘His Most Un-Baptistic Name’: Dam-It @
100”

Rob Fink, Abilene, Texas, “Bringing Art to West Texas: The Abilene Women’s Forum
Art Unit and the Great Depression”

Eric Joffrion, Coleman, Texas, “Hunting for Big Foot Wallace’s Gun”

Session III, 10:30-11:45 A.M.

Trails and Roads across West Texas

Acapulco Room

Glen Ely, Fort Worth, Chair

Sylvia Gann Mahoney, Fort Worth, Texas, "The Great Western Trail: Searching Fiction, Fabrication, Trail Segments, and Historical Events to Verify Its Name"

Barbara Brannon, Texas Plains Trail, "Road to Nowhere, or Great Plains Highway?: West Texas' Role in Creating Canada-to-Mexico Route in the Early Automobile Era"

Paul Chaplo, Fort Worth, Texas, "Marfa Flights: Aerial Photography of the Big Bend Country"

Central Texas Historical Association

Cancun Room

Jean Stuntz, West Texas A&M University, Chair

John Gorman, Prairie View A&M University, "Reconstruction Violence along the Brazos River"

Charles Swanlund, Blinn College, "Making Sense of Frontier Violence"

Kenneth W. Howell, Blinn College "The American Civil War: Beyond 1865"

"National History Day Competition - State Qualifiers. Cooper High School Student Essays"

Embassy Room

Rob Fink, Abilene, Texas, Chair

11:45 AM-1:00 PM

Women's History Luncheon: The Baja Room, MCM Elegante Hotel. The event is an open forum lunch for conference attendees interested in Women's History and will highlight current research trends and topics. Attendees should sign-up via the conference registration form @ wtha.org. For more information, contact Marisue.Potts@wtha.org or Cecilia.Venable@wtha.org.

Session IV, 1:00-2:15 PM

The Challenges of Writing and Publishing Women's History

Acapulco Room

Marisue Potts, Mott Creek Ranch, Chair

This panel will feature—

Shelley Armitage, Walking the Llano;

Barbara Brannon, The Paragraph Ranch;

Rosa Latimer, The Harvey Houses;

Leland Turner, Texas Women Ranchers

Local Leaders in the Building of Early Lubbock

Cancun Room

Monte Monroe, Texas Tech University, Chair

Jennifer Spurrier, Texas Tech University, "Frank Wheelock, a Man of Firsts"

Jack Becker, Texas Tech University, "Isham Tubbs, Forgotten Founder of Lubbock"

Paul Carlson, Ransom Canyon, Texas, "W. E. Raynor and the Founding of Lubbock"

New Research on Cornelia Adair and the JA Ranch

Embassy Room

Light Cummins, Austin College, Chair

Alex Hunt, West Texas A&M University, "Cornelia Adair: New Archival Findings"

Robin Boedeker, West Texas A&M University, "The Wadsworth Family Papers at the Library of Congress"

Dollie Lookingbill, West Texas A&M University, "James W. Wadsworth, Jr. and the JA Ranch"

Session V, 2:30-3:45 PM

The Bankhead Highway in Texas

Acapulco Room

Joe Specht, McMurry University, Chair

Dan L. Smith, Fort Worth, "The Bankhead Highway in Texas"

April Garner, Texas Historical Commission, "Driving Tourism along the Bankhead Highway"

Dale Rankin, Tuscola, Texas, "Abilene Courts: Past, Present, and Future?"

Bovine Hockey Pucks and Sports in West Texas

Cancun Room

William Tydeman, Texas Tech University, Chair

Leland Turner, Midwestern State University, "Murdo Mackenzie: the Brazil Years"

Bob Brinkman, Texas Historical Commission, "First and Ten: Football Origins of West Texas Colleges"

Troy M. Ainsworth, Los Lunas, New Mexico, "The Intercollegiate Athletic Association that Never Was: The Staked Plains Conference, 1929-1930"

"National History Day Competition - State Qualifiers. Cooper High School Student Essays"

Embassy Room

Rob Fink, Abilene, Texas, Chair

Session VI: 4:00-5:15 PM

East Texas Historical Association

Acapulco Room

Chuck Parsons, Luling, Texas, Chair

Milton Jordan, Georgetown, Texas, "J. Mason Brewer and the Lore of the Black Cowboy"

Richard Orton, Nacogdoches, Texas, "The Upshaws of County Line"

Scott Sosebee, Stephen F. Austin State University, "Lone Star Suburbs: A Fresh Look at the Suburban Process in the Lone Star State"

Scams, Fallen Doves, and Border Issues

Embassy Room

Cecilia Venable, University of Texas at El Paso, Chair

Bill Neal, Abilene, Texas, "Skullduggery, Secrets, and Murders: The 1894 Wells Fargo Scam that Backfired"

Timothy E. Nelson, Las Cruces, New Mexico, "The Best Whorehouse in 'Little Texas': Afro-Frontierism and the Greater Borderland, 1912 to 1930"

Richard Hancock, Norman, Oklahoma, "A Practical Solution to Illegal Immigration"

Projects and Resources of the Center for Big Bend Studies

Cancun Room

Tom Crum, Granbury, Texas, Chair

William A. Cloud, Sul Ross State University, "Prehistoric Caches in the Big Bend: Some Meant for Retrieval, Others Not"

Richard W. Walter, Sul Ross State University, "Potters of the Big Bend"

Roger D. Boren, Sul Ross State University, "Discovering the J. Charles and Ellen A. Kelley Memorial Library"



West Texas Historical Association

Founded 1924

Friday Evening

- 6:00 PM Reception Honoring President Diana Hinton in the multi-purpose room of the Johnson Building at the Hardin-Simmons University campus
- 6:30 PM Banquet Multi-purpose room – President Diana Hinton, Presiding.
- 7:00 PM Keynote Speaker, Glen Ely, Awarding Winning Historian and Author.

**“The Butterfield—A Lifetime of Tracking the Trail
Across West Texas”**

Glen Sample Ely is a Texas historian and documentary producer. Ely earned his Ph.D. from Texas Christian University. In 1999, the Texas Historical Commission honored him with its Award of Excellence in Preserving History. Ely was a co-founder and board member of the Excellence in West Texas History Fellowship Program that awarded eight post-doctoral fellowships totaling \$360,000. He is the author of *Where the West Begins: Debating Texas Identity*, published by Texas Tech University Press, which won WTHA's Richardson Award for best book in 2012. His newest book, just published by University of Oklahoma Press, is a 25-year study entitled *The Texas Frontier and the Butterfield Overland Mail, 1858-1861*. One recent review called this "A monumental work crafted with great care."



Saturday April 9

Registration. 8:00 – 11:00 A.M

Silent Auction. 8:00 to 10:00 A.M. The Royal Room. Bidding will close at 9:30 AM

Session VII: 8:15-9:30 A.M

Education, Atomic Energy, and Military Medicine in West Texas Cancun Room

Rob King, Texas Tech University, Chair

Suzanne Campbell, Angelo State University, “Hardin-Simmons University and the Manhattan Project”

Duncan Knox, Texas Tech University, “Applied Pressure: Vietnam Medical History Through the Eyes of American Veterans”

John Caraway, Cisco College, “One College, Two Campuses: Seventy-five Years of Cisco College”

Native American and Pioneer History in West Texas Acapulco Room

Bruce Glasrud, San Antonio, Chair

Barbara Barton, Knickerbocker, Texas, “Taming of the Southern Cross Timbers: Indians, Oil Wells, and Plows”

Jodella K. Dyreson, Penn State University, “Hunting for the Indian Wars at the U.S. Army War College Archives; or, How to Research West Texas History while Living in Central Pennsylvania”

Jean Stuntz, West Texas A&M University, “Hijinks on the High Plains

Moments on the South Plains of Texas Embassy Room

Linda Puckett, Garza County Historical Commission, Chair

Dallas C. Ward, Texas Tech University, “Digital Heritage of an Early Nineteenth Century Homestead”

Robert W. Sledge, Abilene, Texas, “Girl Editor of the Plains: Cleffie Watson, the *Slatonite*, and the Ku Klux Klan”

John W. McCullough, Texas Tech University, “Dagley Field: A Training Air Field for the Civilian Pilot Training Program during the Second World War”

Session VIII: 9:45-11:00 A.M

Native Americans in West Texas

Cancun Room

Penny Clark, Lamar University, Chair

Sherry Robinson, Albuquerque, New Mexico, “Traders, Raiders, and Scouts: Lipan Apaches on the West Texas Frontier”

Holle Humphries, Lubbock, Texas, “Quanah Parker was Never Here—Or Was He?": Revealing Comanche Haunts and Trails Little Known to Texans of the High Plains Today”

James Hays, Brownwood, “Four Fights at Salt Mountain”

Cattle, Sheep, and Wildlife Management

Acapulco Room

Debbie Liles, University of North Texas, Chair

Montie Guthrie, Santa Anna, Texas, “Before Barbed Wire: John S. Chisum in Coleman County”

Laura Cannon, Texas Tech University, “LULAC and Los Tasinques: LULAC’s Civil Rights Strategy and Conflicting Responses to the Del Rio Sheep Shearers’ Strike of 1934”

David Todd, Conservation History Association of Texas, “Data, Maps, and the Desert Bighorn Sheep”

Researching Texas History at Midwestern State University

Embassy Room

Leland Turner, Midwestern State University, Chair

Kristen Johnson, Midwestern State University, “Fort Hood Free Grazers: Government Grasslands and the Central Texas Cattlemen’s Association

Alex Van Allen, Midwestern State University, “Two Decades in Still Images: the Photographs of Charles A. Fuhs”

Philip Chisum, Midwestern State University, “Professional Baseball is Through in Wichita Falls: the 1957 Spudders Baseball Season”

Session IX: 11:15 A.M.-12:30 P.M

Hide Hunters- A Hands-on History: The Methods, Materials, and Mooar

Peggy Kelton, Permian Historical Society, Chair

Acapulco Room

Henry B. Crawford, of Lubbock, Texas, and Michael McCormack, of Abilene, Texas, will discuss the background history of buffalo hunting on the South Plains of Texas in the late Nineteenth Century, particularly the hunting acumen of John Wesley Mooar, and demonstrate the use of various buffalo-hunting tools, implements, and weapons.

Genealogy, DNA, and History: Best Practices, Current Trends and New Breakthroughs

Suzanne Campbell, Angelo State University, Chair

Embassy Room

Susan Ball, San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society, ““Whose Genes are You Wearing?": DNA Basics and More”

Texas Cattlemen

Cancun Room

Bill Neal, Abilene, Texas, Chair

Norman Wayne Brown, Snyder, Texas, "Cattle King Clay Mann's Secret Past"

Deborah Liles, University of North Texas, "Before Freedom Came: Slaves and the Livestock Industry in Texas"

Chuck Parsons, Luling, Texas, "John Wesley Hardin: A Trail Driver?"

Saturday Awards and Business Lunch: 12:30–2:00 PM. Baja Room

- Mrs. Percy (Ruth Leggett) Jones Best Article Award
- Rupert Richardson Best Book Award
- Elmer Kelton Best Fiction Award
- Best Student Essay Award
- R. C. Crane Heritage Service Award
- Student Scholarship
- Election of officers

Presidential Address:
WTHA President Diana Hinton

2:00 PM Saturday Afternoon Tour of Abilene

Back Page: "Longhorn steer, raised at Abilene State Park, Abilene, Texas." c 1980. Photographs in the Carol M. Highsmith Archive, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division.



WEST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

93rd Annual Meeting
Abilene, Texas
April 6-9, 2016



The West Texas Historical Association was founded in Abilene, Texas in 1925.
So, our 93rd annual meeting in Abilene is like going home.

Come join us for the fun, fellowship and educational information.

(see our **REGISTRATION FORM** on the back of this sheet.)

93rd Annual Meeting of The West Texas Historical Association

**April 6-9, 2016
Abilene, Texas**

Please complete this registration form and return by Friday, April 1, 2016:

All Hotel reservations MUST be made by March 20, 2016, Hotel – MCM Eleganté Suites, Abilene,

All Rooms are Suite rooms – all sessions will be at the Hotel.

for reservations – **(325) 698-1234**. Rate of \$104.00 per night, Full Breakfast Included.

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Registration Form:	Number	Amount
Registration Fee	\$30.00	_____
(Students or Spouse of member – \$15.00)		
Friday Women’s History Lunch (open to all)	\$22.00	_____
Friday Night Reception at the Hotel Followed by the President’s Banquet, Johnson Room on the Hardin-Simmons Campus, and Guest Speaker.	\$28.00	_____
Saturday Presidential Address/ Lunch, and Business Meeting MCM Hotel	\$24.00	_____
 <u>Special Tours and Activities</u>		
Wednesday, April 6th. ICBM Tour Buffalo Gap Village, & Supper at Perini’s Steakhouse	\$45.00	_____
Thursday, 7th. All day. BUS Tour – Fort Tour, Art Museum, and Bankhead Highway Tour. Lunch is Included	\$35.00	_____
Thursday Night “Early Bird” Dinner at the MCM Hotel	\$24.00	_____
Board Meeting to follow @ 8:30 P.M.at the Hotel.		
Saturday, 9th. Afternoon Tour Frontier Texas and tour of Historic Abilene. Supper in Abilene at the BEE HIVE.	\$25.00	_____
Total Amount Enclosed	_____	_____

(Make all checks payable to WTHA or West Texas Historical Association)

NAME (s) _____ WTHA ETHA Other - _____

ADDRESS _____ Phone _____ Email _____

CITY and ZIP CODE _____

Please include the names of all members and guests that will attend the meeting. Attach a list of names of persons and address if required.

A Short Schedule of Events for the 93rd meeting of WTHA in Abilene, Texas:

Wednesday, April 6, 2016 – Special Conference Coordinator’s Tour

1:00 pm – 8:00 pm Tour of the Atlas ICBM Silo south of Abilene and the Historic Buffalo Gap Village. Supper at Perini’s Ranch Steak House. (see flyer).

Thursday Day Tour and Evening, April 7, 2016

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. **BUS Tour to Fort Phantom Hill, Fort Griffin, and Old Jail Art Center** in Albany. Lunch in Albany followed by a tour of part of the Historic Bankhead Highway east of Abilene. Dan Smith will be our “on Bus” Guide. Several stops are planned. (see flyer)

7:00 pm – 8:15 p.m. Early Bird Supper in the **MCM Hotel Ballroom**.

8:30 pm – **till** **WTHA Board Meeting** in the MCM Hotel Meeting room.

Friday, April 8, 2016

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Registration in the MCM Hotel Lobby Area

8:30 a.m. – 11:15 am Sessions – see schedule – over 40 papers – MCM Hotel

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 pm Women’s History Lunch in the **MCM Hotel Ballroom**.

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Sessions – see schedule – over 40 papers – MCM Hotel

5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. President’s Reception in the **MCM Hotel main area**.

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. WTHA Banquet at the Johnson Room on the Hardin Simmons Campus. Transport available.

8:15 pm – 9:30 p.m. Evening program – Speaker – Glen Ely

Saturday, April 9, 2016

7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Registration in the MCM Hotel Lobby Area

8:00 a.m. – 12:15 a.m. Sessions – see schedule – MCM Hotel

12:30 p.m. Luncheon in the **MCM Hotel Ballroom**

2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Frontier Texas** then a tour of historic Abilene.

7:30 PM – Supper in Abilene.

WTHA 2016 CONVENTION NEWS THAT YOU CAN USE

WHERE: All meetings will be held at the **MCM Eleganté Suites Hotel, 4250 Ridgemont Drive, Abilene, Texas.**

SESSIONS: All sessions will be held at the **MCM Hotel meeting rooms** (see map).

EXHIBITORS: Some exhibitors are already registered (please see program). Others who might be interested in showing items should call Freedonia Paschall at 806-742-3749 or email: Freedonia.Paschall@ttu.edu. Book exhibitors will be housed in the west side Lobby of the MCM Hotel.

SILENT AUCTION: A silent auction will be held in **the west meeting room of the MCM Hotel**. Members who are interested in donating items, please send those to Freedonia Paschall, WTHA, TTU, MS 41041, Lubbock, Texas 79409. The auction ends at 11 A.M. Saturday, with book pickup from 11:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. on Saturday

LUNCH FRIDAY 12:00 P.M. – Women’s History Lunch, **MCM Hotel Ballroom**, everyone welcome.

THURSDAY EVENING: The “Early bird dinner” will be at the MCM Hotel in the Center Ballroom.

(WTHA Board Meeting following at 8:30 P.M. in the west side meeting room.)

FRIDAY RECEPTION AND BANQUET: The reception will be held in the Main Area at the MCM Hotel. President’s Dinner to follow at Hardin Simmons University in the Johnson Room. Transportation available. **(7:00–9:30 p.m.)** See schedule.

SATURDAY LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING: The Saturday Luncheon will be held from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in the **Center Ballroom of the MCM Hotel**. See schedule.

HOTEL: For room reservations call the **MCM Eleganté Suites at (325) 698-1234**. **Suite Room Rate – \$104 per night including a full breakfast. Be sure to tell them that you are with the WTHA Group.**

Reservation deadline is March 20, 2016

(See Tour and activity detail on the back of this sheet)

WEST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION – April 6-9, 2016 – Abilene, Texas

Tour and events schedule (meeting presentations on Friday and Saturday morning)

All events and meeting presentations will be held at the MCM Hotel unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday April 6, 2016 – Afternoon 1:30 PM till (see tour sheet)

Atlas ICBM Historic Site

Buffalo Gap Historic Village

Supper at Perini's Ranch Steak House (about 7 PM) then return to Hotel.

Thursday April 7, 2016 – 8 AM (see tour sheet)

Fort Phantom Hill Cemetery

(this section approx. 4 hours)

Fort Phantom Hill State Historic Site

Fort Griffin State Historic Site (Albany)

Old Jail Art Museum (Albany)

Lunch at the BEE HIVE Café (Albany)

Caddo, Texas (Bankhead Highway)

(This section approx. 4 hours)

Thurber Hill Rest Stop and Museum (Ranger)

Cisco via Highway 6 from Ranger

Putnam on Bankhead Highway

Baird on Bankhead Highway

Clyde on Bankhead Highway

Abilene to Hotel around 5:30 PM to 6 PM

Early Bird Reception and Meal at MCM Hotel around 7 PM

Board Meeting at Hotel (West Side Meeting Room) around 8:30 PM – .

Friday night Banquet at the Johnson Building on Campus (Reception at Hotel at 5:30 PM)

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM (return to Hotel) Transportation Available.

Saturday Afternoon Tour – April 9, 2016 – 2 PM -- (best fit for time available)

Frontier Texas – Abilene

World War II Museum

Bankhead Highway Courts

Old Weather Bureau Building Abilene

Grace Hotel and Depot – Abilene Downtown

Airport on the Bankhead Highway

Supper at the BEE Hive CAFE in Abilene (about 7:30 PM) then return to Hotel

WEST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
Abilene, Texas
Wednesday, April 6, 2016 Tour

Starting at 12:30 p.m. from the MCM Hotel. Located just south of Abilene are two Atlas ICBM underground silo facilities. This is a rare opportunity to see the scope and size of the silos used to house the ICBMs that were the main U.S. deterrent against the Soviet Union during the Cold War from the 1960s through the 1990s. Even with the missiles removed, the empty facility is impressive to see. Bring a camera and photograph what Cold War tax dollars paid for. Often called the “minutemen missile” honoring the historic defenders of Concord and Lexington, they stood as a bulwark against the Soviet Union. These sites are currently under the control of the Abilene Atlas ICBM Historical Society Inc.

**You really do not want to miss this opportunity.
Sorry, no rocket ride available.**



Buffalo Gap Historic Village is a large museum of fifteen outdoor structures and West Texas artifacts that reach back to the late 19th century and the early 20th century located in the small town of Buffalo Gap south of Abilene, Texas. The museum focuses particularly upon the years 1883, 1905, and 1925. The village is centered on the original Old Taylor County Courthouse and Jail from 1879. Several entire buildings have been moved to the village from other parts of the state for display, including an early Texaco gasoline station. This is

an easy walking tour that features many artifacts and local history of the area.

After your ICBM silo and Buffalo Gap Village experience, we will head to the nearby Perini Ranch Steakhouse for a relaxing evening and great food. Perini’s Steakhouse is well known throughout Texas and beyond. For good food and drink when you are in the Abilene area you cannot beat Perini’s. Sit back and enjoy the fun, fellowship, and food. Later, we will return to the MCM hotel.

Plan to be a part of this unique tour

WEST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION SATURDAY AFTERNOON TOUR April 9, 2016 Starts at 2:00 PM

We will leave by Abilene Trolley after the Business meeting and stop first at Frontier Texas!.
Frontier Texas! is a world class interactive museum.

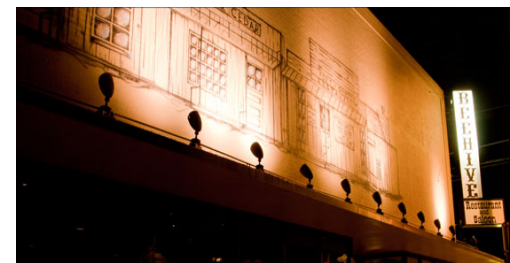


Frontier Texas! is a western heritage center that allows visitors to relive the Old West through the magic of state-of-the-art technology. Frontier Texas brings the frontier to life and lets visitors meet people who played out their lives on the Texas frontier. Frontier Texas also serves as the official visitor center for Abilene and the Texas Forts Trail Region. **NEW EXHIBITS ARE NOW OPEN!** "Blood & Treasure on the Frontier" features a new high definition, surround-sound welcome theater. The new "Early Texas" exhibit area showcases the natural history of the region including artifacts, interactive discovery stations and beautiful large murals by local artist H.C. Zachry and much more.



Our Next Stop is the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum which highlights the use of Armor in World War II. The primary mission of the Twelfth Armored Division Memorial Museum is to serve as a display and teaching museum for the study of World War II and its impact on the American people through exhibition and education programs using the Museum's owned and borrowed Historical Collection as a resource. This collection is chiefly 12th Armored Division World War II archives, memorabilia, and oral histories, along with selected equipment.

The Trolley Tour will continue with stops at other historic buildings and sites around Abilene as time allows. Supper is included in the tour with a stop at the **Bee Hive Restaurant** around 7 PM. Texas Monthly says "The Bee Hive Restaurant is the finest steak House in Texas". After supper we will return to the hotel for an evening happy hour and a chance to relax and discuss the conference and good times we have had at this fun filled and educational meeting.



We are looking forward to seeing you there. Don't miss out on any of the good times and fellowship in Abilene.