

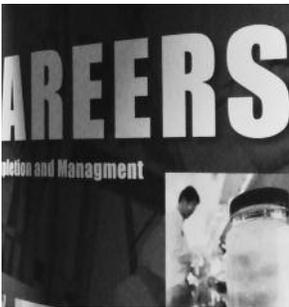
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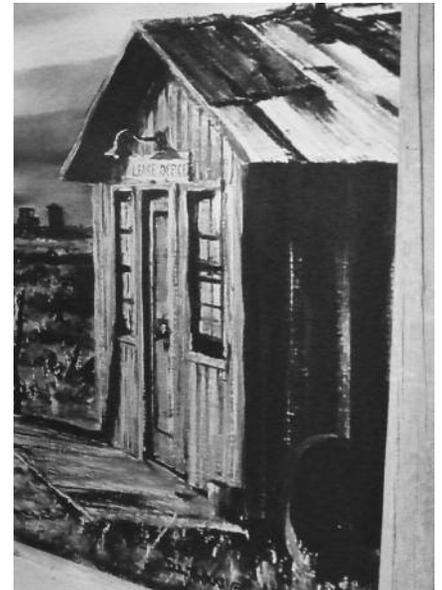


We're sharing some sneak previews of our new exciting exhibits.

We're Going To OPEN!

It's hard to believe, but the newly renovated petroleum exhibits are weeks away from opening. As the murals and graphic panels are installed, the galleries are coming to life. Next the media pieces, 63 in total, will be installed. Monitors that are now quiet, 57 of them, will spring to life. As the Museum wraps up the largest project it has ever undertaken, staff is preparing to move back into new spaces, learn the new exhibits and look forward to our next forty years!

The Museum will open the renovated spaces in stages, reserving first peeks for our donors and then hosting a grand opening on an early spring weekend. Dates will be chosen as we finalize installations, and perform our final walk-throughs. So keep an eye out for more news and come help us celebrate a fresh, new, exciting way to tell the petroleum and energy story!



Don't Miss the Bluebonnets

The Petroleum Museum is planning a wildflower trip to the Hill Country this spring that you won't want to miss! Join us as we hit the road to Fort Mason, Llano, Enchanted Rock, Fredericksburg and places in between to experience the beauty of the Texas Hill Country during wildflower season. Visit the Wildflower Seed Farm, Grape Creek Winery and the lavender farm at Becker Vineyard. Fun, friends and food will be on the menu. Contact Carey Behrends at 432-682-4403 for more information about the late March trip.

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Library and
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Booth: Good Times are Ahead

Richard Booth echoed the sentiment of many people when they first come to Midland for a job interview. "If I get an offer, there is no way I will move to Midland," thought the Southern Methodist University Law School graduate.

An offer did come from Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin & Browder, and Booth took it in September 1975. "But only for a year and then I was going to move back to Dallas," he said. Instead, Booth grew roots down deep into the dry soil. He also raised five children, who graduated Midland High School.

Over the years he worked in the legal business, leaving at one time for a job as a landman, and then returned to law. He now works at Lynch, Chappell & Alsup, PC.

Four years ago, Booth was invited to serve on the Petroleum Museum Board of Trustees. In January, he will step up to the two-year term as vice president.

"I am looking forward to these next few years and seeing the Museum with the new exhibits and presenting them to the public. I think they will be a great drawing card. There will be even more reasons for school kids to come out there," Booth said. "A lot of people come here from out of town and don't know anything about the oil business. This will be a great way to educate them. Even people driving through can stop and learn about the oilfield."

"I think the Petroleum Museum does a great service for the community. Not only does it explain the petroleum industry, but it also houses the Chaparral cars, a mineral collection and the Lovell art gallery. It adds a lot to the community," he said.

"The good times are ahead."

Roundup of Events



Celebrating 20 Years: Board President Joe de Compiegne congratulates Executive Director Kathy Shannon on her 20 years with the Museum.



Recognizing Hard Work: State Rep. Tom Craddick, third from left, is hosted at a reception for his efforts to support education. Shown from left are Kathy Shannon, Nadine Craddick and Dr. Steve Thomas, president of Midland College.



State Sen. Kel Seliger, far right, speaks at a Humanities Workshop held at the Museum.

MINERAL UPDATE: *Tanzanite*

The Museum is honored to receive a new acquisition for our Mineral Gallery. **Dr. Robert Lavinsky** of Dallas has gifted to the Museum a beautiful tanzanite mineral, along with a high quality cut tanzanite stone.

Tanzanite is an amazingly beautiful blue-violet variety of the mineral zoisite. It was originally discovered in the Mererani Hills in northern Tanzania in 1967, which is still the only place tanzanite is mined. The mineral was named by Tiffany & Co. after Tanzania and in 2002 it was chosen as the birthstone for December, the first change of the birthstone list since 1912.

Tanzanite is noted for its beautiful color which can appear sapphire blue, violet, or burgundy depending on the crystal orientation.

If you haven't visited the Mineral Gallery in a while, be sure to come by to enjoy this specimen along with the rest of nature's miracles!

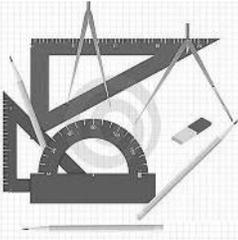


First Mineral Forum

The Petroleum Museum hosted friends from the Dallas area for our first Mineral Forum held in November. Over 100 people learned more about minerals in general, as well as collecting these valuable and beautiful specimens. Our thanks to Dr. Robert Lavinsky and Monica Kitt from The Arkenstone, Gail and Jim Spann, collectors, and Jonathan Allred, collector and financial advisor, for making this event such a special treat for Permian Basin collectors.

EDUCATION/ PROGRAM

ENERGY DAY COMING IN OCTOBER



Look for information coming in October 2016 for a FREE family festival showcasing STEM - science, technology, engineering and mathematics! Explore dozens of interactive experiments and demonstrations teaching students and their families about the various forms of energy, science, technology, efficiency, conservation, and careers in the energy industry. Energy Day is presented by the Petroleum Museum, Consumer Energy Alliance and Consumer Energy Education Foundation.

Family Science Night Oceans: January 28

Splash into science with us for “Oceans,” the Family Science Night on January 28, 2016, from 6 to 8 p.m. Uncover the mysteries of the sea and experience some of the abundant life forms that inhabit this wet ecosystem. Admission is FREE and refreshments will be provided.

Family Science Nights are brought to you by our generous sponsors at **Chevron**. We hope to SEA you there!



FALL MEANS SCHOOL TOURS

It's fall and teaching the fourth graders from Midland ISD about Texas History and the petroleum story is what we do! Thank you to the dedicated docents and puppeteers who make our tours and programs possible throughout the year! With the completion of the renovation coming soon, we will need more help. If you would like information about becoming a docent or education volunteer, contact the Education Department at 683-4403 or email Stacie at shanna@petroleummuseum.org.

What's Up?

A roundup of events at the Petroleum Museum



CHAPARRAL 2F PART OF COTA

The Chaparral 2F travelled to the Circuit of Americas race track in Austin in September to celebrate a weekend of racing in the legendary spirit of Le Mans. Jim Hall, driver and engineer of the iconic Chaparral cars, pictured right above, was honored as Grand Marshal. The three-day event culminated Saturday with almost nine hours of racing and entertainment.



Stacie Hanna holds Lucy, the bearded dragon, at the Kidabaloo held at the CAF Bush Hanger. The Museum critters often travel for events and programs.

NEW CAGES ENHANCE CRITTERS' LIVING SPACES

Next time you visit the Museum, stop by and see our new and improved cages in the Critter Corner! Our animals serve an important educational purpose through our interactive outreach programs, tours, and family events. They help us teach life science lessons including adaptations, habitats, animal classification, ecosystems, and many others. Hands-on science has been proven to increase student motivation and engagement in learning. Our new habitats provide even better homes for our hands-on science-teaching critters!



YOU Keep the Mission Rolling

What a year we had! **You** helped us *Explore the Past* as we celebrated our 40th birthday. Everything the Museum has accomplished over the last 40 years is because of the generosity of our patrons, and that includes **YOU!**

The Museum staff has welcomed every fourth grader in MISD, teaching them about our rich history. Scouts have camped out overnight earning badges, and Summer Science Classes have engaged children with a variety of scientific topics. How many of you either brought your children to the Museum or you, yourself, were impacted by our activities? **You** can help the next generation see the tremendous value in what the Museum has to offer!

Industry professionals have brought investors and interns to obtain their first education on the petroleum industry, and visitors from every corner of the world have been en-

lightened about this wonderful place we call the Permian Basin. **You** can be the reason a visitor hears the petroleum story, and gets it right! Join us as we *Define the Future*.

We hope you will consider a donation to the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. We are your advocate to all who experience, discover and realize how important the petroleum industry is to all of us. Your donation will be used for meeting the Museum's most pressing needs. If you choose to donate privately, check for matching funds through your employer. To make a tax-deductible donation, log on to our secure website at:

www.petroleummuseum.org or send your gift via U.S. Mail to Luanne Thornton's attention at 1500 Interstate 20 West, Midland, TX, 79701. If you have any questions, please contact her at 432-742-7464.

Best wishes to you and your family this holiday season!



Luanne Thornton



Jim Byerlotzer

AFP Honors Two from Museum

The Association of Fundraising Professionals hosted their annual National Philanthropy Day Awards luncheon in November. Two of our own were honored this year. **Jim Byerlotzer** was named **Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer**, and **Luanne Thornton** was named **Outstanding Fundraising Professional**. We are proud of both and appreciate AFP recognizing their dedication and hard work. Congratulations Jim and Luanne!

Join the Ranks Now

Exciting times are headed our way! The Petroleum Museum will be re-opening the newly renovated petroleum exhibits in the spring. Now is the time to join or renew Museum membership. You will want to be a part of all the excitement! Museum membership has many perks beginning with free admission and store discounts. Join now and be a part of the greatest thing to hit Midland in a long time!

To become a member, log on to our secure website at www.petroleummuseum.org or contact Luanne Thornton at 432-742-7464.

WELCOME: To Newest Members

Welcome to our special newest members:

Contributing Members:

Shelley Courter
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Daniels
Randal Dean
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Dietsch
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Memorial contributions to the Petroleum Museum are deposited in the permanent endowment fund to provide ongoing tribute to the individuals recognized in bold. Donors are listed below the honoree. Contributors from August 25, through November 19, 2015, were:

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Notable Dates

DECEMBER

December 15: Brown Bag Lunch & Lecture Series
 “Handbells in Concert”
 First Baptist Church Handbell Choir
 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Free admission; drinks and dessert provided.
 Sponsor: **Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust**

December 24-25: Museum Closed!!!
 MERRY CHRISTMAS!

JANUARY

January 1: Museum Closed!!!
 Happy New Year!

January 19: Brown Bag Lunch & Lecture Series
 Speaker: Mayor Jerry Morales
 “Tall City Tomorrow”
 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Free admission; drinks and dessert provided.
 Sponsor: **Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust**

January 28: Family Science Night
 “Oceans”
 6 to 8 p.m.
 Free admission; refreshments provided.
 Sponsor: **Chevron**

FEBRUARY

February 17: Brown Bag Lunch & Lecture Series
 Speaker: Kit Sheffield, XCOR
 “Space Expeditions”
 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Free admission; drinks and dessert provided.
 Sponsor: **Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust**

MARCH

March 3: Family Science Night
 “Mad Scientist”
 6 to 8 p.m.
 Free admission; refreshments provided.
 Sponsor: **Chevron**

March 30 - April 1 West Texas Wanderers
 Texas Hill Country Trip

**WATCH FOR SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
 CONCERNING THE RE-OPENING CELEBRATION!**

*For more information about any of these
 programs or events, contact
 the Petroleum Museum at 683-4403 or
www.petroleummuseum.org*

APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!

We want to give a round of applause to the following friends, companies and businesses. Their recent in-kind contributions of time, assistance or services are appreciated.



Camp-ins:

Bill Halepeska, Gem and Mineral Society, Susan May

Outdoor Exhibits:

ASCO Equipment Rental

1920s Rotary Rig Exhibit:

Bison Drilling Company and Tommy Bottoms

Halloween:

Rig Power, Clint Edmonson, Midland Co-op

Additional Assistance:

Love Swimming Bear, Debbie Pelham, Savahl Family

Two New Staffers to Handle Important Archives, Collections

The Petroleum Museum welcomes two staff members this fall. **Susan Mahoney**, Archives Manager, is a native Midlander who recently returned to Texas. Susan’s background is in history, so she is looking forward to delving into the Museum Archives when we move back to an expanded and updated Archives and Library space at the Museum. She enjoys exploring old forts and historical sites in her spare time.

Tiffany Bradley, the Museum’s new Collections Manager, comes to the Museum after spending more than a year helping organize and pack collections at the American Airpower and Heritage Museum. Her experience will help the Museum identify and organize its collections as we move back into expanded and specially designed collections storage space.

Museum Who’s Who

KATHY SHANNON
 Executive Director
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OUR MISSION: We will share the petroleum and energy story and its impact on our lives.

JOIN!

And Get 15% Discount Now

Your membership dollars truly make a distinct difference in the Museum's quest to continue being a valuable educational resource and community partner. Membership entitles you and your guests to free admission, 15% discount in the Museum Store and discounts on facility rentals. Members also receive advance notice of Museum events and programs.

Join the excitement and be a part of the Petroleum Museum. All membership levels are renewed annually and are non-transferable.

Visit the Museum website at www.petroleummuseum.org or call Luanne at 432-742-7464 to join today!

THE MUSEUM STORE



Looking for unique gifts this holiday season? Cross everyone off your Christmas list with one trip to the Museum Store. From Oilfield Camo to gemstone jewelry, industry art to dinosaur excavation kits, you will find that special gift at the Petroleum Museum. Head out to the Museum – we are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Or shop online anytime at www.petroleummuseum.org/shop and use the code **JINGLE** to receive 10 percent off your order on our website November 22 through December 23.