

# The Bandera PROPHEET

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Frontier Times Museum hosts authors as they celebrate release of *A Hill Country Christmas-Hope for Hardscrabble Times*, a collection of 18 holiday stories from every corner of the Texas Hill Country

Five authors announce the launch of their new holiday collection, *A Hill Country Christmas-Hope for Hardscrabble Times*, available now for pre-order in e-book format and releasing in trade paperback and e-book formats.

Amazon bestselling author Gail Kittleson, award-winning author Lynn Dean, popular “Hindsights” columnist Michael Barr, and debut authors Gina Lister and Shannon McFarland composed the book, set in various Texas Hill Country locales, offers heartwarming snuggle-into-your-chair regional tales tuned to Texas history and the Christmas message.

On Friday, the Frontier Times Museum hosted Kittleson and Dean, who shared some of their literary adventures that lead to *A Hill Country Christmas*.

History comes alive through stories that embrace the diverse cultures of the Hill Country in various hardscrabble seasons of life and death, humor and sadness, heartache and romance, the blessings of Christmas and the triumph of the human spirit. In every age, despite tumult, loss and despair, the hope of Christmas triumphs.

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### ***About the Authors***

Words have always been comfort food for Gail Kittleson. After instructing expository writing and English as a Second Language, she began writing memoir. Now, intrigued by the World War II era, Gail creates women's historical fiction from her northern Iowa home and also facilitates writing workshops/retreats.

She and her husband, a retired Army chaplain, enjoy their grandchildren and in winter, Arizona's Mogollon Rim Country. You can count on Gail's heroines to ask honest questions, act with integrity, grow in faith, and face hardships with spunk.

Visit Gail online at [gailkittleson.com](http://gailkittleson.com)

Lynn Dean dictated her first stories to her mother before she was old enough to write them down for herself.

After majoring in architecture at Texas A&M University and traveling the US and Europe with her Air Force husband, she published her first writing project—an interactive Texas History course popular with homeschool families. Her novels draw from the history, cultures, and people of Texas. Lynn writes and speaks about what she loves: God, family, history, and how those things fit together.

Lynn and her husband enjoy living in San Antonio and spend most weekends exploring the Texas Hill Country.

To connect with Lynn and receive a free gift, go to <https://chipper-creator-7328.ck.page/0bc8965c96>

Michael Barr is a retired teacher and principal with a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas and a master's degree in History and Government from Texas State. His books include *Remembering Bulldog Turner*, *Cloyce Box – 6'4"* and *Bulletproof*, and *Rope Burns and Lead Poisoning*. His articles have appeared in *Old West Magazine*, *True West Magazine*, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* and *Texas Highways Magazine*. His "Hindsights" column appears in the *Fredericksburg Standard*, the *Johnson City Record-Courier*, and *TexasEscapes.com*. He is a regular contributor to *Rock and Vine Magazine*.

Michael and his wife Ginger live in Fredericksburg.

Gina Lister, born in the eastern Tri-State metropolitan area, met her future husband while visiting the fertile hills of the Palouse region out west. Naturally, she moved to Texas for her first job. She married her true love and under military orders they traveled America and Europe,

returning to their Hill Country home between each assignment. While in Europe, Gina enjoyed planning amazing and intricate family vacations. Those experiences translated into a love of storytelling to preserve for her two young children the rich memories of the life they were living. This is her first published fictional writing.

No matter where Shannon McFarland lives, she will always consider Brady, Texas her home. Shannon loves history, road-trips, and finding humor in everyday life. She dreams of publishing more stories, owning a bookstore, and raising chickens. Shannon currently resides in San Antonio with her very patient husband...who has had no clue (until now) about her dream of raising chickens.

The Frontier Times Museum is located at 510 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Bandera, Texas. For more information, visit [www.frontiertimesmuseum.org](http://www.frontiertimesmuseum.org).