

The Bandera PROPHECY

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Museum Gala celebrates cowgirls

The Frontier Times Museum

Keeping with their mission to preserve and teach history, the Frontier Times Museum's Spring Gala will showcase objects and historic photographs of cowgirls throughout the event. The annual event is the museum's largest fundraiser and helps raise necessary funds for the museum's operations and educational programs.

This year's event will be held at 6:30 p.m., May 4, at The Bridlegate Community Center, and will feature a silent and live auction, good food and top-shelf cocktails.

New to this year is a Rifle Raffle. Sponsored by the Meier Ranch, only 52 playing cards are being sold at \$100 per card for a chance to win a Rossi R95 Trapper 30-30. Tickets are available for sale now at the museum or during the Gala. The drawing will be held at the Gala, though participants need not be present to win.

"This is our main fundraiser for the museum," Frontier Times Museum Executive Director Rebecca Norton said. "We do not receive any public funding for operations, so we rely heavily on this event to help us throughout the year. The funds we raise from our Gala give us operational support so we can provide educational programming and exhibits."

Among the many educational programs the museum offers are free history lectures for the community throughout the year, field trips for area schools and homeschoolers, and a free Traveling History Trunk program, where trunks filled with hands-on historical artifacts are brought to area schools to be used in the classroom or in school libraries. Gala chairpersons, Tessa Kolodny, museum staff, and other board trustees have been very busy finding unique auction items for the event's

silent and live auctions. A variety of distinctive and handmade items will be featured, such as a locally made quilt and a one-of-a-kind wooden table crafted by Kolodny. Exclusive experiences will also be available, such as a South Texas ranch hunting trip and a private dinner at the historic HIX Ranch. Other offerings include G. Harvey artwork, leathersgoods, and vintage Bandera treasures all donated especially for the Gala.

The museum is proud to have Tito's Vodka as the title sponsor along with the Hix Ranch, Meier Ranch, Texas Partners Bank, the Cinco Lomas Ranch, and the Western Trail Antique Mall. Black Tie Affair Catering from San Antonio has designed a delectable menu for the evening. Tickets are still available at \$100 per person or \$800 for tables of eight and may be purchased at the Frontier Times Museum at 510 13th Street in Bandera. Seating is limited so the museum is recommending that you buy your tickets early. For more information, please call 830-796-3864.