

" Now Celebrating Our 40th Year!"

EXHIBITS

On display at the Morton Museum of Cooke County is entitled "A Walk through Time." This exhibit transports visitors through several decades of Cooke County's history. Come and be transported from the Victorian period of the 1880s through the beginning of the new century. Step back in time and see what was happening in Cooke County during the Roaring Twenties and the dark days of the Great Depression. Move through the days of WWII and the 1950s as Gainesville celebrated 100 years. Don't miss the 1950s slang. Finish out your jaunt with the 1960s and 1970s and a look into the future. The museum's hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

COME CELEBRATE WITH US OUR 25TH AUCTION!

The 25th annual Cooke County Heritage Society auction will take place on Friday, May 9, 2008 at the VFW Hall in Gainesville. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. All proceeds from the auction go to support services and programs at the Morton Museum. This is the Museum's largest fund-raiser, and we appreciate all of the support that the county has given us over the years.

Donations are now being solicited and we would appreciate your support of an item, a service or cash to make this year's auction another success.

Tickets are \$15 each and include the cost of a barbecue dinner. Cash Bar available. They may be purchased at the Morton Museum or from any board member, committee member or volunteer. Don't miss out on this opportunity to purchase one of a kind items!

"THE COOKE COUNTY TREE"™

The Cooke County Heritage Society is hoping to create a lasting tribute to the county and its residents, both past and present. The project is an effort to compile the names of all the people who lived in Cooke County during the last 150 years into a central data base. The names will then be placed on the limbs or branches of a tree and are set to become part of an exhibit at the Morton Museum of Cooke County.

The Cooke County Tree has a goal of documenting the surnames of everyone who stopped, planted themselves in the prairie or the cross timbers and called Cooke County home. Participation is free, and everyone is encouraged to join the effort by completing a survey. Whether you are a newcomer to the county or your family goes back generations, the Heritage Society wants to know who you or they were, when they came and where they settled. Every family is needed to fill out the limbs and branches, and yes, even some of the twigs. The result will paint a picture of how deep the roots grew and how many sprouts fanned out across the county and produced our community tree.

There is no charge for contributing data to the Cooke County Tree project, and information provided is expressly for the use of historical or genealogical research within the Morton Museum. A Privacy Policy is inherent in protecting all families and individuals, and no information will be sold or provided to any third parties.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Morton Museum salutes our volunteers for their outstanding dedication! We have a lot of opportunities available for anyone interested in becoming volunteering at the museum. The

volunteers help with various tasks and work in two shifts: Tuesday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information on becoming a volunteer, please call 940.668.8900.

MUSEUM INFORMATION

The Morton Museum is the place to find Historical Information about the people, area & events of Cooke County! We are owned and operated by the Cooke County Historical Society, Inc. The museum maintains a large archival and photographic collection of material for researchers to utilize. A staff member is available, by appointment, to aid individuals in genealogy research. Also available by appointment, is a step-on guide for trolley tours of the historic downtown and other historic sites in the area. Guided walking tours of the downtown and Victorian homes district may also be arranged. Several other specialized walking tours, in addition to those two, are available as well. To arrange a tour or make an appointment, call the museum at 940.668.8900. The Museum's Book Store area has several books, prints, and other items for sale.