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Candid Comments



Producer, RG de Stolfe

Here I am with another issue of the journal! Much has happened in the few short weeks since my last issue and that is included here!

A quick note, in the last email announcing the last journal issue, I had a link to a survey. Did you click on the button to fill out that short survey? I did not get very many responses. Would you please fill out that survey? (The link is also in the email announcing that this issue was ready to view.) The survey will ask you some functional questions and will ask you some questions to help improve future issues.

In late July and early August, I went up to Colorado, to Colorado Springs and to Leadville. This issue will show you the reasons and the many things I did. I had some work to do, but also had some fun.

In addition, the next issue will include some things that I will be doing soon, and I plan to have that issue out probably sometime in late September, about a month from now.

For most people, public school and college has started, and we will soon be celebrating Labor Day, remembering 9-11, and living life in some sort of routine as we get settled into daily life as we go into fall. That's all fine and good, but don't neglect to keep your own life balanced and in check so that you are not vainly overworking nor selfishly being slack and passive! It is very easy to go either way!

I recently came across the concept of "work-life" balance (I have been hearing this phrase for most of this year) and have wondered what caused this expression. My generation is called Gen X, and most people in my age range is upper 30 through 40s, mid life. Wikipedia states, "In midlife, research describes them [Gen Xers] as active, happy, and achieving a work-life balance. The cohort has been credited with entrepreneurial tendencies."

Wikipedia states about work-life balance, "Work-life balance is the term used to describe the balance that an individual needs between time allocated for work and other aspects of life. Areas of life other than work-life can be, but not limited to personal interests, family and social or leisure activities." I suppose this concept could be compared or contrasted with anyone of any generation over the past 100 years, with extreme circumstances being an exception, like with wars or the Great Depression.

This issue covers a short range of activities I did in July and August, but it was enough for a complete issue. Enjoy!

Word for Life

The Unsearchable Understanding of God

I came across a scripture that seemed good to include in this issue. It is Isaiah 40:28-29.

²⁸ Have you not known?
Have you not heard?
The everlasting God, the Lord,
The Creator of the ends of the earth,
Neither faints nor is weary.
His understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the weak,
And to those who have no might He increases strength.

Many people like to quote the verse that comes a little further, verse 31, but I want to focus on these two verses instead.

Verse 28 says that God cannot be searched like we would do a Google search to get information. We can ask God questions and inquire of His all knowledge, but we cannot actually search His brain like He was just some resource to get understanding like Him. God alone is the Creator, the only resource, and we are not capable nor designed to understand exactly like He does. The rhetorical questions in verse 28 also point to our own ignorance of things that we should already know and have known for a long time.

Verse 29 shows His omnipotence, that He alone provides for our needs. The definition of omnipotence means “possessing complete, unlimited, universal power and authority”. That means He can give us everything we will ever need from conception to death from this world! The word weak here does not necessarily mean physical, it refers to the mind, the strength of overcoming against whatever comes to try to harm us and providing supernatural power that we cannot do ourselves, of our own strength. That power speaks of the angels, who we can't see, working on our behalf harkening to the Word of God spoken by our own lips.

That brings up another point. Our successes or failures in our lives are directly controlled by the words coming out of our mouths! If you were to say, “It's flu season, and I usually get sick.” do not be surprised when, not if, you get sick! You spoke that curse directly on yourself, and yet you become surprised when you do get sick! So, if speaking works in the evil direction, it also works in the God direction too! And more importantly, you were created explicitly to speak the words of God only! That's why He gave us a Bible, both Old Testament and New Testament! (Or as we could also refer to it, Book 1 and Book 2.)

Yet, while we have the explicit power and right to speak forth the Word of God to accomplish the will of God, we somehow fail to do it because we also fail to believe it! We often think so little of ourselves, usually as worthless, that we act as if God did what He did only for other people and that we are somehow not eligible. We must also remember that NO ONE on this earth is eligible for salvation and the healing God planned and successfully established because of sins. However, and this is a very BIG however, God created a substitutionary means to atone for the sins of all the people of the earth through His Son Jesus. That's why we remember His birth and His death and resurrection every year because He successfully removed the penalties of the sins we could not repay nor atone of our own means.

This salvation does come at one very specific price, a very easy price, to accept Him as your personal Savior and Lord. He is THE ONLY WAY to salvation and life with God after leaving the earth! You don't need some long drawn out, well written statement, you just simply need to say out loud and mean with all your heart, “Father, forgive me. I accept Your salvation and ask Jesus to be my personal Savior and Lord in the Name of Jesus.” That's it! If you actually meant that prayer, your life is now on the correct path!

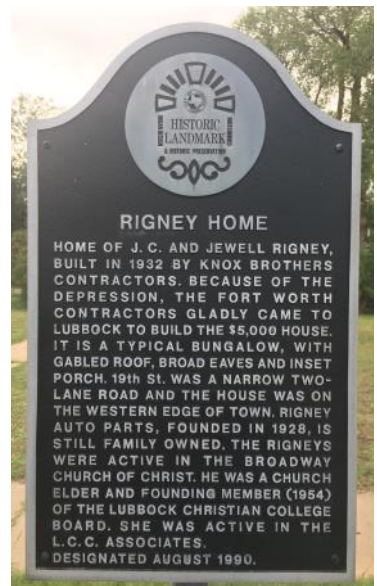
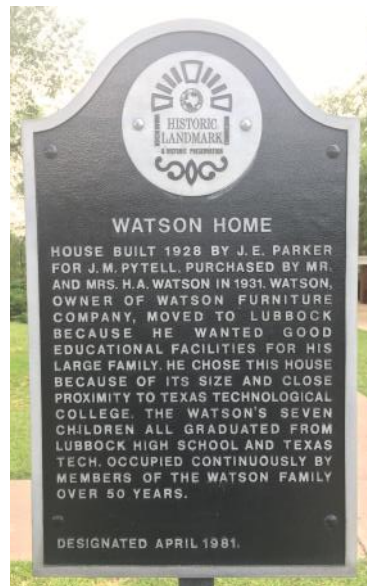
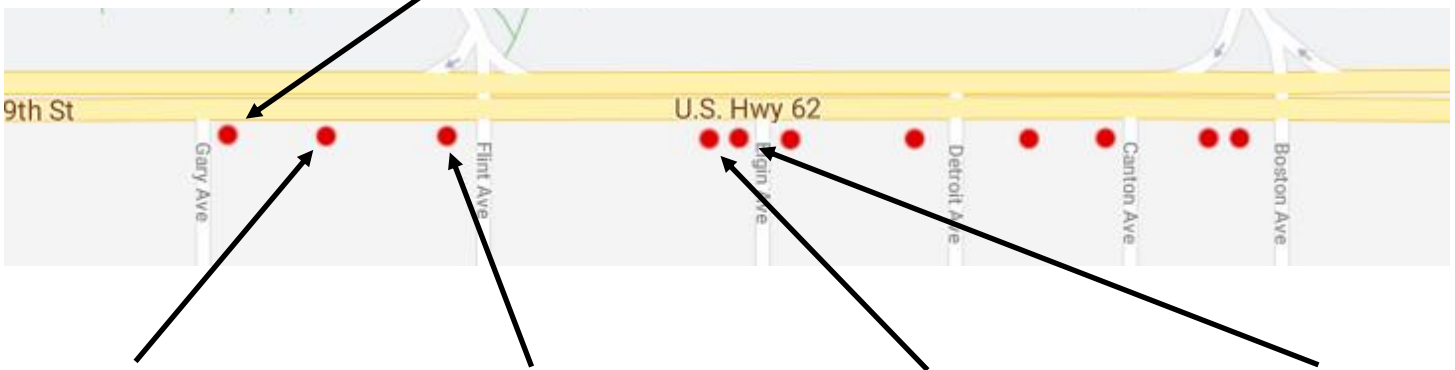
Religion wants to over complicate salvation with rules and processes and regulations and on and on and on. With Jesus, and a further desire to want to know Him more, your life will only get better, now and in the life after leaving the earth (the laying of the body to rest)!

Historic Homes

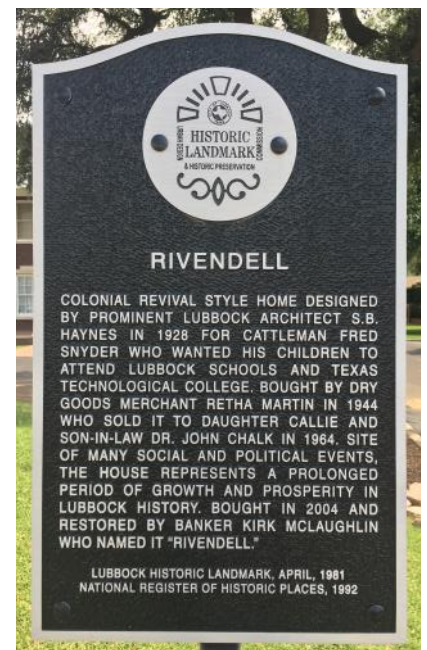
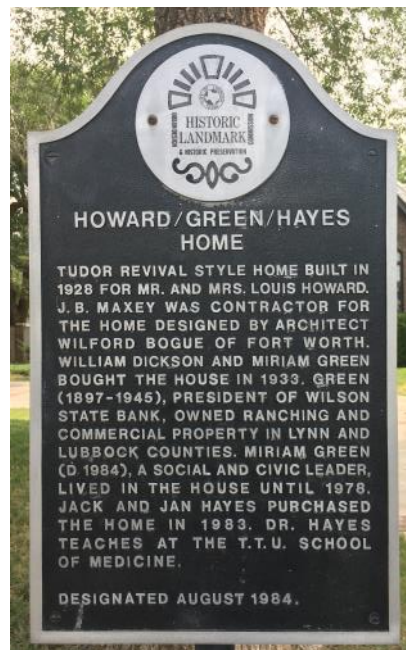
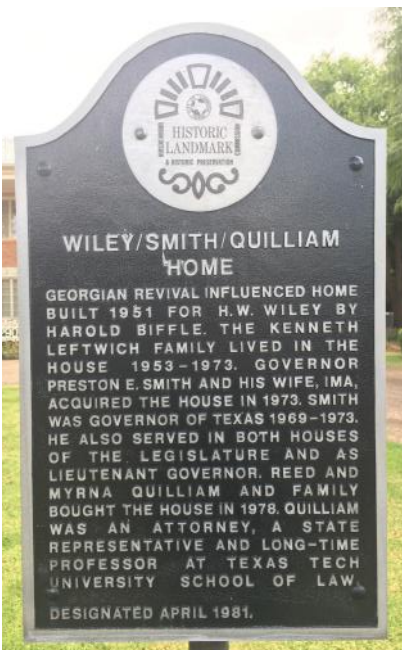
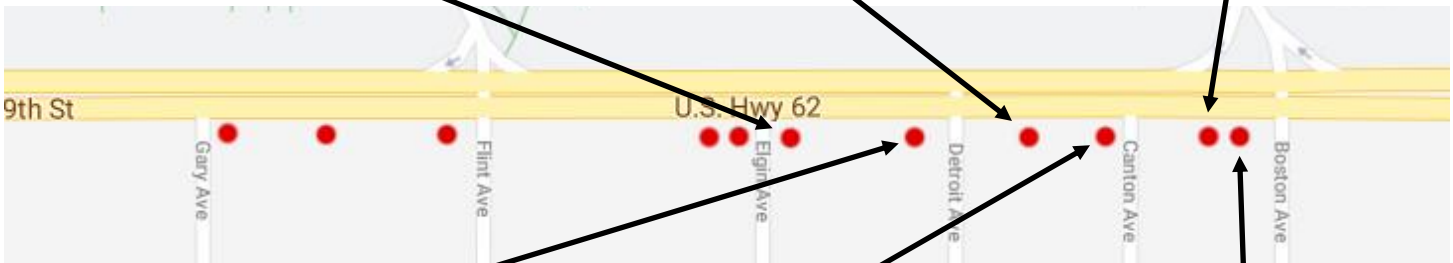
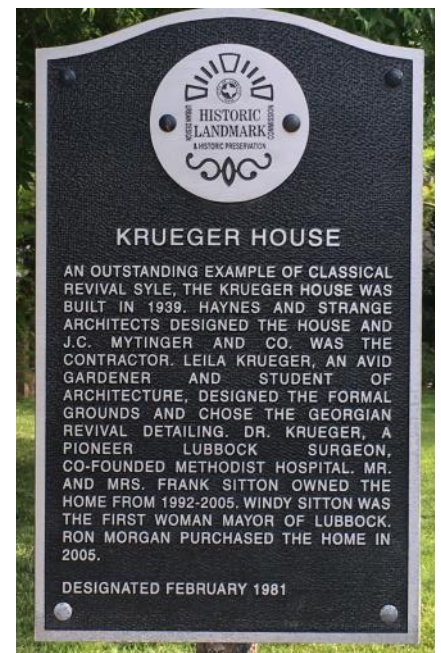
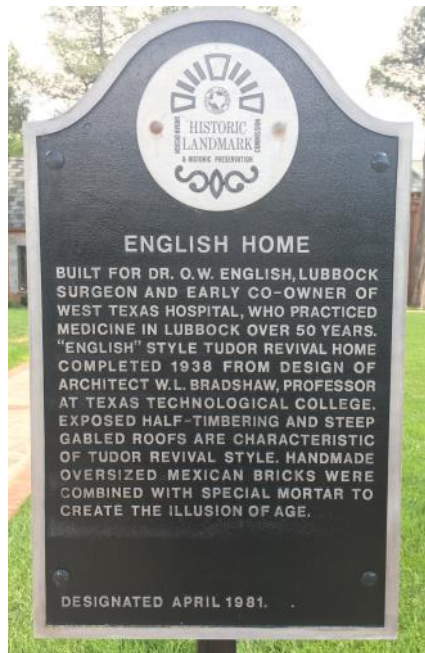
On July 6, I decided to do some slight sightseeing before going to the First Friday Art Trail. So, in the late afternoon, I parked on 19th Street between Indiana and University and looked at some historical house markers I remember seeing a few days earlier. Here is a little background information. Lubbock is a 20th century city. The merged towns incorporated on March 16, 1909 with the Lubbock name. (For more info on this and where the name Lubbock comes from, Wikipedia provides a nice general description: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lubbock,_Texas.) Lubbock County was founded in 1876, along with most of the counties in this region of Texas. Texas Technological College was established by Governor Pat Neff on February 10, 1923. (Read more here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_Tech_University.) The campus, which I understand is the largest in the United States in land

size, has its main campus west of College Avenue (now University Avenue) and fully between 4th street and 19th street, encompassing most of two square miles to the west, along with addition land north of 4th street and various other areas (some of the land is agricultural). At the time, the campus was far out from the center area of Lubbock downtown on what was just clear farm land. On the south side of 19th street across from the campus is where these homes are that have historical markers in front of them, not all of the homes, but many of them. The dates of the buildings range from 1928 to 1951 with all of them between University and Indiana within a one mile stretch where I went (there could be other markers in other areas, but I suspect that since these homes were across from campus specifically that the markers would be seen more often than other markers for homes further away from campus).

Somehow forgot to photograph this one!



Historic Homes



Mon Jardin Sur Le Balcon

Part Deux

In the last issue, I showed how my balcony garden grew over several month. In this issue, I'll show you photos of the plants themselves!



French Marigold



French Marigold



Scabiosa (Pincushion Flower)



Senetti (sadly, these died off early)



Verbena (white)



Gazania (various colors)



Gaillardia (Indian Blanket Flower)



Dusty Miller



Super Chili (peppers)



Purple Oxalis (clovers)



Salvia (red and dark purple)

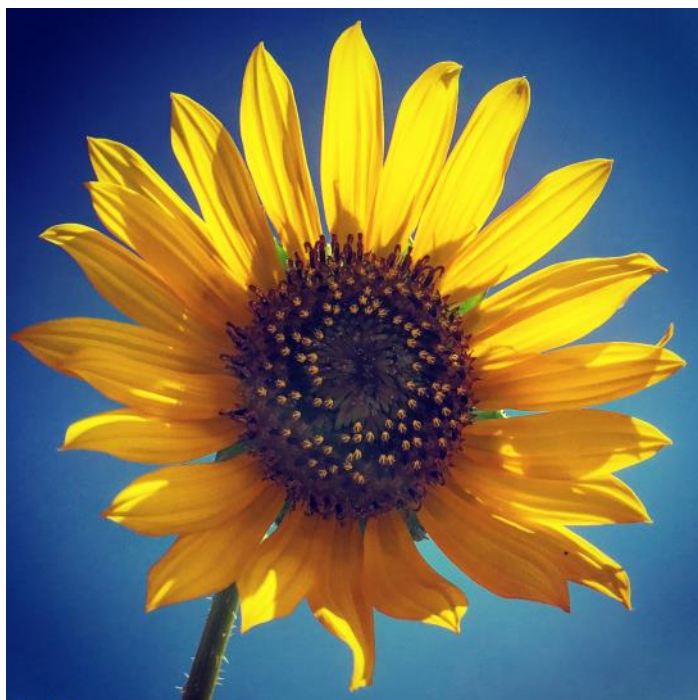


Icelandic Poppy and Salvia

RG's Instagram Photos

Once again, I am including some of my Instagram photos because they have proven to be excellent photos in that I can crop them and apply various

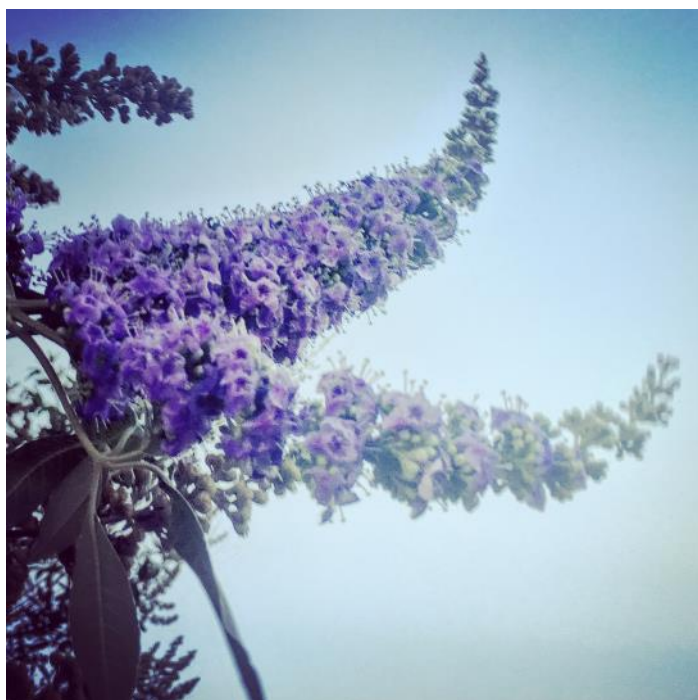
filters to optimize their attractability! Also, the words below each photo is the title, not a description of the subject!



Wild Sunflower3



The no clue flower.



Texas lilac



No clue flower tree

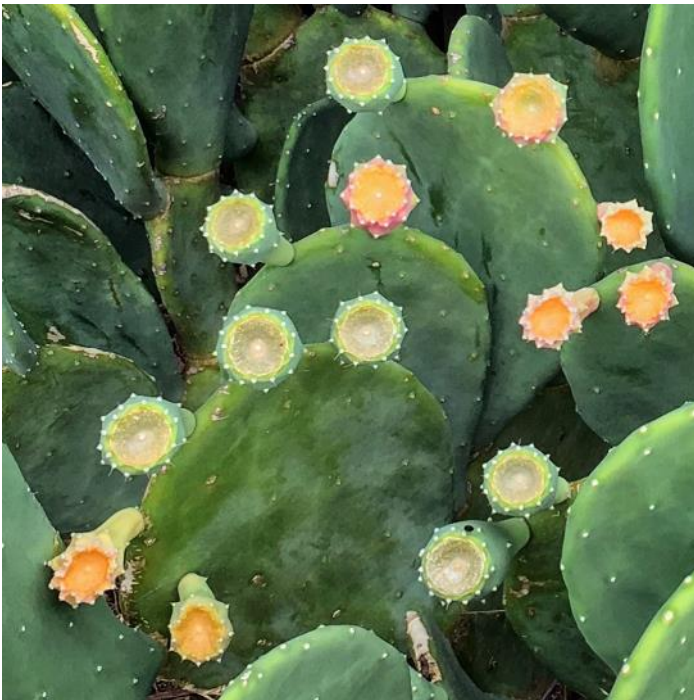
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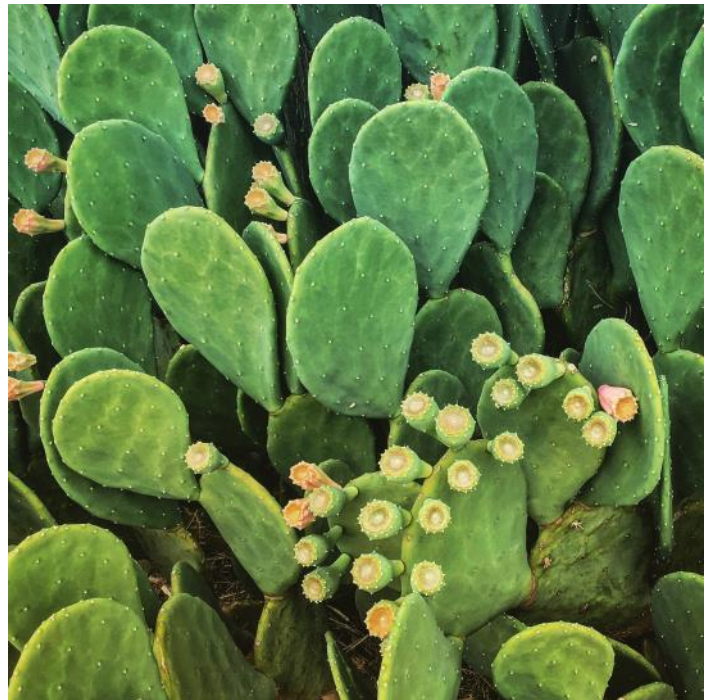
Under Construction



Pear



Eventual Fruit



Spineless Pears

RG's Instagram Photos



White and purple columbine



Yellow and red columbine



Purple Butterfly Bush



Pink Butterfly Bush

RG's Instagram Photos



Radial.



Little Flowers



Out of focus pink Icelandic poppy



Petunia

RG's Instagram Photos



Red yarrow



Bumble bee on potentilla



Blooming



Purple stalks

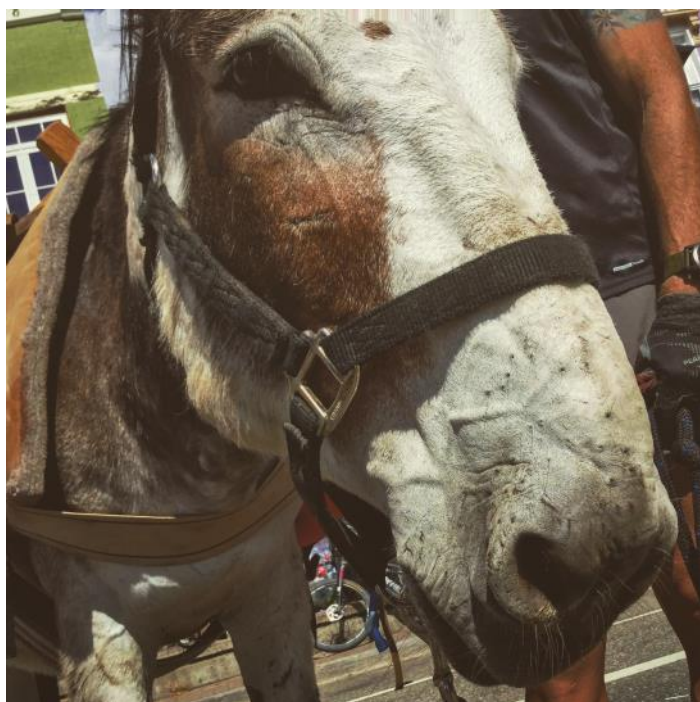
RG's Instagram Photos



Burro



Even the little ones compete



Burro is done!



Finished

Colorado Visiting

Purpose of Visit

Since I did not go to Colorado this summer to work in Leadville as I did in 2017, I knew at some point I would need to travel up there to touch base and work on a few things. Even though I had only worked in Leadville the summers of 2014, 2015, and 2017, I have continued to do work remotely since 2015.

From July 28 through August 9, I went up to Colorado Springs for a few days, then to Leadville for a few days, and back to the Springs for a few more days. Dad had a couple of projects for me to work on, and I had a few miscellaneous things to do at the Temple Israel museum, along with wanting to attend the annual Boom Days that was in Leadville that weekend.

In my usual fashion, I have noted many obscure and oft overlooked things as I went about. So, here they are in approximate order by visitation.

National Day of the Cowboy

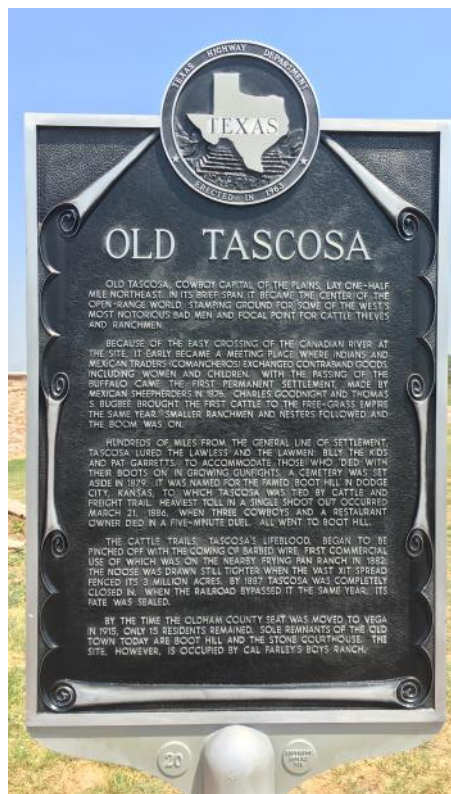
Since the day I drove up was July 28th, it was the National Day of the Cowboy. I timed it so that I would be able to stop at the American Quarter Horse Museum for a short while so I could attend the special activities there. The museum was free and they had various activities all about.



Old Tascosa

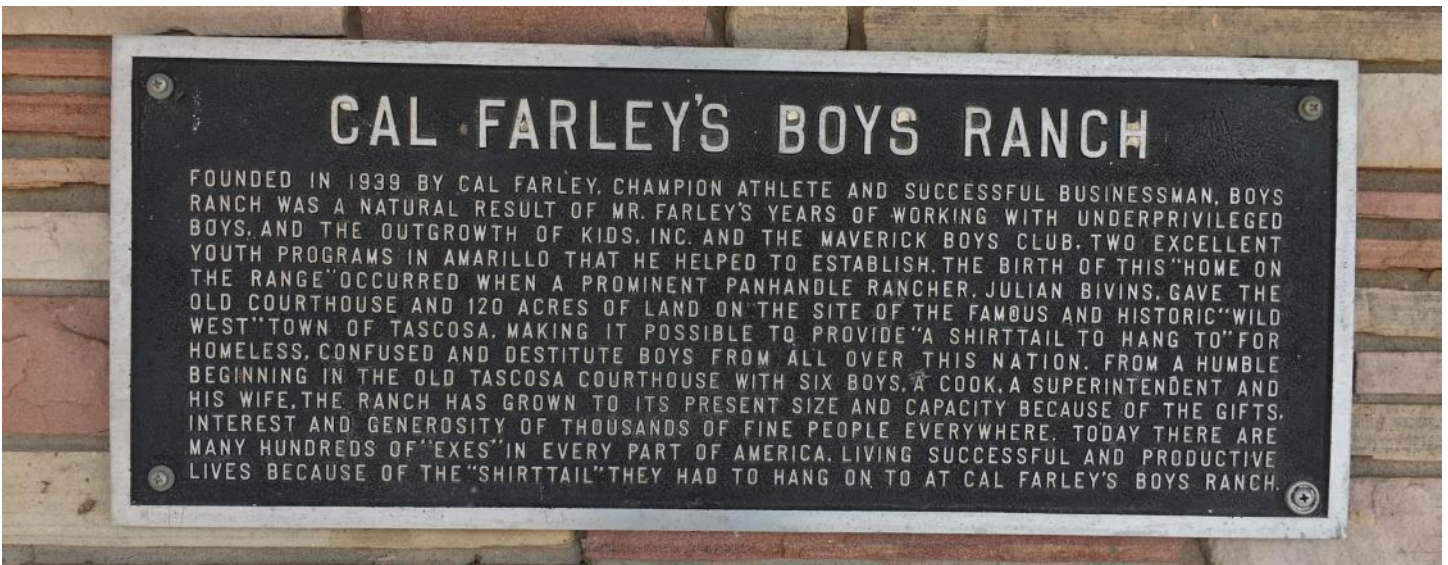
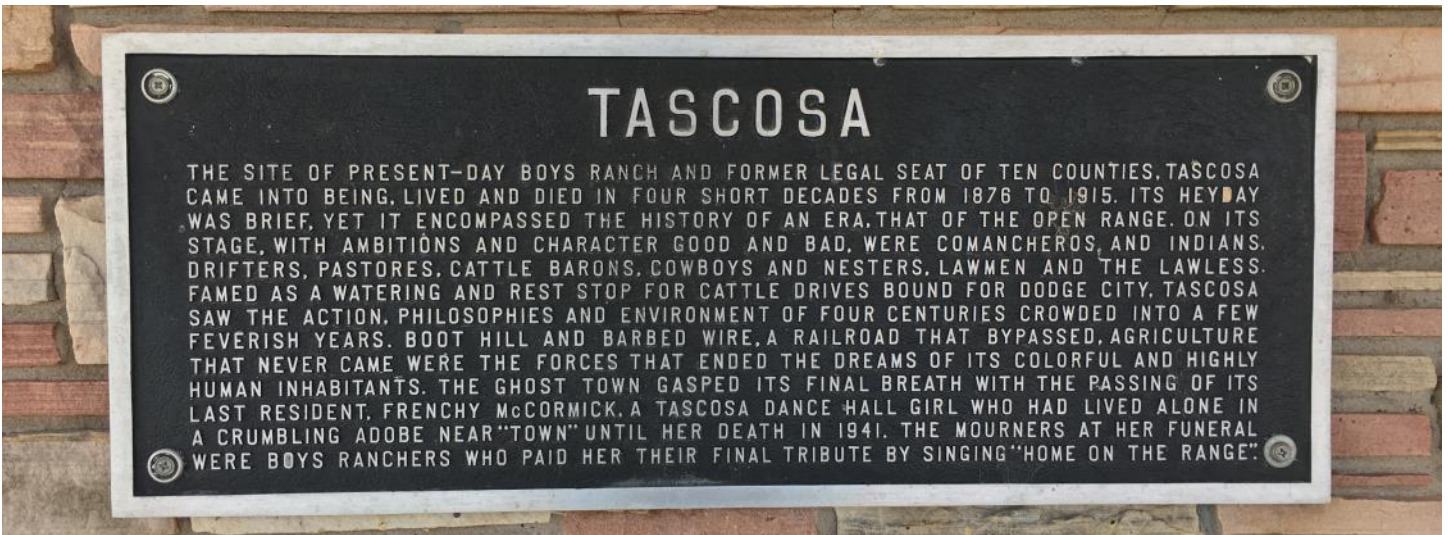
Less than an hour away from Amarillo to the northwest near the end of Road 1061 is a small area called Cal Farley's Boy's Ranch. This area also contains a now extinct historic town called Tascosa and the nearby LS Ranch. Right at the entrance to the Boy's Ranch are a bunch of historic markers. Here they are.

(Some day, I'll plan to see the actual town of Tascosa.)



Colorado Visiting

Old Tascosa



Colorado Visiting

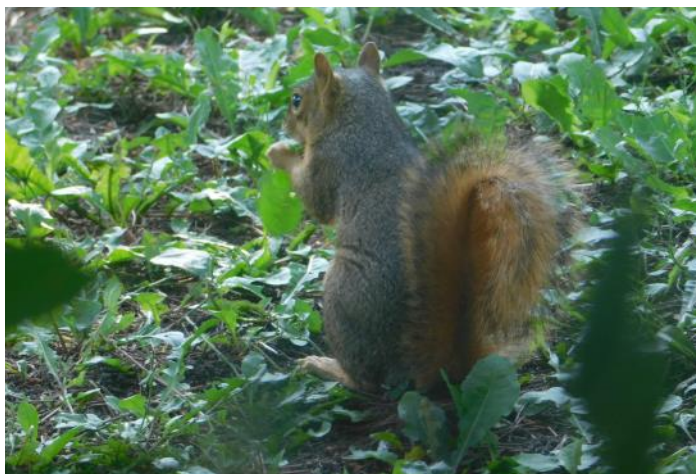
While in New Mexico

On my way up to Colorado, I stopped at the usual windmill found in New Mexico near Capulin that I've stopped at for about 10 years. (There's a fantastic sunset photo of this windmill from New Years that is in the January 2018 issue.)



At Dad's House

Okay, so if you've kept up with my journals any since 2012, you know that I have included tons of squirrel photos, particularly the ones from dad's back yard. Well, I was glad to catch them active!



Who knew that squirrels liked dandelion leaves!
(There's no shortage of them!)



Caught again in the bird cake!
(After one day of putting out the bird cake,
it was gone!)

Colorado Visiting

Quick Visit

Since I was in the Springs for a few days, I worked on one project dad wanted, ate at some favorite restaurants, and went to a few places. Since I work at Duluth Trading Company in Lubbock, of course I had to visit the one in Colorado Springs. This one opened about a month before the one in Lubbock opened (as I recall). It is a small store located within a shopping center strip. The general arrangement of the stuff is a little different.



Florissant, Colorado

To get to Leadville, you need to take a road that passes you through areas that truly show what Colorado is like! These are also less travelled roads, though there can be quite a few cars on the road. From Colorado Springs you have to go west on Highway 24 that takes you through Woodland Park, Florissant, Hartsel (and South Park area), to Buena Vista (I've left out a few of the smaller towns). From there, you would go north to Leadville. Florissant is about one third of the way to Buena Vista. I stopped at a historical marker.



GOLD

Colorado Visiting

Leadville

Two main reasons for visiting Leadville was to do some work at the Temple Israel Museum and to go to Boom Days. (See a different page for more about Boom Days.) You can visit my journals from the summers of 2014, 2015, and 2017 [partly] to read more about Leadville and the many things that are there. But, here are a few things I saw while on this specific trip to Leadville.

Soda Springs

I finally found the elusive soda spring that the named area called Soda Springs was named. It's not much, but it is known by those from 100 plus years ago! I was trying to find it last summer without success. I remember passing this specific area, but did not realize that this was the spring! I did not feel inclined to taste the soda water! The water trickles out of pipe from this concrete box down a little stream and ends in a fresh water stream.



Leadville National Fish Hatchery

A very short distance away from the soda spring is a fish hatchery. They raise two varieties of trout: cutthroat and rainbow. I first visited it last October, but went again to visit during this trip. If you were to visit my Facebook page for early August, you will find video of me feeding the trout!



Colorado Visiting

Weird Bug

While at the soda spring, I saw this weird, creepy bug! It did not bother me, but it was busy making its rounds on the flowers. I saw this same type of bug last fall and posted it on Facebook. Some people said it was a Hummingbird Hawk-Moth. Well, I had never seen this kind of bug before last fall! This sucker was huge for being a moth!



The Point of Leadville

One of the reasons I compounded the trip to Colorado to also include a side trip to Leadville is because I still to remote work for the Temple Israel Museum and why that particular weekend because it was the weekend of Leadville's biggest event of the year, Boom Days. I've been to Boom Days three times prior with the summers I worked there and it was always a fun weekend full of various activities.

Museum: My time at the museum was as a Gallery Manager and to a lesser extent, I still have some input as to different things at the museum. While there, I processes new artifacts, looked at and tweaked with the new digital panels on the walls, and did the general interaction with visitors.

Other Activities: Since I was in the area for a few days, I went to the Fish Hatchery, went to find the elusive Soda Springs, ate at some of my favorite restaurants, did a few other misc things, and to attend Boom Days.

Boom Days: This annual event lasts nearly three full days with street vendors and a wide range of events. Dad came up on Saturday for a few hours to watch the parade. Sunday was the burro race. Also throughout the weekend are the miner's competitions, which really is what the event was first based upon many years ago. Read more about Boom Days on another page.

Colorado Visiting

Hartsel, Colorado

On my way back from Leadville to the Springs, I stopped briefly in Hartsel. If Florissant was about one third of the way, Hartsel is about two thirds of the way. It is on the western edge of the general South Park valley of Colorado. It really is only a slow spot in the road with a few buildings, but does have a sort of main street. They had their heritage days the same weekend as Boom Days in Leadville. I often have seen a stand here in the late summer selling Palisade peaches!



Wascally Wabbit

While back at dad's house after leaving Leadville, I was there for a few more days to work on a project.

Over the years dad had said that there was a bunny that would often come in the front yard to eat the dandelions. Well, here it is!



There's a bunny
In the front yard
Chomping hardily
On the grassy
Getting big and roundy!

Colorado Visiting

On the Way Back to Lubbock

If you recall back to my first one or two issues in 2012, you might remember that I posted a morning sunrise photo after spending the night at a rest stop called Sierra Grande Rest Area near Des Moines, New Mexico. I took a photo of the same general area



June 4, 2012

now six years later just for the fun of it! For this particular stretch of road, it goes nearly north with the rest area to the east. This is why you can see the sunrise on a road that you would typically think of as going west or northwest.



August 9, 2018

That same rest area above had some historical markers. One in particular talked about the Sierra Grande volcano shown below. This extinct volcano looks really low and shallow compared to what you would expect. The lava flow from this volcano is what the road is paved on for part of the way.



Boom Days Weekend

Miner's Competitions

The whole point of the event from when it first started is the miner's competitions. They go throughout the entire weekend and involve several events that are held half a block away from the Temple Israel Museum in a large parking lot. The competitions include: jack leg drilling, team jack leg drilling, hand mucking, and single hand steel drilling, and double hand steel drilling. The drilling events are quite noisy! There is also a kids hand mucking event. Every year, a large rock is brought to the site and painted brightly and prepped for the competitions. This year, it was a bright red. Here is the before and after.

Parade

Saturday morning is a parade. Leadville has several parades during the year, but this one is the biggest and the longest! Everyone seems to be in this parade. Most of my recordings of the parade were videos, but see some screen shots on the next page.

Street Vendors

I like to say that there are more food vendors during the Boom Days weekend than there are restaurants in Leadville! That is probably not too far off, many people are ecstatic to have more variety of food in a small town! Other vendors include pretty much what you'd expect: clothes, political runners, issues propaganda, ethnic stuff, crafts, food, and various wares. There was a separate gun show, some kids activities, and of course all the regular stores open. My favorite vendors that are there most years are the gyro stand, a Colorado leatherworker, and some local kids lemonade stand (although I did not find them this year).

Burro Race

One of my favorite events is the burro race held on Sunday. See more on another page.



Before



After



Even the littlest of burros are in the race!

Boom Days Weekend

Boom Days Parade

The Boom Days parade starts at about 10 AM and runs most of the length of Harrison Avenue and even starts up over Capitol Hill. Just about everything that could exist in a parade is included at least once. Here are some screenshots of the video I took (sorry, no still photos, just video.)



Stage



Interlachen was the theme, a hotel on Twin Lakes



Leadville Fire Department



Leadville Race Series



Cool mid century truck



Cookies With Altitude bakery



Leadville National Fish Hatchery

Boom Days Weekend

Boom Days Parade



Apparently, the coroner is an elected position!



Where's my zoot suit?



Another cool old truck



The whole parade has people in 1880s-90s clothes



Yep, the local hospital too!



Mountain man

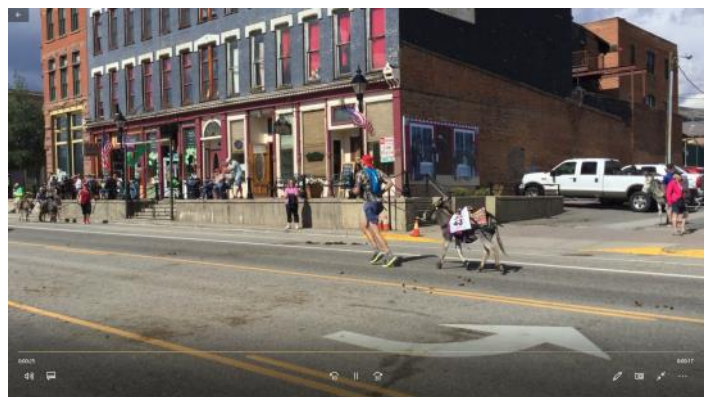
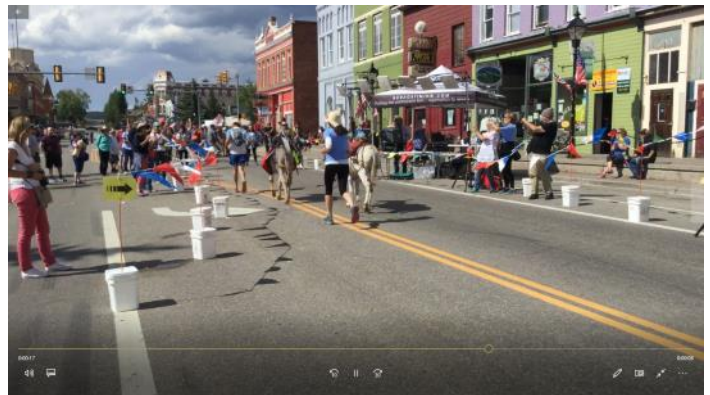
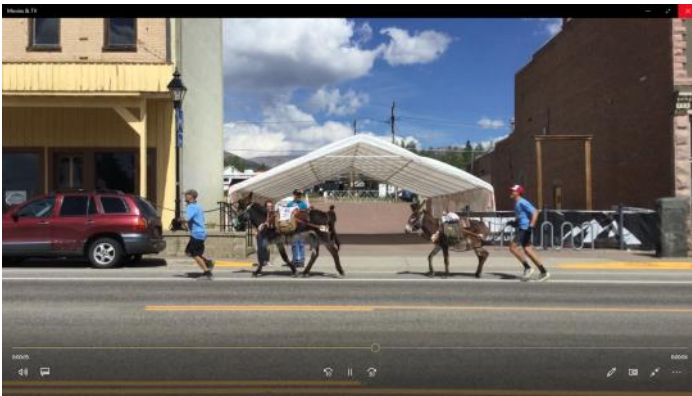


Even the wacky tobaccy rec places!

Boom Days Weekend

Burro Race

The burro races are really fun to watch! They start in the late morning, and there are two courses, a longer one and shorter one. They both come back around in the early-mid afternoon. They even have a raffle as to guess the time of the first contestant. The Leadville burro race is one of three every summer.



Goings On

Winning with Instagram Results

In the last issue, I showed how I won an Instagram contest by submitting a photo (to the right) as part of a weekly contest by the Townsends channel on YouTube. (Read the last issue if you have no idea what I'm talking about! It'll all make much more sense!) The prize from winning that contest was a \$20 gift certificate to their store. For me, that worked out swell because there's been a few items for nearly a year that I've wanted to get! I placed my order and they came in recently. Below is a photo of what I got, and all of it was just a little over the \$20.

- 4" Trade Porcelain Bowl (this one is really cool!)
- Small Trade Porcelain Bowl
- Cookbook: *American Cookery* by Amelia Simmons

Check out their website: www.townsends.us



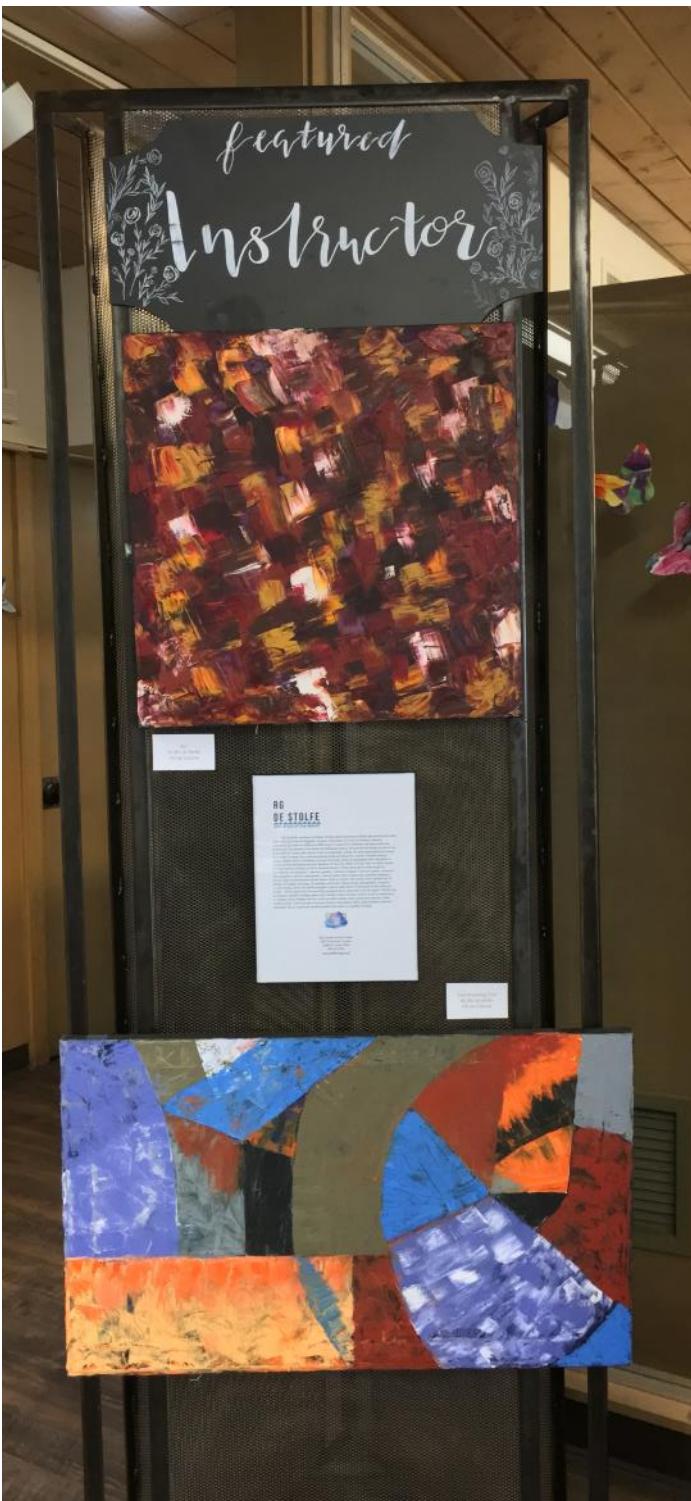
These are Jumbles, an 18th century almond cookie.



Goings On

Instructor of the Month

I have mentioned in previous issues that I have taught art classes at the Lubbock Garden and Arts Center. I taught classes in the spring and summer and the fall schedule will be out soon. Every month, they choose a teacher to feature, and for August, that was me! I gave them four works to show along with a bio. They try to feature every teacher during the year.



Daydreaming II
RG

Purple Nose
Bullrider

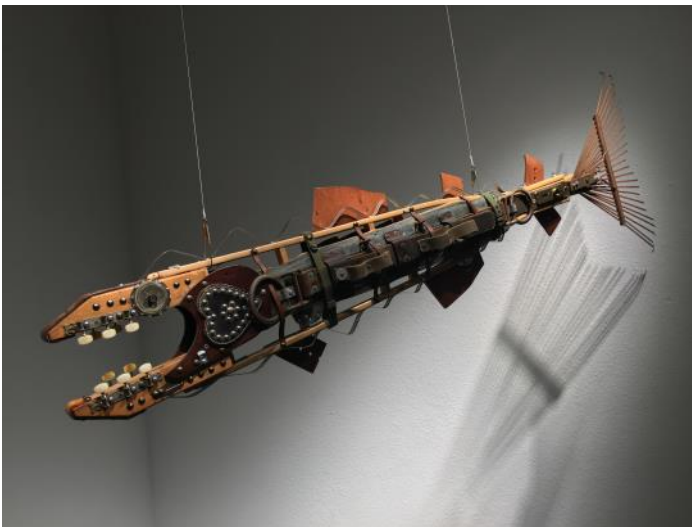
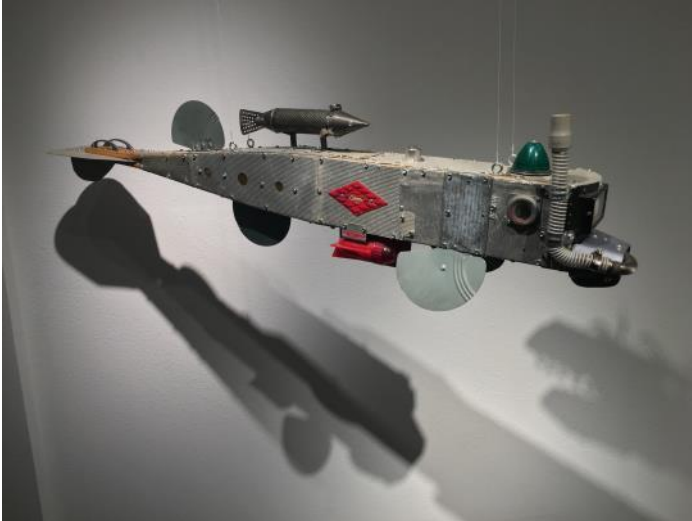


Upcoming Issues

Here are some topics I plan to feature in future issues, not necessarily the very next issue, but in some future issue.

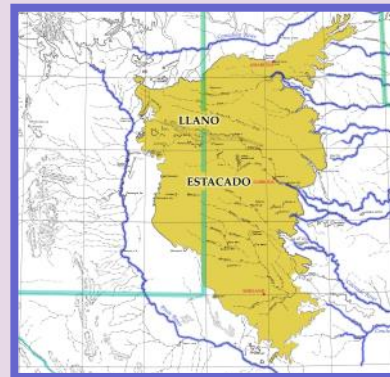
First Friday Art Trail

In July, I went on the First Friday Art Trail. Here are some misc pics I took that evening. Below shows two sculptures (assemblages) that were at the Buddy Holly Center and one photo showing the construction of the Buddy Holly Hall of Performing Arts and Sciences.



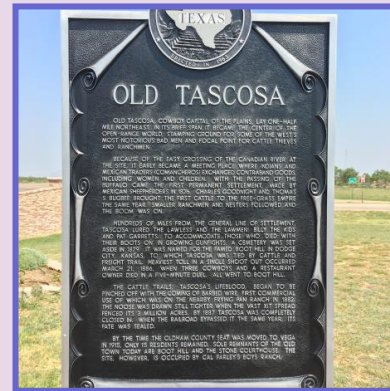
Appalachia

In the early days of Texas, there were no Texans other than the native Mexicans living in the area. Many of the people who would be called Texan came from somewhere else. A large number came from Appalachia, which is basically the Appalachian mountains areas, or Blue Ridge Mountains.



Llano Estacado

Llano Estacado means staked plains and is a region of high plains in the south of the country that covers part of Panhandle Texas and eastern New Mexico.



Tascosa

I covered a small piece of this old town in northern Panhandle Texas in this issue. We'll cover some more about this interesting old, but extinct, town.

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