

# de Stolfe Journal

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*Christmas 2013*

*Special Issue*

...a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

Joseph also went... to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem... to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there... she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger...

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them... Then the angel said to them, "...I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord..."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

**"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"**

*Luke 2:1-14 (part)*



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### On The Cover

In 2007, I offered to create a Texas Christmas tree for the International Cultural Center, which was just around the corner from the museum. My tree was one of many trees to represent various countries in the Hall of Nations rotunda. In case you are wondering, yes, Texas is like a whole other country!



## Merry CHRISTmas!



RG suspects his family thinks all he cares about is cooking.



<http://www.facebook.com/rg.destolfe>



<http://myworld.ebay.com/cowbovrg>



<http://pinterest.com/cowbovrg>

## Christmas Treats!

This year, I wanted to make a variety of cookies to give to neighbors and a few other people. I was ambitious and did a cookie blitz of four different varieties of cookies. The day before, I made the doughs, shaped them, then kept them in the fridge overnight. Three of the cookies were slice and bake, while the other one was a roll and coat. I found all of the recipes from the internet, either by a

search or from an email. The varieties I made are:

- Chocolate Crinkles
- Cinnamon Swirl
- Coffee Spice
- Chocolate Chip Shortbread

In total, I made over 13 dozen cookies! Most of them were smaller than I usually make cookies, which would be double the size shown.



Cinnamon Swirl



Chocolate Chip Shortbread



Coffee Spice



Chocolate Crinkles

# Christmas Past

Christmas comes every year, and so we sometimes wonder what we did in years past for Christmas. So, here are a few photos of my past Christmases! (See if you can spot some of the reoccurring ornaments throughout the years.)



☞ This was my Christmas tree in 2003. I was living in a trailer in Posey, Texas near Slaton, Texas southeast of Lubbock. This was around the time I graduated from Texas Tech.



In 2005, I was living with some friends, and I set up this small artificial tree in my room. ☞



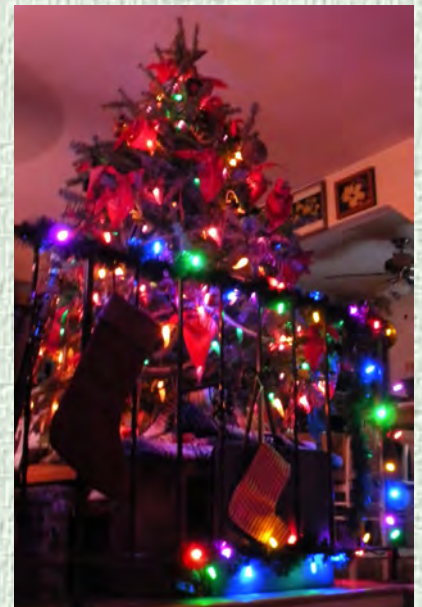
☞ In 2010, I moved into a duplex in early December. After getting a good deal at Lowe's, I bought two trees! (one in the living room and one in the bedroom.) Also, I set up a small tree on the table. The bedroom tree had my first strings of LED lights.

☞ Several years after I moved into my own apartment, I set up that same tree from 2005 on my table in 2009, along with my Manger scene.

In 2011, I set up the same small tree from 2009 and 2005 in the living room of my duplex. ☞



Last year after coming up to Colorado Springs, I bought a real tree and decorated it, along with decorating the front of the house. ☞



During the past decade, I did not have any Christmas trees in 2004 and 2013 and probably once between 2005 and 2009, due to varying reasons.

Did you catch the reoccurring decorations? Some are:

- Mexican blanket or serape for base
- Chili pepper lights
- Texan, cowboy, and western ornaments
- Bandanas

# RG To England!

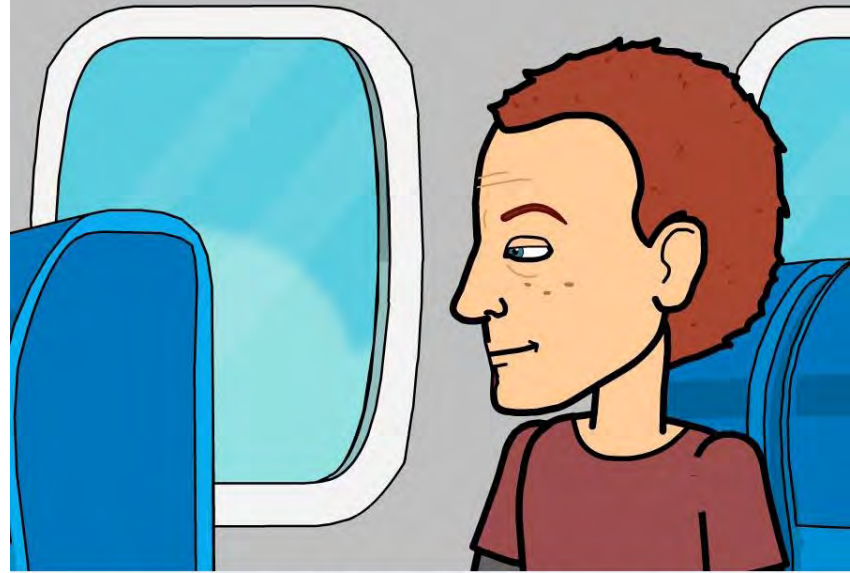
I very recently got accepted into a summer program called England's Hidden Treasures by Bishop Grosseteste University! In 2014, I will be going to Lincoln, England to participate in this program where students have hands on study at local museums and travel to other areas to tour museums and heritage sites between Lincoln and London. The English do museum work slightly different from people in the United States, which gives me a great opportunity to learn about another culture and their methods in my same field of interest. I can certainly use more education and a broader view of museum work to help me be more qualified and especially experienced for future museum jobs.

Travel of any type is expensive, especially to another country and especially for educational purposes! I am raising funds to pay for at least part of trip. My funding needs partly include:

- Program cost (and initial deposit)
- Roundtrip airfare (not cheap!)
- Roundtrip train travel (London and Lincoln)
- Meals (besides breakfast, which is included)
- Passport
- Free spending money (thousands of miles away and broke??)

I am raising money through a site called indiegogo.com. Go to my specific page: [www.indiegogo.com/projects/rg-to-england-fundraiser/x/5769041](http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/rg-to-england-fundraiser/x/5769041)

More detail about the trip as I get it and posted in future issues!



**New Campaign! Help send RG to England for a museum studies summer program in 2014!**



*My newest craft project, stick horses! Shown here, I have red roan, blue roan, cremello, and flaxen! They are about 4' tall, and I am selling these for \$25. These would make a great gift! (I'm still trying to figure out how to ship them.)*



**Merry CHRISTmas!**

