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Clyde Thompson: 2010 Hall of Fame inductee

Clyde Thompson was inducted into the Texas Forestry Hall of Fame at this year's TREEmendous Celebration. In many ways, Thompson represented the American dream. Through his years in east Texas, he worked his way up in the forest industry from being a stenographer to becoming an important executive. Along the way, he also served his community in many different leadership roles. His plaque, which includes a photograph and biography, was read as part of the ceremony:



Clyde Thompson served more than 70 years within the forestry industry.

"Clyde Thompson was born in 1899 and passed away in 1987. He began his long career with Southern Pine Lumber Company on October 1, 1916, as a ste-

nographer. For more than seventy years he served that company and its successors, Temple Industries, Inc., and Temple-Eastex, Inc. Thompson's assignments included lumber orders processor, purchasing agent, insurance claims handler, superintendent of logging operations, and retail yards supervisor. He was a director of the Texas South-Eastern Railroad from 1938 through 1987. In 1951 he was named a vice president and director

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*Preserving the
legacy of the
people, places
and products of
the forests
of east Texas.*

VOLUNTEER FOCUS

Campbell Group completes several outdoor projects

The Campbell Group has been "Growing the Good" at the Texas Forestry Museum. Campbell Timberland Management staff members have helped with a variety of projects during three workdays at the museum. Campbell provided the supplies and equipment and many of the volunteers brought their personal tools and equipment.

The range of projects included repairing bridges on

the Urban Landscape Trail, power washing the outdoor railroad display and installing a new directional sign. The crews also did extensive landscape work, including preparing the ground and laying two pallets of sod, removing invasive shrubs, relocating various plants and shrubs, cleaning out planting beds, trimming trees and pulling vines out of the



Campbell Group members Tim Tindell, Rob Taylor and Bill Stansfield help "Grow the Good" at the Museum this fall.

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Please pardon our dust, traffic and noise

BY RICK BRAY
Director

Instead of visions of sugarpums dancing in my head this Christmas, I have visions of a new classroom and learning lab. Stick with me a minute: Imagine a room surrounded by shelves and filled with boxes and assorted supplies. Now imagine that same room—but in place of the shelves and boxes, picture tables with chairs full of bright young faces eager to learn about the forests of East Texas. This is the dream that led to an exciting renovation project at the Texas Forestry Museum.

As you read this, we're in the process of transforming a storage room in the Museum building into a

classroom and learning lab. We're moving a wall, relocating some plumbing, adding a window and installing electrical outlets. To make it even more versatile, the room will have a kitchen sink, mini-refrigerator and a microwave. It's already become a bigger job than anticipated, but it will be well worth it in the end.

This multi-purpose space will provide a focal point for our education programs. The new classroom and learning lab can be used for special programs, video presentations, crafts and other projects. It will also serve as base camp for our summer programs. As an added benefit, incoming tour groups can use the classroom as an orientation space prior

to touring the exhibits. Because it is in the main Museum building, the classroom will be a convenient space that can be used regardless of the weather conditions outdoors.

When the room is completed in early 2011, it also will be available to rent for birthday parties and other functions. The classroom and learning lab is one more piece of a greater plan to make the Texas Forestry Museum more accessible, fun and user-friendly for our guests. This innovative project has been made possible by a special request included in our 2011 education grant from the Ernest L. Kurth, Jr., Charitable Foundation. ▲

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The Company Store loves Smokey Bear and stocks a variety of products

RIGHT: Buy Smokey Bear products from The Company Store and you'll help get the word out about preventing wildfires — and support the Texas Forestry Museum at the same time! The Store stocks a variety of popular Smokey products.



that represent him. One of our most popular items is the Smokey Bear mug. We also have Smokey Bear t-shirts, caps, dolls, Smokey's fire patrol pins and even Smokey Bear wooden

yoyo's. Purchasing Smokey Bear products from the Company Store helps support the Texas Forestry Museum.

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EDUCATION FOCUS

Families kick off the holidays at 'Santa Claus Express' event



Santa reads holiday classic "The Polar Express" to a group of children at the Texas Forestry Museum's annual "Santa Claus Express" event.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010, local families took part in one of our largest yearly family events: Santa Claus Express, hosted by Coston Elementary School.

During the event, families enjoyed a delicious pancake breakfast, worked on holiday-themed crafts and listened to Santa read "The Night Before Christmas" and "Polar Express."

Lufkin IHOP and General Manager Mike Ghergherehchi graciously sponsored the breakfast, furnishing the pancakes, butter and syrup; Foremost Dairies supplied and deliv-

ered milk and juice for over 200 people. The Flournoy Family also contributed as our monetary sponsor this year, helping pay for supplies, advertising and all other incidentals.

"The time, effort and funds they put in to making this event successful is a great testament to their sense of community and their giving hearts," said Education Coordinator David Young.

Special thanks also to Lufkin's Middle School Volunteer Program and to Coston Elementary School for providing a wonderful venue for the event. ▲

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of Southern Pine Lumber Company. After his official retirement in 1976, Thompson continued his efforts in the company's behalf as secretary and treasurer of the Temple Political Action Committee.

"Clyde Thompson was very active in affairs affecting his community and state, and the forest industry in general. From 1962 until 1975, Thompson served as the first mayor of Diboll, Texas. He was

appointed as a member of the Board of Regents of Texas A&M University in 1961, and served six years. Thompson was president of the Texas Forestry Association from 1959 through 1960 and was a leader in the Southern Logging Congress, the Texas Logging Association and the Texas Lumber Manufacturing Association."

Thompson's plaque will join the other members of the Texas Forestry Hall of Fame and hang permanently in the Texas Forestry Museum. ▲

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fence around the outdoor railroad display.

Participating Campbell staff members included Mike Jones (Texas Forestry Museum Board President), Marty Harris (Texas Forestry Museum Board Member), Bobby Tolar, Boyd Turner, Buddy Stalnaker, John Lock, Steve Killion, Terry Barrow, Tim Tindell, Buddy Stalnaker, Rob Taylor, Jonathan Dingler and Bill Stansfield. Also, Lyle Stanphill (Texas Forestry

Museum Board Member) from Georgia Pacific participated during the first workday.

The crews worked with Museum staff members to complete projects that otherwise couldn't have been tackled with the Museum's limited staff and resources.

"I am so excited about what we accomplished," said Museum Director Rick Bray. "I sincerely appreciate everyone's hard work and I'm looking forward to working with the folks from Campbell again." ▲

SPRING 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 10

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Fun in the Forest After Dark

(Event for Kid's Club only)

Campfire dinner and night hike on the Urban Wildscape Trail

March 4 • 6 p.m.

Texas Hold'em Tournament

Poker tournament fundraiser

March 16

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Reading Railroad

Hear local celebrities read stories

April 30

Time: TBA

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DONOR FOCUS

'TREEmendous Celebration' fundraiser a rousing success

The 9th annual TREEmendous Celebration was a huge success!

Held on Nov. 18, the TREEmendous Celebration raised money for the Texas Forestry Museum's day-to-day operations.

State Forester and Director of the Texas Forest Service Tom Boggus served as Master of Ceremonies and Nacogdoches musicians Steve and Sheryl Hartz played special live music on historic acoustic instruments.

One of the highlights of the event was inducting Clyde Thompson into

the Texas Forestry Hall of Fame. Other highlights included the silent and live auctions, which featured such items as a pair of hand-crafted Adirondack chairs and a "luxurious" log cabin doghouse.

A special thank you to our presenting sponsors A-1 Party Rental, Brookshire Brothers, Georgia-Pacific, Lufkin Printing and Outback Steak House for making this event possible. Thank you also to the Museum's board members and volunteers for their invaluable help making this event a success. ▲

2010 DONOR HIGHLIGHTS

- The Museum's 2010 Annual Fund drive was successful in raising much-needed operating funds.
- East Texas Asphalt was the education sponsor for our "Back-to-School Party."
- A memorial contribution was received from Jim and Carol Riggs in memory of Fred Birch.
- Funding was received from the Ernest L. Kurth, Jr. Charitable Foundation for the Museum's educational programs.
- Murphy-Payne Charitable Trust made a generous donation.
- Thanks to all who renewed their memberships and made generous contributions during 2010!