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Experience living history during Tioga's July Western Trade Day!

(Tioga, Texas) A pioneer quilting demonstration presented by Texana Living History Association will be featured during Tioga's July Western Trade Day, July 24th, from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. You will hear about Aunt Sukey Boyd, Woman of the Texas Frontier, from LaJuanna Faught.

In 1855, Susan McCombs Boyd came to Texas from Tennessee with her husband, six children (all under the age of twelve), and most of her relatives and in-laws. They settled in the area of Flower Mound. "Aunt Sukey" tells of early difficulties, quiet joys, problems with Indians - and others, and observations of progress in Texas.

LaJuanna Faught shares the many colorful stories from Aunt Sukey as only she can do.

Folks can enjoy the quaint old west charm of downtown Tioga, shop at dozens of unique vendor booths, learn about the life-skills and crafts of Texas frontier women from the 1800s, support Tioga's school band with a grilled hamburger, hot dog or nachos and sip on fresh blueberry lemonade – all during the Western Trade Day on Saturday, July 24th.

The Tioga Heritage Museum hosts its fundraiser in the heart of downtown Tioga, every 4th Saturday, April through September. There are five weekends this month, so July's Trade Day is the 24th. The day begins at 8:00 AM and concludes when the last vendors pack up their merchandise and head home. So if it's a hot day, arrive early! But be sure to stay for our Texas history event!

Better yet, make it a weekend outing and spend the night at Tioga's Spirit of the West hotel or camp at a nearby Lake Ray Roberts park so you'll have plenty of time to fill your bellies at Tioga's famous Clark's Outpost BBQ and Diverso's Italian Restaurant. Maybe the *new* Mexican Grill will be open but our new Taco Shack will be for sure!

Admission and parking is free! Tioga's Trade Days hosts businesses and artisans selling western goods, arts and crafts, jewelry, antiques and collectibles, homemade salsa, honey, Scentsy Candles, Homemade Gourmet and just about anything else you can think of.

You'll also enjoy shopping in Tioga's newest downtown shops – Pink Spur Trading Company and The Tioga Mercantile!

Be sure to visit the Tioga Heritage Museum which features Gene Autry memorabilia and Tioga's mineral water history and you'll enjoying shopping in the Museum gift shop, too. Did you know Tioga is the hometown of America's Singing Cowboy, Gene Autry?

There's still room for more vendors to participate. All spaces are outdoors on roomy grassy lots, 15' x 30' and cost \$20 monthly. There are a limited number of spaces with electricity available for an additional \$10.

The Museum office will open at 6:30 AM on Trade Day Saturday and walk-in vendors are welcomed as long as we have spaces available. If you're not signed up for July, we hope you will! You can register and pay online at www.westerntadedays.com or mail in your registration and payment. Hope to see you on July 24th!

Call the Museum phone number with any questions at 940-437-5333 and please leave a message if no one answers or email us at info@westerntadedays.com. More information can also be found on our website at www.westerntadedays.com.

Tioga is located in the center of north Texas horse country, on the northeast shores of Lake Ray Roberts, Highway 377 and Gene Autry Drive, about 30 minutes north of the Highway 380 corridor and 30 minutes south of the Red River. The physical address is 202 Gene Autry Drive for mapping.

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