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Tioga hosts unique outdoor Christmas shopping bazaar!

(Tioga, Texas) Experience a unique outdoor Christmas shopping bazaar at Tioga's Western Trade Days, Saturday, November 22, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, in the heart of downtown Tioga, Hwy. 377 and Gene Autry Drive.

Begin your day with an authentic chuckwagon breakfast and sip on hot cider, hot chocolate or blueberry lemonade and listen to holiday music while you shop. Photos with Mr. and Mrs. Santa will be available from 10:00 AM – Noon. Be sure to check out the holiday bake sale and silent auction on the front porch of the Tioga Heritage Museum. The silent auction will open at 8:00 AM and close at 3:00 PM and feature items collected from north Texas area shops and restaurants. And the holiday bake sale will include a variety of yummy pies, cakes and cobblers.

Dozens of vendors will be selling a plethora of merchandise and products sure to make great Christmas gifts and sparkle your holiday festivities including such items as candles, jewelry, antiques and collectibles, decorative eggs and metal welcome signs, homemade breads and jams, honey, dolls, bird houses and fountains, knives, buckles and purses, barnwood angels, stars and snowmen and a huge selection of western home décor and gift items and much more.

There's still room for more vendors to sign up. Spaces are a generous 15' x 30' and rent for \$20. Electricity is available for an additional \$10. Call Sue at 940-437-5503 or John at 940-390-5093 or email info@westerntadedays.com for more vendor information. Check out our website at www.westerntadedays.com where you can register to participate online and get the latest updates.

Live and recorded holiday music will be featured in our entertainment gazebo. We welcome area school bands, church choirs, community groups and individuals to donate their musical and singing talents. Please contact Annette at 940-390-7886 if you would like to sign up to perform on November 22nd.

When you're done shopping outside, be sure to take a free tour of the Tioga Heritage Museum which features Gene Autry memorabilia as well as artifacts and photos of other interesting Tioga area history. And shop at the Museum gift shop where you'll find Gene Autry hometown gift items, CDs, Bailey Farm jams and preserves and much more.

The Tioga Museum & Heritage Association founded the Western Trade Days in June 2008 as a monthly fundraiser for the non-profit organization running from February – November on the 4th Saturday. The event has room for about 100 vendors. The TMHA hopes that more local folks will come and enjoy affordable shopping at this unique occasion. And the TMHA hopes readers will help them spread the word to all their family, friends and neighbors.

A special 2 for 1 deal is available to interested vendors! Sign up to be a vendor in February 2009 on or before November 22, 2008 and you'll get your March space free.

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