

**Greetings from the
Executive Director**

Hello everyone! After a long, cold winter, Spring has arrived and is fast shifting into summer here in Tennessee and we welcome it with open arms and hearts as we do our supporters and visitors! We have been busy here at the Museum since our last newsletter in the Fall of 2013. The National Championship was an exciting time with the setter *Shadow Oak Bo*, winning for a second consecutive year! This is the first time since 1952 that a contender for the National Championship title has accomplished that feat. February is always a busy month for us here at Grand Junction, not only with field trial activity, but also Bird Dog Foundation events as well.



Our annual Board of Directors meeting was held the second week of February with two new board members being elected. We would like to welcome Mark Medford from Memphis, Tennessee and Keith Richardson of Cheyenne, Wyoming, both of whom will be great additions to our Foundation. Two board members, Mike Aldrich and Dale Bush, will no longer be a part of the Board, but continue to offer their support and encouragement in all of the Foundation's endeavors. The Board also accepted the resignation of David Smith, Executive Director, who will be enjoying family, friends, and numerous projects during his coming retirement years. David has been a tremendous asset to the Foundation and Museum since he was named Executive Director in 2001. He will be greatly missed. We wish him all the best!

The Hall of Fame induction ceremonies were held February 8th, 2014 with a great turn out in spite of the cold and wet weather. Eleven nominees and nine dogs were inducted this year. A complete list of the people and dogs inducted into the Hall of Fame will be included in this newsletter as well as posted to the BDF website under the Field Trial Hall of Fame tab. Congratulations to each of you for this prestigious honor!

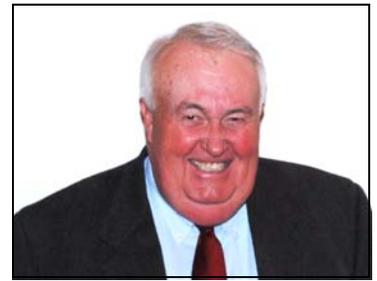
We would also like to express a word of thanks to all of our many hard-working volunteers who continue to provide their time and effort in making all of our events here at the museum successful. Our Kick-Off Reception and Annual Fish Fry during the National Field Trial in February were a great success with record attendance. These events would be impossible without the support of our sponsors and volunteers. Thanks to all of you!

And, of course, we are always very appreciative of our generous donors. Annual financial gifts to the Foundation secure our future and provide tax-saving benefits to the donor at the same time. Without you, we cannot carry on the legacy of the great sporting dog enthusiasts of the past, present, and future generations.

As the new Executive Director, I would like to thank the Board of Directors, employees, donors, and volunteers for your support. I am excited about my new appointment and look forward to working with each and every one of you! We have a tremendous bird dog heritage and our Museum provides a great way for all to experience and explore that rich history.

From the Desk of the President

We had a very successful induction ceremony in the second weekend in February at The Bird Dog Hall of Fame. There were many worthwhile people and dogs that were inducted into the Hall of Fame and the program that was put together by David Smith was outstanding. We had many people from all parts of the country who came to the induction ceremonies and were able to go through the Hall of Fame museum and were able to enjoy the excellent hospitality that was provided by the staff, as well as volunteers from the local community. My hat is off to everyone who contributed. It felt very warm and homey and I think that is what we are trying to establish at the Bird Dog Hall of Fame.



Don Driggers

We had a changing of the guard at the Bird Dog Hall of Fame in the beginning of March, with David Smith retiring after many years of good and local service. Tonya Brotherton, who had worked at the Bird Dog Museum previously and at the time was managing our gift shop, is now our new Executive Director. She is doing a wonderful job and has a real feel for the local community and is enticing people to come back and volunteer at our various functions. We are trying to expand our horizons in terms of renting our facility for various functions, in order to off set our costs at the museum. Hopefully, we will be able to continue in that direction and reach out to the community. The Ames Plantation has been very supportive of the Bird Dog Hall of Fame and they have had a very successful National Championship with the same Setter that won last year, winning again this year. Doctor Rick Carlisle, who is the Vice President of our Board, was one of the judges and I know that they had an outstanding championship. We are trying to become closer with the Ames Plantation in terms of both the Bird Dog Foundation and the Ames Plantation setting forth the historical significance of the area around Grand Junction.

We have hired an additional person, Renee Houston, to help us at the Bird Dog Hall of Fame. She is very computer literate and she is learning fast from Barbara Sweeney, who has been a local employee for many years. Barbara is helping to teach our new employee, but at the same time is helping continue to run the day to day operations of the Bird Dog Hall of Fame and being very helpful in our gift shop. Lucy Cogbill continues to run our library and continues to help with young people in terms of art programs and an essay contest, where we have had scholarships in the amount of \$1500 for first place and \$1000 for second place. We are trying to reach out to the community to show our wares at the museum and at the same time, to have our facility showcased so that we can get additional people into the museum and get use of our banquet facility, our atrium and our lovely grounds.

I think we are moving in the right direction. We thank everyone for their support, particularly the employees and volunteers who have helped us immensely. I want everyone to keep up the good work and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tonya Brotherton or myself at my law office at 609-448-0016 or my cell at 732-239-9744. My cell is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We appreciate your support and interest.

Keep up the good work!

MUSEUM HIGHLIGHTS



Museum Logo Contest

Help us design a new logo for the Museum and you could be the lucky winner of a \$200 cash reward! The new logo will be placed on gift shop items such as caps, shirts, cups, and etc. In addition to the cash award, you will receive special recognition as the artist of distinction that created the new logo design.

Please scan and submit your entry to sportdog@bellsouth.net or mail it to the attention of Tonya Brotherton at The Bird Dog Museum, P.O. Box 774, Grand Junction, Tennessee, 38039.

We look forward to seeing your creative new ideas!

AFTCA ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET

Held on May 17th at the Bird Dog Museum

“The Sportsmanship Award was instituted to recognize someone who promotes the field trial community by their actions, words and deeds. Webster defines sportsmanship as a person who exhibits qualities highly regarded in sport such as fairness, generosity, observance of the rules, and good humor when losing. Those four qualities are inseparable. They are the core of sportsmanship. The recipient of this year’s award exhibits those characteristics continually, consistently, and conspicuously. He is a working member of three amateur and three open qualifying trails in Region 6. Many enjoy this sport and they receive the benefits of it but few reciprocate by giving back. This year’s **Sportsman of the Year** is a giver and he gives much to the sport of Field Trials”.

~ William Smith

“This year’s winner is Dr. Fred Corder from Corinth, MS. We are very proud of him and truly appreciate all his efforts & support”.

~ Tonya Brotherton



Dr. Fred Corder was awarded the **Sportsman of the Year** award at the AFTCA Banquet held at The National Bird Dog Museum on May 17th.



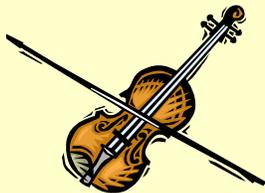
Mrs. Renee Houston

We are happy to announce our new addition to The National Bird Dog Museum, Mrs. Renee Houston as our new secretary. Renee is from Hornsby, Tennessee and is married to Donnie Houston. They have three children—Devon, Loren and Morgan. Renee is fitting right in at the museum and is catching on extremely well. She is a welcomed addition to the museum staff.

MORE MUSEUM HIGHLIGHTS

Master Gardeners Volunteer during April

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the volunteers with the Master Gardeners' Program and Miss Tonya Ashworth with the University of Tennessee for all their hard work in the Museum atrium this past April 3rd. Diseased plants were removed, new plantings were installed, and old plantings were shaped and pruned. We hope to continue this work in the coming months by adding a multitude of new flora and colorful plants. While the Master Gardeners were busy at work, they were entertained by special visitor Miss Macy Morgan from Chewelah, Washington. Miss Morgan, only 14 years of age, played her violin, or as we say in Tennessee, her *fiddle*, while the gardeners worked. Several renditions of familiar old songs such as the *Tennessee Waltz* were enjoyed by all. She was truly a master at her art as well.



April 3, 2014: Master Gardeners from the area volunteered their time and energy to help refresh the Atrium. Pictured, left to right: BDF Staff, Lucy Cogbill, Carolyn Meeks, Burt Meeks, Carol Deen, Margie Barrowclough (in rear), Dot Sticht, Robin Comella (in rear) Tonya Ashworth, UT advisor, and BDF Staff, Roosevelt Hoyle.



Above: Miss Macy Morgan of Chewelah, Washington, visited the Bird Dog Museum & serenaded the Master Gardeners who were hard at work in the Atrium.



A Special Visit by Mrs. Elizabeth Peer

A very special April spring day was enjoyed with Museum visitor "Liz" Peer and her husband Ralph. Mrs. Peer is the great granddaughter of B.F. Wilson, owner of the famous foundation setter, *Count Noble*. Mrs. Peer was delighted to see the famous *Count Noble* display here at the Museum for the very first time. Mr. and Mrs. Peer were treated to a guided tour of the Museum along with a special tour of the nearby Ames Plantation. The Peers are residents of Novato, California.

Happenings at the Museum

GIFT SHOP NEWS

In the recent few weeks we have completely repainted and reorganized the Museum Gift Shop. We would like to encourage the clubs of all the breeds to purchase their judges gifts from the gift shop.

Come by the museum to see our recent updates and expanded inventory or go to www.birddogfoundation.com and click on the gift shop link.

We are members of the Pay-Pal program and accept all major credit cards for your shopping convenience. The Gift Shop will appreciate your support!



Examples of new pewter items which could serve as Judge's Gifts are now available in the Gift Shop and online at The Bird Dog Foundation's website.



A work in progress: A fresh coat of paint on the Gift Shop walls and plans in place to freshen your shopping options.



Happenings at the Museum-Educational Dept.



ART AWARDS CEREMONY HELD MARCH 22nd

The Foundation's annual K-12 student Art Contest for the 2013-14 season netted some great submissions this year. The Art Awards ceremony was held on Saturday March 22, 2014 to honor those winning students and award them their prizes. Spectacular art works from 225 participants from approximately 20 regional schools was exhibited. Approximately 200 people were in attendance for the Awards Ceremony and reception. In addition to each grade level having 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Honorable Mention categories, winners by Grand Divisions were as follows: K – 4th Grade – Adaryn Cullimore from Rose Creek Village School (Selmer, TN); 5th – 8th Grade – Brody Herndon from Rose Hill Middle School (Jackson, TN); and 9th – 12th Grade – Courtney Tipton from St. George's Independent School (Germantown, TN). The Judges' Special Award went to Hadashah Hobbs from Rose Creek Village School. A total of 49 Art Awards were presented to the excited students from about 20 different schools or home schools.

We would like to thank Mayor Ricky Ayers of the town of Hickory Valley for the funds donated for the food and refreshments which were catered by Lourie Staton.



Top: Grand Division II Winning artwork of a bird dog by 8th grader, Brody Herndon of Rose Hill Middle School in Jackson, TN.

Center: Art Contest winners from Fayette County TN. This photo represents just one school in one TN county.



Left: A Happy Winner



ART AWARDS REFRESHMENTS

Happenings at the Museum-Educational Dept.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

Winning high school senior students in this year's College Scholarship Essay Contest have been selected. Seniors from Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas competed to earn a \$1,500 First Place Award Scholarship or a \$1,000 Second Place Award. The students were provided with suggested topics for their work which focus on conservation and sporting dog themes. The essays were judged by a college level Department of English and Foreign Languages Associate Professor. The college scholarship fund was named the Michael R. Tuxon Education Fund in honor of one of our deceased charter board members from Reno, Nevada.

Right: First Place Winner of the 2013-14 Essay Contest , Ms. Allyson Flaherty of Ozark, AR.

Allyson's graduates from Westside High School in Hartman, Arkansas. Her winning essay was entitled: "*Save the Truffula Trees*", an essay about deforestation. Since graduation, Allyson has recently married and her surname is now Frantzen and she resides in Altus, AR. Allyson plans to attend the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith.



Left: Second Place Winner, Ms. Leslie Shea Gould of Somerville, TN.

Shea Gould graduates from Fayette Academy in Somerville, TN. She participates in several extracurricular activities including Dana Goddard Chapter of Mu Alpha Theta Math Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, President of the Junior Class, President of the Student Council and President of the Ecology Club for two years. Her essay was entitled "*Endangered Species*". Shea plans to attend Mississippi State University in the fall.



Happenings at the Museum

OTHER “DOG GONE” EXCITING EVENTS



- The Museum hosted the Grand Junction High School Reunion on May 3rd, 2014. Many familiar faces from the not so distant past were in attendance here.
- May 21st, 2014: The Museum had visitors from **Ducks Unlimited**. Pictured here with BDF Executive Director , Tonya Brotherton, are (left to Right:) Jim West, Art Delaurier and John Hoffman.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Summer Reading Program will begin June 11th and run through July 16th for our local children’s enjoyment and education while they are on summer break.
- The Bird Dog Foundation will also be hosting a Rick & Ronnie Smith Training Seminar on September 20th and 21st, 2014. Rick Smith, Trainer. Contact **Dick Pulliam** at 901-878-1774 for more information.



A Final Word from the Executive Director

I would personally like to take this opportunity to thank YOU – the donors, supporters, board members, and volunteers of our Museum. YOU make this great venue for our heritage and legacy possible!

~ Tonya Brotherton

2014 Field Trial Hall of Fame Inductees

Pointer and Setter Field Trial Hall of Fame

People: Tony Gibson
Dr. Aubrey F. Morgan

Dogs: House's Snake Bite (Tom Faller)

Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame

People: Rick Smith
Louis Thebaud

Dogs: Shambo's Dark Shadow (Bernie Crain)

Retriever Field Trial Hall of Fame

People: Donald S. Driggers
Raymond Goodrich

Dogs: Cashman's Fat Lady Zingin (J. McNeeley & Lynn Dubose)
J.J.'s Jessie (Mitch & Linda Patterson)

Spaniel Field Trial Hall of Fame

People: Jeffrey W. Miller

Dogs: G and D Prince Edward (Don & Joanne Mock)

German Shorthaired Pointer FTHOF

People: Ray C. Bauspies
Bob Deitering

Dogs: Leipchen Buddendorff (Mary Finley)
Ammertal's Kitt v Shinback (Gary & Carolyn Stevens)

Red Setter FTHOF

None nominated this year

COCKER SPANIEL HALL OF FAME

People: Keith Erlandson
Lawrence R. MacQueen

Dogs: Parkbreck Elm of Bishwell (Tom Ness)
Shawfield Glenfire (Andrew Porter/Louise & Dean Bedford)(handler – Larry MacQueen)

“Memorials & Honorariums”

The Bird Dog Foundation has received memorials for the following supporters and friends:

Jim Floyd
Ken Ruff
Fay Walker
Ed Minoggie

Glen Poor
Joe Manning
David Duffey
Peter Johnson

Dr. Douglas Guthrie
Travis Hicks
John Holmes

A Dog Memorial has been given for HG Barber, “Buff” (Bill Westfall).

Honorariums have been received for Earl and Judy Smith

Life Patron Memberships have been awarded to Rebecca Gibson, William Smith, Pat Bramwell, Sharon Mueller, Marie Langhans, Ken & Linda Ruff, and Leroy Bird.

Patron Memorial plaques for Raymond Muth, Barbara Wade, and Joseph Manning are displayed at the Bird Dog Foundation’s facilities.

For more information on the **Life Patron** or **Patron Memorial** plaque programs, contact Tonya Brotherton, 731-764-2058 or sportdog@bellsouth.net.

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