



## What are we?

Autobiographical actors?  
Impersonators?  
Re-enactors?  
First person interpreters?  
Storytellers?  
Actors?

## The answer is "Yes!" .....

We teach accurate history while we entertain people of all ages.

# Yes, Lubbock



I have always been fascinated by the **American Wind Power Center and Museum** in Lubbock. Pictured above is an Iron Turbine windmill which "was the first successful all-metal American windmill." It was manufactured by Mast, Foos & Company in Springfield, Ohio, from 1876 to 1898. The Iron Turbine "proved that an all-metal mill could do the work of a wooden mill

and that a metal mill could withstand severe winds. The Iron Turbine could be repaired without the difficulties that many users expected. It is one of the most unusual looking mills with its bucket-shaped blades."

"This mill sold in 1876 for about \$145.00, which during that time one could buy a house..."

The **Wind Power Center** is not just an indoor museum. It has dozens of outdoor, operating windmills including one of the new wind turbines for generating electricity; you can get up-close and personal. The Center is a fascinating, dynamic exhibit.

Next to the **Wind Power Center** is the **American Museum of Agriculture**. It is another fascinating indoor-outdoor museum with lots of old farm equipment and machinery.

These two museums plus the

**Buddy Holly Center** and the **National Ranching Heritage Center** at Texas Tech make Lubbock an end-destination.

Check out their websites at

[www.windmill.com](http://www.windmill.com)  
[www.agriculturehistory.org/](http://www.agriculturehistory.org/)  
[www.buddyhollycenter.org/](http://www.buddyhollycenter.org/)  
[www.depts.ttu.edu/ranchhc/](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/ranchhc/)



## Miscellaneous Stuff

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### JW Marriott Resort & Spa

Teaching Texas history has entered a new realm. The **JW Marriott Resort & Spa in San Antonio** is having me perform for guests at an outdoor "firepit" setting. I tell the story of The Alamo as William Barret Travis. This has been a Saturday night event as the sun goes down; the golf course is my backdrop.

The JW Marriott San Antonio is a 1,002 room luxury resort hotel opened in March, 2010. It is an end destination for conventions, vacations, weddings and reunions on the north side of San Antonio. The resort includes restaurants, a spa, a water park, and two PGA TOUR 18-hole golf courses.

The resort fills up, so book early.  
[www.jwsanantonio.com](http://www.jwsanantonio.com)

### More Than An Invoice

When we send out our invoice for a performance, you get more than just an invoice. First, you get an 8.5" x 11" color poster announcing the event. Second, you get an **Evaluation Form** to tell us how you felt about the event. Third, if you are a school, you get a **Curriculum Guide** giving teachers ideas for pre- and post-performance activities to help multiply the impact of the performance. If you need digital photos for publicity and newspapers, we can provide them.

Bottom line: you get more than a performance with **Heroes Of History**.

### Celebrate the American Cowboy

July 24 is set aside the National Day of the American Cowboy. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark at San Angelo will have special programs, western music, cowboy skirts and living history demonstrations. There will even be an 1880's baseball game between Boerne and Fort Concho. Side note: Fort Concho was the first weather station assigned to Isaac Cline, the meteorologist in Galveston during The Great Storm of 1900.

*"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."* Abraham Lincoln

## LEGENDS OF HISTORY

Legends are topics we love and hate. Legends are those parts of history that may not be proven, but people want to believe they are true. Here is one you will want to remember:

**Legend:** The writers of the U. S. Constitution were geniuses in wording the document for the future

**What We Know Now:** The Constitution of the United States of America is an amazing document. It has kept our nation together in relative peace except for one major civil war 145 years ago...5-6 generations ago. The cause of the war, slavery and the rights of states to make slavery legal, had been contentious even during the creation of the Constitution. Georgia and the two Carolinas refused to join the union if slavery were outlawed. In compromises on slavery, our Constitution includes the following two items: the new federal government could not prohibit the importation of slaves for twenty years (1808); each slave would count as three-fifths of a person for representation and taxation purposes.

The Constitution has been the base for defending the freedom and rights of individuals within this nation. It has organized this nation in such a way as to implement the declared fact that "*all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.*" Sure, the Constitution itself could have been organized a little better, but overall it gets the job done.

How could men in 1787 create a document that would guide us for over 220 years? Many say it is not just the organization of the government with a separation of powers but the actual wording of the Constitution that has allowed this to happen. There are many vague (non-specific) statements in the Constitution that can be interpreted according to the situation or the time; this vague wording may be what has allowed it to survive as our guiding light for so many years. If that is correct, these men were absolute geniuses of foresight.

But, were the vague phrases genius of foresight in wording the Constitution, or was it political expediency in getting the Constitution ratified? It is well known in Congress today that it is easier to pass a bill with non-specific language than to pass a bill with details. The more specific a bill, the more details the opposition has to argue against. The more vague the wording of a bill, the more ways there are to interpret it and the fewer opponents there are to its passage. As vague wording in the Constitution, I would include "*general Welfare*", "*make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers*", "*To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States*", "*repel invasions*", etc. All of these phrases are vague in that they are open to interpretation, and they have been interpreted in some interesting ways.

One of the reasons Alexander Hamilton and James Madison quickly wrote the **The Federalist Papers** in favor of immediate ratification of the Constitution is that they were afraid if time were taken to amend the Constitution to include the rights of the people (the Bill Of Rights), the Constitution would be picked apart and would never be ratified in the political arguing that followed. They wanted to push the Constitution through to ratification without amendment...without further discussion which could avoid ratification. They succeeded.

Let me present this question: Is it not also possible these men placed the vague wording in the Constitution so opponents would not have details to argue against? Was the vague wording in the Constitution created to remove enough political opposition to obtain the Constitution's passage? Was the vague wording, like the compromises on slavery, really a political necessity to achieve ratification by all thirteen states?

I will call it genius. You may interpret my vague wording in whatever way suits you.

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## August Performances

### Day Organization

*Getting ready  
for school?*

- 3 Prodigy Child Development Center, Austin
- 3 The Meadows Retirement Community, San Antonio
- 4 Westminster Manor, Austin
- 11 Parkway Place Assisted Living, Houston
- 11 Parkway Place Independent Living, Houston
- 12 St. Dominic Village, Houston
- 13 Atria Collier Park, Beaumont
- 14 Baytown Historical Preservation Association, Baytown
- 22 Sons Of The American Revolution, Victoria
- 27 Three Fountains, Dallas

This is the reservation list as of the issuance of this newsletter.  
For an up-to-date list, check our website calendar at

[http://www.TexasHeroes.net/Texas\\_Heroes\\_calendar.htm](http://www.TexasHeroes.net/Texas_Heroes_calendar.htm)