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Texas Writers: A Humanities Exhibition
and
J. Frank Dobie: Making of a Texan Legend
February 9 – March 31, 2009
at the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History

BRYAN, TX --- The Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History announce the upcoming exhibitions ***Texas Writers: A Humanities Exhibition*** and ***J. Frank Dobie: Texan Legend***. ***Texas Writers*** surveys creative writing in Texas, featuring portraits of authors, books, workplaces, narrative settings, and evocative quotations.

The exhibit traces the evolution of the art of written creative expression in Texas from 1542 when Spaniard explorer Cabeza de Vaca related his experiences of Texas in a report to King Charles V of Spain to the works of more recent writers, like Pulitzer Prize winning authors Larry McMurtry and Charles Gordone.

The exhibit also explores the life of legendary Texan folklorist, J. Frank Dobie. Materials collected in archaeological surveys of Fort Ramirez, located on Dobie's family ranch in Live Oak County, will be displayed in conjunction with ***Texas Writers***. Such reminders of times past were significant sources of inspiration for Dobie, among the most famous of native Texan writers. Susan Gordone will open the combined lectures for two exhibits, ***Texas Writers*** and ***Vanished***, at 6pm. Thursday, February 12th, followed by a reception in the gallery.

Admission to this exhibit and the Museum's permanent galleries are \$5 for adults, \$4 for children 4-17, students, and seniors. Children 3 and under are free. The Museum, located in the Brazos Center on Briarcrest Drive, is open to the public Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm.

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