

The Rest of the Story

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Only a few of our stories are completely in the past by the time we write them. More often than not, the adventures we describe are part of an ongoing story, and often there's another chapter that deserves to be written quite soon after the story has first been told. (And sometimes we want to report on an event that we had previously announced in advance.)

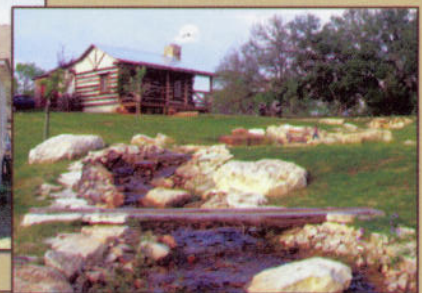
This story will provide an update on three recent stories which would otherwise not be related: Baron's Creekside resort, the Thunderbox Road art exhibit, and Harry's Department Store.

The romantic getaway at Baron's Creekside continues to grow (see photos at right and ad below). Daniel Meyer, the Swiss entrepreneur we wrote about in the Summer 2007 issue, has added two charming and luxurious new log cabins to his "Alpine Village" and is working on a third. He has a homemade waterfall and brook, a "scenic overlook" high above Baron's Creek, and even a herd of fiberglass cows from Switzerland grazing at strategic locations around the picturesque property. He is working on an antique store near the road, where he will sell a container-load of antiques he brought from Switzerland. He has a genuine Swiss alphorn, with which he occasionally entertains guests. He also takes it into town to play with local blues musicians! We're sure this isn't the end of this story; Meyer has something new and intriguing every time we stop by. No wonder that Baron's Creekside has become one of the most popular retreats in the Hill Country!

The Thunderbox Road exhibit that we told you about last winter has continued to attract an amazing amount of interest. We paid



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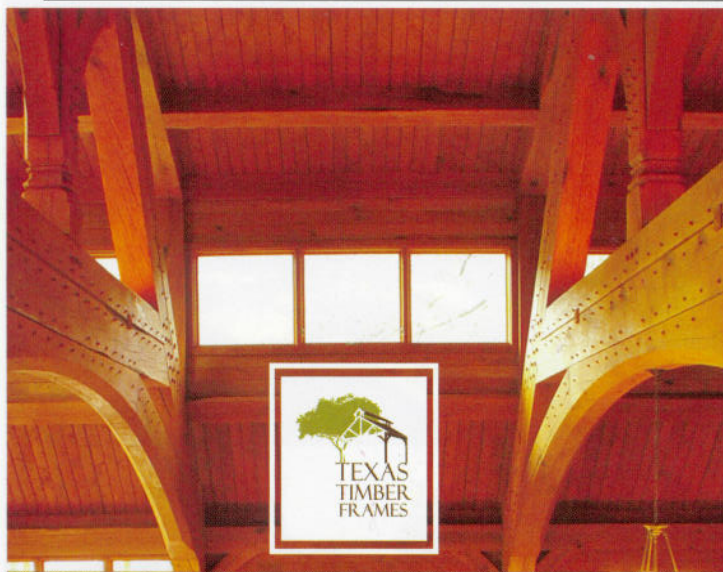
visits to the unique art exhibit twice this winter (see photos above and right).

The story of Harry's is part of the story of San Saba's recent resurgence. The boot shop on the corner of Highways 16 and 190 has long been a San Saba landmark as a plain, stuccoed building; it was under construction when we were exploring San Saba for the Winter 2008 article.

Well, that construction project is finished now, and you will be very much impressed with the results. The boot shop (with the hat shop upstairs) is worth a visit even if you never wear cowboy boots. The building has been beautifully restored, and the renovation showcases the old limestone walls and rich woodwork in an almost museum-like atmosphere. If you DO wear cowboy boots (or hats), the selection at Harry's surpasses anything we've seen. If you are anywhere near San Saba, be sure to stop at Harry's!



We attended exhibits of the traveling "Thunderbox Road" collection at Sand Creek Post & Beam (north of Bergheim) and in the courtyard of the historic Menger Hotel (on Alamo Plaza in San Antonio) this past winter. The show will continue to the Serengeti Resort in Bergheim through April 12, then to the Museum of Western Art in Kerrville from April 17 until the uniquely painted outhouses are auctioned off May 9. For more info, visit ThunderboxRoad.com.



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