

But the really fun time was the banquet on Sept 5th where approximately 80 folks enjoyed a wonderful Bar B Q meal hosted by Carson City Bar B Q. Everyone couldn't get over how delicious the



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dinner was! Our Cowboy singer Bill Wharton was great and he took the time to learn the song Ian Tyson wrote "Will James". He did a great job, and he kept the atmosphere in the Minden Hall joyful and relaxed. Then there was Harold Miller and his wife Abbey, both wonderful poets, they made us laugh and they made us think, it was a time for the cowboys and cowgirls to have their say!

The Auction was successful and the items were very special, over 45 items to choose from and the folks got some great things for a great price. There was art and books and hand tooled leather items as well as many things for the youngsters! Quality was abound!

There was a couple of really special items that were donated by a wonderful couple from California. Nadine and Keith Bodeen.

Nadine offered us her late fathers collection of Will James Print portfolio and his very special Will James Paint Box. This item high bidder was Dave Thomas from Gardnerville, NV.

Everyone was in awe of the special contribution from a local well known and exceptional Saddle Maker Doug Cox who hand tooled a beautiful lap top/phone brief case just for our fund raiser. The high bidders were Mr & Mrs Gommer from Nevada.

And the item thought to be Will James original Paint Box went to Carol Garrett from Texas.

These things were live auctioned and brought in top dollar to our Gather.

Will James member (Phil Lobel) who was not able to attend sent us 5 Will James singed canceled Checks and they too helped our Fundraiser. We had a wonderful turn out and it was successful in every way. Many who didn't know who Will James was were happy interested and happy for the education and the fun getting to know

this talented cowboy and what he did for the literary and western art world.

The Will James Society is a 501c3 organization that donates Will James Books to worthy institution, schools, and all libraries that want them. They also have a great scholarship program that they award one girl and one boy a year seeking careers in anything to do with ranching, farming, veterinarian work, and all things to do with horses and animals.

I would like to publicly thank my dear friends that helped me put this successful event on, you made this possible and I will always love you for it. Cheri and Bob, Shirley and Kim, Robbin and Dannell, Dana Larry and Erin and Mr. Tuscano!

A very special thank you to Janice at Lone Tree Frame Company your help and encouragement were invaluable!



Bill Wharton our Cowboy Singer



Nadine, Keith Bodeen, High Bidder Dave Thomas (Will James) art portfolio with Sharon DeCarlo