

## Views Around The Lake

by Cindy Klopsteck

"You are the window through which you must see the world."  
—George Bernard Shaw

The word "window" in my Webster's dictionary has ten different definitions, my favorite being "a means of entrance or access". I like the fact that a physical "room window" can provide a "window of opportunity" for many things.

I enjoy my two large "windows to the world" (though basically it's to the view of Hwy 90A on the east side of town) that I often refer to and that often provide me with fodder to cultivate thoughts for this column (and to view which farmer at what time of year is moving his equipment for current fieldwork).

It's obvious that windows — whether physical, emotional or mental — are important in our lives.

Maybe it's just the fact that I've been searching for the right window covering for my front bay window at home.

Either way, windows have been on my brain as of late, so when two different yet topical circumstances occurred within the past week involving windows, I started staring through mine for inspiration and seeking dictionaries and quotes for just the right reference.

I was pleased last Wednesday to see that the completion of exterior walls at 305 Mills Street

produced solid evidence that two full front windows would be providing the Habitat family with a wonderful view of the street facing their new home.

A new home to provide a safe and healthy environment for a family — a house with its fair share of windows and outlets, but something special about the look that is forming for those two windows on the front side of that house.

It means contented family members will be looking out the windows of their OWN home, looking out at big shady trees with large leafy limbs bowing down to provide shade, looking out at newly-acquired friends enjoying their neighborhood, looking out to see just who is knocking on that new front door.

Windows in a new home can bring in lots of light on even a cloudy day, and the physical window can provide a lot of emotional security and contentment.

Windows are important and very present at 107 East Main Street also. They are lovely when looking INTO the Nathan Building Antique Mall while standing at the Eagle Lake town square, but they can best be appreciated when vis-

iting the newly opened business and viewing Eagle Lake while standing inside the building.

Just walk through the front door, under the impressive sign

of our town. The Antique Mall opened for business with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, May 8th. Vivian told me she purchased the building in 1997 and since then has put in numerous hours of renovation.

There's a lot of wood and brick composition in the room that greets you when walking through those historical doors, but again it's the windows — those glorious, light-filled panes of glass — that make the room stand out.

Vivian told me that they stripped away the exterior awnings over the windows some time ago and only then noticed another set of smaller windows that had been hidden not only outside by the awnings but also inside by a boxed frame.

When the boxed framing was dismantled, old ribbed-glass windows were exposed. They have now been replaced with paned glass, which allows even more light and a broadened view of the Eagle Lake square.

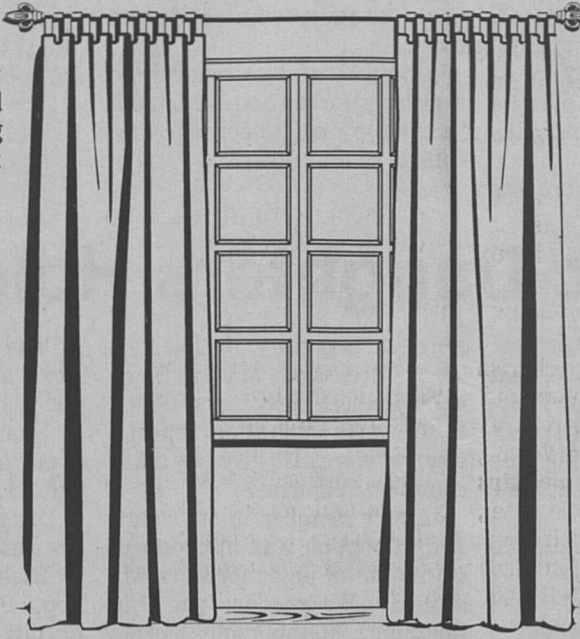
Then we surveyed the windows at the very back of the building. Those took quite a bit of fine-tuning and work, explained Homer.

It took the Hursts six months to restore the building's original rear windows to their current polished look.

The window shutters and some of the trim are all original pieces that took special sizing and effort to successfully restore.

In each instance, the local builders and owners knew the importance of windows — welcoming the world to come inside and the occupant to view that world beyond the restraints of necessary wood and brick and walls — truly "windows of (much) opportunity".

"The windows of my soul I throw wide open to the sun..."  
—John Greenleaf Whittier



that states the Dobbins-Nathan Building was constructed in 1904 and has been recognized as an historic landmark in Texas through the Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance.

When you're inside you can meet and visit proprietors Vivian and Homer Hurst and discover something new about an old landmark building right in the middle

## Habitat Workers Relocate Feline Family

By Cindy Klopsteck

Workers arriving for duty at the 305 Mills Street Habitat construction site were quick to determine that the newest family residing there would have to be quietly relocated — "gently relocated" were the words from volunteers who made the effort to assure the new family would be disturbed in the least possible manner.

After all, it was an unexpected feline family that momentarily had the workers more concerned about safe placement of three baby kittens, than placement of walls that would be erected that day.

It was Wednesday, May 13th, when Phil Willenborg, Habitat construction manager, and a number of volunteers accepted a special assignment in addition to the hours they planned to work that day.

The new litter was under the stacked lumber that would be used that morning when walls would begin to form around the foundation.

But later, kittens safely warm in their new roomy cardboard box at the end of the lot, workers began their duties while watching the mother cat prowling cautiously around the construction site.

"She knows we moved them," said Phil. He and Clark Powers had been discussing some very technical construction points, but this mom and her brood seemed a lot more interesting to a layman like me. "We tried to pick her up and take her along during the move, but she's keeping away from us. We think she knows where they are, but we'll watch her today."

I thought it extremely coincidental — in a great way — that a mom and her three babies would be "making a home" in advance of Angelia Gonzales and her two daughters eventually — and eagerly — moving into their new home. Lots of new habitation here.

It seems like these Habitat workers and volunteers can cover any and all occurrences with a "touch of humanity". I know they arrived at 8 a.m. that morning anticipating a full four hours of productive work, so I decided that they — like the feline family they saved — deserved a little mid-morning nourishment.

Besides, then I could return

by 10 a.m. and see if the mother cat had discovered the newly-inhabited cardboard box.

Christine Moore, Executive Director for Colorado County Habitat for Humanity, has found a way for people with low-carpentry aptitude (like me) to still contribute toward Habitat volunteerism. Interested individuals, organizations or businesses can treat the tenacious workers to a greatly-appreciated mid-morning snack on Wednesdays and a lunch on Saturdays.

These are the two days designated for work (and occasional animal relocation) at the Eagle Lake site. First National Bank of Eagle Lake has been providing mid-morning refreshments for the initial Saturday work. There are now Wednesdays and Saturdays open for food assignments. If you feel more inclined toward making sandwiches than wielding a hammer, here's an opportunity for you.

However, the workers kept assuring me that anyone and everyone who is interested can find some job proficiency when present at a Habitat worksite.

By 10 a.m. I had returned, juices and donuts and cookies in tow, to find the walls up and more technical discussion involving ceiling joists and rafters.

I knew this meant the workers were holding up their end of the bargain, but I was seriously worried about our new feline friends.

The kittens remained warmly nestled and the mother cat was still walking through the open sections of the house, much like an inspector moving cautiously, room to room, closely surveying the quality of work that had been done.

By that time of day, there were nine volunteers whose work was apparently passing the cat's close inspection: Roger Birdwell, Larry Contreras, A.D. Fudge, Bill Harrison, Martin Herman, Gary Obenhaus, Clark Powers, Harold Raabe and Danny Rick. While they enjoyed a break and a cool breeze, I asked Phil about the progress at this Habitat site.

He said rain had given them a late start but volunteers were working to make the progress needed for a timely completion, and more volunteer workers were always needed and appreciated.

If any individual, organization or business is interested in providing assistance of any kind toward the two Habitat homes being built on Mills Street, you can call 979-732-2272.

Also check out their websites: locally [www.coloradocountyhf.org](http://www.coloradocountyhf.org) or [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org). You'll be able to learn more about this great organization making a difference in the Eagle Lake area.

Finally, mother cat and kittens have assured me that Mills Street is a great place for a new home and warm, welcome habitation.

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