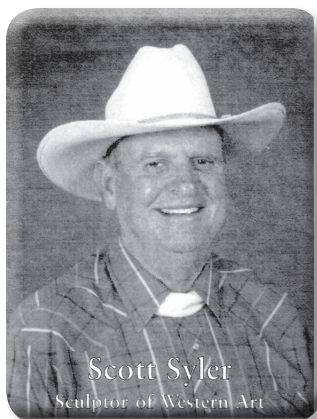




Scott Styler



Scott Styler was born in the Blanco, Texas area and lived his younger years there and around San Antonio and Comfort, Texas. He moved to the Abilene area when he was around sixteen and lived there for awhile. Scott started roping at an early age in life and entered his first rodeo/or roping at age 14 at Harper, Texas in 1946. He was living at Comfort, Texas at the time. He continued rodeoing at the open level until 1960 and at that time joined the RCA (now PRCA) and traveled in that circuit until 1977. He is a Gold Card

member of the PRCA. Tyler traveled all over the southwest and midwest states during his years of competition and won or placed in the go-rounds at many of the bigger rodeos in those areas and Texas. (We have the newspaper clippings to prove it). Some of Tyler's roping friends were Bob Johnson, Skipper Duncan, Bud Upton, Horace Lithichum, Bill Bartlett, Norman Benson, Bill Martin and many others.

During some of the years, Styler lived at Abilene he stayed with Guy Weeks at times as he and Guy became good friends. Scott and his traveling buddy Lyndon Waldrop were entered at Huron, South Dakota where Don Fedderson and Guy were entered also. Don Fedderson had drawn a big fast calf and the calf jumped out quick and just outran the calf roping champion horse (Vernon), but Fedderson finally caught and tied the calf after several times around the arena. Styler saw the calf run and figured he had better catch it early or



there was no chance for him. He caught the calf and tied it quick and won the go-round on the calf. Later on behind the arena, Guy congratulated Scott and found out it was the same calf that Fedderson had chased so long. Guy sort of ribbed Fedderson about it and Fedderson didn't take it to kindly and kicked a bucket around! That kind of brought a laugh to all. Syler purchased the horse he rode for many years "Squash" from John Cargile of the Producers Livestock Auction fame in San Angelo.

Syler made the Rocksprings rodeo for seven years in a row. He also worked for one of the famous Hankins' brothers horse ranches. (Lorelei Hankins took over the active management of her dad's, Lowell Hankins, ranch when her parents died.) Scott helped the Hankins with their horses many years.

Syler married his wife Martha Cameren in 1965 and they have lived in the Athens area most of their life. They have been in the cattle and horse business all of their lives and in recent years Scott has started Western sculpturing. He and Martha travel to some special livestock events where they show and sell the sculptures and also have a hat and tack business. Martha's parents worked for and managed the Clint Murchinson ranch for many years. They are currently remodeling their home near Athens, Texas.

For Scott Syler, creating sculpture came as natural as the gift of being able to ride a horse, throw a loop, work a cow, pull a calf, and enjoy ranch life to its fullest!

From his lifelong activities of rodeoing, cowboying, cattle ranching, and breeding horses, Scott has been able to transfer his heartfelt feelings of this Western life to the clay peices he creates from the hands-on experience of having been there to enjoy it for the very life it is in itself.

To see this talent translated into his art, you will realize how he has preserved this unique heritage to savor long after its fleeting destiny.