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Collin County Historical Commission

“Where the past is always present.”

The purpose of the CCHC shall be the identification, preservation, protection and interpretation of the history of Collin County.

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Carry-Along-Collin

Do you remember the Carry Along Collin program?

The CCHC wants to revamp this iconic student project to promote your local history to families with children. We are fielding interest and seeking feedback at the April coalition meeting.

Your suggestions and support are needed to make this a success. Have questions? Contact Brittany Yurkovitch at byurkovitch@gmail.com

CCHC Appointment

Bob London of St. Paul, was appointed to the CCHC.

April Coalition Meeting & Workshop

Saturday April 20th at 9AM
MPAC (Courthouse on the Square)
110 N Tennessee, McKinney

Speakers Bureau

the presentation “Great Marketing – Great Impressions with Canva” from the Speakers Bureau Workshop in the Fall of 2023 that had to be rescheduled.

Calendar:

Apr 20th CCHC Coalition Meeting
 Apr 24th CCHC Monthly Meeting
 April 27th Preservation Celebration
 May is Preservation Month
 May 30th CCHC Meeting
 Jun 26th CCHC Meeting
 Jul 20th CCHC Coalition Meeting
 Jul 31st CCHC Meeting - Officer Nominations
 Aug 28th CCHC Meeting - Officer Elections
 Sep 25th CCHC Meeting
 Oct 15th State Marker Applications Due
 Oct CCHC Coalition Meeting
 Oct 30th CCHC Meeting
 Dec 4th Last CCHC Meeting of the year

Jennifer Wakefield will be presenting this presentation. Invite anyone who is interested in this topic that all will enjoy!

Seventeenth Annual Preservation Celebration & Awards Ceremony

Host
 Allen Heritage Guild

Saturday, April 27, 2024
 Allen Senior Recreation Center
 451 St Mary Drive, Allen, TX 75002
 8:30 AM—11:30 PM

Invitations to be sent April 1, 2024

Bits of History:

April 14, 1904 North half of the East side of square in McKinney burned.

April 15, 1884 Frank James struck an old man over the head with a spittoon at the Elm Saloon [McKinney].

April 17, 1766 Collin McKinney born in New Jersey.

April 21, 1932 Clyde Barrow stole guns from a hardware store in Celina.

From Out of the Past

“Train wreck S. of McKinney”

“The North Bound No. 5 H. & T. C. passenger train due here [McKinney] at 8:25 a. m. was wrecked Thursday about two- and one-half miles south of McKinney, beyond the Wilson creek bridge at a sharp curve in the tracks.

The Train was moving at a lively rate. Something like thirty-fives miles an hour, when at a curve the coaches left the tracks and for about two or three hundred yards a terrible bumping and crashing occurred. Railroad ties were ground into splinters and several coaches’ wheels ploughed into the earth up to the axles. Every coach, including the tender, baggage, and express cars, left the tracks, the engine alone remained on.

Joy Gough—St Paul
 Linda Hess—Farmersville
 Eric Hogue—Wylie
 Andy Howard—Plano
 Colin Kimball—McKinney
 Bob London—St Paul
 Lillie Miller—Melissa
 Harold Sickler—Plano
 Janet Stovall—Plano
 Jennifer Wakefield—Wylie
 Marianne Wells—McKinney
 Nathan White—McKinney
 Misty Wiebold—Farmersville
 Jane Yancey—Plano
 Brittany Yukovitch—Weston

though no one was seriously hurt. Pearl Wilson, of Weston, was injured some and a lady slightly hurt, the name of whom the reporter could not learn.

The following named parties from McKinney were on the train: Joe H. Armstrong, Dr. O. H. Kirkpatrick, Houston Foster, W. H. Bertrand, Chas, Harrison and wife, A. E. Beck, Mrs. Josie Norvelle, H. H. Crouch, Jesse Kitching and Joe Lee White.

John Lewis at Rhea's Mill, Dave Lewis of Roland, Bud Wilson and wife and Pearl Wilson of Weston were on the train also.

The passengers all got a terrible shock. Joe H. Armstrong and Dr. O. H. Kirkpatrick whom the reporter interviewed said that words could not describe the awful feeling as the passengers were being bumped furiously in their seats. The suspense was indeed excruciating.

Everyone expected to be hurled into a heap and probably crushed to death. When all was over joy prevailed over the thought that it was no worse. The south bound passenger due here at the same time, went down and brought all the passengers back to McKinney."

The Democrat. (McKinney, Tex.), Vol. 20, No. 12, Ed. 1

Thursday, April 23, 1903

Historic Weather

April 2, 1957 Tornado hit Melissa

April 10, 1919 A tornado hit Blue Ridge

April 11, 1852 Five inches of snow in McKinney

April 13, 1921 Tornado struck Melissa killing 8 persons

April 30, 1880 Tornado destroyed several buildings in Plano, including the Methodist church

April 30, 1921 Hail storm hits Farmersville

History & Tourism

"Listen up: You already have a theme park! It's called your streetscape, your lands, your cultures, and no other community possesses those same gifts."

-Dan Shilling, Civic Tourism: The Poetry and Politics of Place

Communities turn to their cultural heritage to develop local tourism for a variety of reasons.

more, which is why they're highly coveted.

Sustainability: Create visitor experiences out of assets that already exist rather than ones you must build.

Preservation: The relationship between tourism and preservation is cyclical. A growing tourism market stimulates the restoration of historic sites, attracting more visitors who fund more preservation.

Placemaking: Preserving local culture and memory helps solidify a community's identity, ties the individual to the collective, and cultivates a more authentic experience of place.

Distinction: Heritage tourism can be a small town's secret superpower. Let local history and traditions inspire you to create singular experiences that stand apart from the usual offerings found in any metropolitan area.

In addition, recent [travel studies](#) have illuminated an increasing desire among younger generations to travel with purpose. We think heritage tourism allows communities to meet young travelers where they are and help them find what they're looking for.

- From the Texas Historical Commission

For more information about Historic Tourism go to:

<https://thc.texas.gov/preserve/tourism-and-economic-development/heritage-tourism>

Apply for the CCHC!

Are you interested in historic preservation? Do you have an understanding of local history and historic resources? Consider applying for The Collin County Historical Commission!

The CCHC are appointed by the Collin County Commissioner's Court. For more information reach out to your Commissioner and/or Shona Navarre for details: snavarre@co.collin.tx.us

Up Coming:

CCHC Coalition Meeting

Saturday, April 20th at 9AM
MPAC (Courthouse on the Square)
110 N Tennessee St, McKinney

CCHC April Meeting

Wednesday, April 24th at 10AM
Collin County Commissioner's Courtroom

McKinney, TX 75071

See the application:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Lt2kf5xNO2tbXzJ_QotDdlBHObk29XBg/view?usp=sharing

[Final Reports & Updates](#)

Coalition members may present their grant final reports at either a Coalition meeting or a CCHC regular meeting.

Please let the Grant Committee know your grant project's status and when you would like to present the final report.

Email Harold: harold.sickler@att.net and
Jennifer: jennywakefield001@gmail.com

2024 Preservation Celebration & Awards Ceremony

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8:30 AM—11:30 PM

Connect with the CCHC

Learn more: www.collincountytexas.gov/Business-and-Living/Historical-Commission

Follow us: www.facebook.com/CollinCountyHistoricalCommissionTexas

Contact us: CCHCmail@yahoo.com



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

METAL DETECTING

BY JOSH HITT PART III

SAT APRIL 6TH

**AT THE HISTORIC
BAIN-HONAKER HOUSE**

**START AT 11 AM IN THE
BACK YARD**

WELCOME BACK JOSH HITT! A MEMBER & WELL KNOWN METAL DETECTIONIST IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, WILL BE BACK TO DO METAL DETECTING OF THE HISTORIC GROUNDS, BACK YARD. IN MAY OF 2023, JOSH CAME AND DID METAL DETECTING OF THE FRONT YARD AND FOUND MANY HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS. COME ALONG AND EXPLORE WITH JOSH AS HE SEARCHES THE BACK YARD GROUNDS.

KIDS METAL DETECTING ACTIVITIES

OPEN HISTORICAL HOUSE & MUSEUM TOURS 11-3

108 College St.
Farmersville, TX 75442

RICHARDSON TOURS

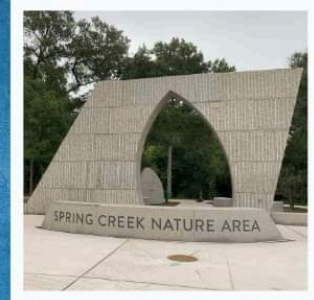
Join us in exploring nature and Richardson's hidden treasures!

Saturday, April 6, 9am

**Spring Creek Nature Area Walk,
#40404:**

Join us for a 1.5 hour walk of Spring Creek Nature Area. Learn about the historic elements of this location including the early settlers, also the native trees and wildflowers and possibly catch a glimpse of early bird migration.

Co-hosted with



Saturday, April 13, 9am

Routh Pioneer Cemetery Tour, #40403:

This will be a 1 hour tour of the large cemetery that includes the burial sites of many of the early pioneer families. It is located within the Reserve at Spring Creek Apartments. Learn about some of the early settlers as we explore their final resting places.



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TOURS ✦ MUSEUM ✦ GIFTS

The Thomas and Mattie Brown House welcomes visitors to Wylie and offers a rare glimpse into its history. Tour richly decorated rooms and view seasonal "Oh, Those Victorians!" exhibits that highlight innovation and culture of the 1800s and early 1900s. In the reading room, explore the past with maps, books, and other materials, and find a unique selection of Victorian, train, and Wylie-themed items in the gift shop.



❖ Oh, Those Victorians! ❖

SPRING EXHIBITS ❖ APRIL 9 - JUNE 26

Godey's Lady's Book: Victorian Fashion and Culture

NEW!



Godey's Lady's Book, which published its first issue in 1830, was the most popular and well-known magazine for women in the Victorian era. Each issue featured literature, poetry, sheet music, children's activities, and most importantly, full-color clothing illustrations inspired by French and English fashion plates.

Godey's offered American women a connection to European haute couture, and today, the magazines provide a detailed record of the progression of women's fashion.

Sarah Josepha Hale, the magazine's editor from 1837-1878, was a writer and activist who advocated for women's education and other social causes.

View a through-the-decades fashion exhibit and discover the many accomplishments of Sarah Josepha Hale, the most influential American woman of the Victorian era.



NEW! Check out the old trunk full of vintage clothing finds, straight from Grandma's Attic. Play "dress up" for a fun photo op!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Kate Greenaway and the Aesthetic Movement in Children's Clothing

Victorian fashions were all about extremes. We think of enormous hoop skirts and tight corsets for ladies, and little girls often dressed the same as their mothers.

The aesthetic movement in children's clothing, strongly influenced by children's author and illustrator Kate Greenaway, advocated for loose clothing for little girls so they'd be free to run, jump, and climb trees.



Illustration ©1911 by Kate Greenaway. ©2011, Courtesy of Book Academy UK.

www.WylieTexas.gov/BrownHouse

WESTON HERITAGE GUILD HOSTS

ECLIPSE



STARTING
AT 11.30 AM

EVENT START

Join us for food, drinks, and SWAG

STARTING
AT 12.00 PM

OPENING CEREMONY

Introductions and Presentations

STARTING
AT 12.24 PM

ECLIPSE BEGINS

Make sure to wear glasses

STARTING
AT 1.42 PM

TOTAL ECLIPSE

The total eclipse will last approx 2min

STARTING
AT 3.00 PM

ECLIPSE ENDS

Thank's for being a part of Texas History

CHAMBERSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2210 CHAMBERSVILLE ROAD, MCKINNEY, TX
APRIL 8TH 2024 | 11:30AM CST

1950s Murphy Murder Mystery Dinner Theater



April 13, 2024

7:00-9:00 pm

“Blue Jeans, Bobby Socks, and Poodle Skirts”

Bridgemoor at Plano

1109 Park Vista Road & FM 544

Wear your favorite 1950s costume & Join the Fun

\$50.00 per person

Tickets Available March 1

www.murphyhistorical.org

Preserve Murphy History for Future Generations

Funds Used to Save

Our Archives, Photographs &

Historic Murphy Cemeteries

The Collin County Commissioners Court
and
The Collin County Historical Commission

cordially invite you to the

**Seventeenth Annual Preservation Celebration
& Awards Ceremony: 'A Gold Ribbon Event'**

Host
Allen Heritage Guild

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Allen Senior Recreation Center
451 St Mary Drive
Allen, Tx 75002

8:30 AM—11:30 AM

Check in 8:30—9:00 AM,
Program and Brunch 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Speaker: Ken Fulk, Former City of Allen Mayor

Invitees and Guests: Please RSVP: cchcmail@yahoo.com





Melissa Historical Society & Melissa Public Library Present:

A History of the

Scott-Barker House

With Guest Speaker Kelly Maberry



Tuesday
April 16, 2024
6:00p.m.

Melissa Public Library
Inside City Hall
3411 Barker Ave
Melissa, TX 75454

The Barker Sisters in front of the Scott-Barker House circa 1920s
Photo provided by The Maberry Family

This event is FREE and open to the public

For more information email info@melissahistoricalociety.org or visit us on Facebook @ melissahistoricalociety

History of Aprons

MCKINNEY, TX CDT



The Edelweiss Club of McKinney invites you to join them for a presentation on The History of Aprons. The presentation will begin promptly at 1:00 PM and conclude before 1:45 PM. Invitees are encouraged to come a bit ear... [read more](#)

FRI, APR 19 2024

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CDT

[GET TICKETS](#)



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OTHER EVENTS BY THIS ORGANIZATION



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CCHC Historic Groups Coalition

Spring Meeting

April 20th @ 9AM

MPAC (Courthouse on the Square in McKinney)

110 N Tennessee St

Join us and share what's happening with your organization!

The Coalition is open to all Collin County Historic Organizations great and small!

Spring Concert on the Prairie

An Evening at Frankford with Chamber Music
Monday, April 29th, doors open at 6:30pm, and the concert is from 7-8:30pm.



Amy Faires, violin



Swang Lin, violin



Molly Baer, violin



Désirée Elsevier, violin | viola



William Clay, double bass

Our 2024 Spring Prairie Tour will be held on Saturday, April 13th from 4-6pm.

During the tour, you will enjoy the beauty of our native North Texas Blackland Prairie in the Spring. The tour will be guided by master naturalist and botanist Rich Jaynes and landscape architect Rosa Finsley.

Every year we look forward to sharing our prairie tours with our friends and neighbors. Due to rising costs we suggest that you make a donation of \$20.00 per person as you are able. All donations of any amount are welcome. Together, we can make it possible to host a Spring Prairie Tour we can all treasure this year!

You can make your donation by clicking [here](#). Additionally we will be passing the offering plate during the introductory presentation in the church if you would prefer to make a donation this way. Thanks for caring about Frankford.

Kathy Power

President, Frankford Preservation Foundation

Where: Frankford Preservation Foundation, 17400 Muirfield Drive, Dallas, TX 75287

The tour will begin in the church.

Parking

Parking attendants will guide you.

RESERVE YOUR TICKET FOR OUR SPRING PRAIRIE TOUR BY CLICKING [HERE](#).

You can make your donation for the Spring Tour by clicking [here](#). Additionally we will be passing the offering plate during the introductory presentation in the church if you would prefer to make a donation this way.

The **Carroll Shelby** EXPERIENCE

GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION



Join us in celebrating the opening of our new exhibit, *The Carroll Shelby Experience*! Enjoy a free viewing of the exhibit and a look at 150+ Shelby race cars in Historic Downtown McKinney!

APRIL 20TH, 9AM-1PM
COLLIN COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM
300 E. VIRGINIA ST., MCKINNEY, TX



Pictured: Orenduff Cemetery ca. 2008. Photo Credit: Kelly O'Brian

*You are cordially invited to join us for the
Texas Historical Marker dedication ceremony for*

Orenduff Cemetery

*Sunday May 19, 2024 @ 2:30 p.m.
3600 County Road 338, Melissa, Texas 75454*

Presented by the Texas Historical Commission & Collin County Historical Commission

And

*Grave Marker Dedication Ceremony
War of 1812 Patriot
Michael Mallow*

Presented by United States Daughters of 1812 & General Society of the War of 1812 in Texas

RSVP @ info@melissahistoricalsociety.org

CCHC Mission:

The Collin County Historical Commission helps preserve and educate on the rich history of this county by:

- Initiating and conducting programs and activities for the preservation of our historical heritage
- Marking, interpreting, preserving and accumulating information on our history and landmarks



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