

COLLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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- Chairman: Paula Ross
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- Treasurer: Eric Hogue
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- Educational Children's Programs
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Special 2022 Dates

- Aug. 9: CCHC Workshop
- Aug. 25: CCHC Meeting – Election of Officers
- Sept. 29: CCHC Meeting –Planning for 2023
- Oct. 10: Student Essay Competition Deadline
- Oct. 20: Coalition Meeting
- Oct. 31: Tax Abatement Deadline
- Dec. 31: Coloring Book deadline

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- Feb. 1-3: THC Conference
- April 29: Preservation Celebration Celina

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Collin County Historical Commission News

Announcing the 2022 CCHC Student Art/Poetry Competition Winners!

Middle School – “Anna Rust” by **Samantha Evans**, Anna Education Center
Elementary School – “Comic Book” by **Landon Muller Johnson**, Anna Homeschool

CCHC Workshop “Easy Tech Resources for Historical Groups” August 9, 2022 10 AM to 12 Noon Collin County History Museum

The topic includes Google Suite and other tools and social media for your organization. The workshop will be presented by Jennifer Wakefield--who is president of the Wylie Historical Society. Learn some navigation tools and get the word out to your organization! Please, RSVP at cchcmail@yahoo.com. Free to the public.

CC Coalition Member Anna Area Historical Preservation Society

Established in 2004, the mission of the Anna Area Historical Preservation Society is to collect, preserve, and interpret the rich history of Anna and the surrounding area by sharing its collections through a variety of exhibits and educational resources. In 2018, the Anna Area Historical Preservation Society published a 484-page resource that includes the history of Anna and its train depot, historical homes, early communities and cemeteries, as well as schools, fire and law enforcement. The title of this book is "The Spark That Ignited The Town of Anna" and is available through AAHPS.



Please send a brief summary of your organization to jstovall@verizon.net. Cemetery Organizations will be highlighted in a different article later this year.

CCHC Speakers Bureau 2022-2023

The CCHC Speakers Bureau is a resource for you and your organization to utilize as you need expertise or just want an interesting program for your meeting. We have 19 speakers on various topics and skills. Go to [Historical Commission \(collincountytx.gov\)](http://Historical Commission (collincountytx.gov)) to see the 2022-2023 Speakers Bureau list of speakers, contact information and topics.

We can add new speakers anytime throughout the year. If you want to be added to the Bureau, send your contact information and a brief description of your topic and/or skill to share to jstovall@verizon.net.

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CCHC Student Essay Competition

The Collin County Historical Commission is hosting an essay competition for all K-12 students. We encourage all students to participate, including homeschoolers.

Prizes will be offered to the best elementary, middle, and high school submissions. Winning submissions will be published in The Weston Post and will be shared widely by the CCHC.

Create an essay celebrating an aspect of Collin County history. Need some inspiration? Consider visiting one of our Collin County museums or visit <https://www.collincountyhistory.com/> or research a notable local historical figure.

Send your essay to cchcsubmissions@gmail.com. With your email, please include your name, age, school, title of work and a paragraph describing your work.

Submissions are due by midnight on October 10, 2022.

Collin County Historic Property Tax Abatement Process

Collin County has a Historic Property Tax Abatement program. Residential properties that qualify can get 100% Historic Property Tax abatement and Commercial properties can get 50% Historic Property Tax Abatement. The Collin County Historical Commission manages the program for the County Commissioners.

To qualify for the Historic Property Tax Abatement, a structure must be at least 50 years old and in good condition. The structure should appear as it was originally built with no added or removed rooms, for example.

Go to https://www.collincountytx.gov/historical_commission/programs/Pages/taxabatements.aspx to Download a tax abatement packet, which will include instructions and an application form. The applicant must submit a fully-documented and footnoted history of the property with photos of the structure, both historic and current if possible.

Send the application to CCHCmail@yahoo.com with the subject of Tax Abatement. Once an application has been approved by the Tax Abatement Committee, the property will be added to the list of properties to be inspected annually and the applicant will be notified of the approval.

Properties that have been approved for Historic Property Tax Abatement will be inspected in November to see if they are being well maintained. There is no warning period to make repairs. Currently there are about 250 properties in the county receiving Historic Property Tax Abatement.

Deadline to submit is October 31, 2022.

Calling All Artists!

The CCHC wants to introduce our youngest residents to Collin County history with a coloring book we can provide at CCHC events.

We are looking for submissions that showcase important people, places and events across Collin County. With your submission please include:

-A coloring page drawing -The name of the artist -A short description of the drawing

Please submit your drawing as a jpg or pdf to cchcsubmissions@gmail.com.

Deadline December 31, 2022.

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Contact us: CCHCmail@yahoo.com