

# COLLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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## Collin County Historical Commission News

### Winners of the CCHC 2022 Fall Essay Competition

High School – Alysia Hill

Middle School – Inaya Lalani

Elementary School – Diptendu Seth

### 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](mailto:cchcsubmissions@gmail.com).

**Deadline December 31, 2022.**

### Real Places 2023 Conference

February 1-3, 2023

Doubletree by Hilton, Austin

Hosted by the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, the conference provides an opportunity for preservationists & officials to network and learn with County Historical Commissions, Main Street managers & participants, historic preservation officers, architects & engineers, historians, archeologists, curators, interpreters, managers of museums & historic sites, THC staff, Texas Heritage Trail Regions, and many partner organizations. This year, Real Places will be available to both **in-person and virtual attendees**.

### CC Coalition Member Heard-Craig Center for the Arts

Our Mission is to promote the fine arts through educational programs and exhibits, provide meeting facilities for educational organizations, and honor the legacy of the Heard and Craig families through the preservation of the historic properties.

The historic Heard-Craig Center was built in 1900 by Stephen and Lillian Heard. Their daughter, Kathryn, through her philanthropy, gifted the Center to over 20 groups that have helped McKinney in many ways: raising money to build new buildings (e.g. the first Library), donating to the needy, providing scholarships, spearheading community improvements, etc. The Heard-Craig Center shares the Kathryn Heard-Craig and the Thomas E. Craig collections with the public. The Center holds the designation as the first ART MUSEUM in the City of McKinney. In addition, there is an extensive amount of original fretwork and hand-tooled woodwork throughout the historic museum.

Hours:

- Monday - Closed
- Tuesday - Open 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM
- Wednesday - Open 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM
- Thursday - Open 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM
- Friday - Open 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM
- Saturday - Open 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- Sunday - Open by Appointment

Contact the staff to schedule a private tour. The tour takes about an hour and includes tea & desserts (\$10).

205 W Hunt Street  
McKinney, TX 75069  
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#### 2022-2023 CCHC Officers

Chairman: Paula Ross

Vice Chairman: Nathan White

Treasurer: Eric Hogue

Rec. Secretary: Jan Thatcher

#### Programs & Initiatives

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#### Special 2022 Dates

Dec. 31: Coloring Book deadline

#### Special 2023 Dates

Jan. 21: Coalition Meeting

Feb. 1-3: THC Conference

Feb. 6 – March 24: CCHC Grant Program

Mar. 24: CCHC Grant Program Deadline

April 8: Coalition Meeting

April 29: CCHC Preservation Celebration Celina

July 15 Coalition Meeting

Oct. 1: Deadline 2024 State Marker

Narratives to CCHC

Oct.21: Coalition Meeting

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## 2023 CCHC Grant Program

The 2022 Collin County Historical Commission Grant Funding Program review process starts Feb. 6 and goes through March 24, 2023.

Go to [www.collincountytx.gov/historical\\_commission/initiatives](http://www.collincountytx.gov/historical_commission/initiatives) for details.

To be eligible to apply for a grant, you must be designated as a 501(C)(3) or 501(C)(13), participating member of the Collin County Historical Coalition, and attend the mandatory meeting on Monday, February 6, 2023, from 7-9 p.m. at the Heard-Craig Carriage House at 205 W Hunt, McKinney.

## CC Coalition Cemetery Association Members

### Decatur/Murphy Maxwell Cemetery

Murphy is the home of what once was the largest unmaintained cemetery in Collin County. The Maxwell Cemetery, currently named the Decatur-Maxwell-Murphy Cemetery, is located on the northern edge of Murphy, Texas. This cemetery is the final resting place of many of Murphy's earliest settlers, with burials dating from 1853 to 1966. The Decatur-Maxwell-Murphy Cemetery contains approximately 3 acres of land and over 300 graves - most now unmarked.

In September 1993, The Cemetery Association of Murphy, Inc., a non-profit corporation, was formed to provide for perpetual care of the cemetery. In 2019 CAM deeded the cemetery to the Murphy Historical Society who now maintains the cemetery. [donnajenkins1946.wixsite.com](http://donnajenkins1946.wixsite.com)

### Frankford Cemetery Association

Frankford Cemetery Association manages, protects and preserves the historic Frankford Cemetery in Far North Dallas. The cemetery is located near Indian Springs, a camping spot on the Shawnee Trail. Eventually the tiny town of Frankford grew near the springs. Residents of Frankford and other nearby communities are buried in the cemetery.

We are committed to caring for this beautiful country cemetery now in the city. [Frankford Cemetery Association Home Page » Frankford Cemetery Association](#)

### St. Paul Baptist Cemetery (Melissa)

The Melissa Cemetery is both a recognized State of Texas Historical Cemetery and a recognized Historic Texas Cemetery which contains approximately 1244 marked graves and an unknown number of unmarked and lost graves.

Many of Melissa's first residents came from the Highland Community approximately 2 miles north of the present-day Melissa which virtually vanished around 1872 with the coming of the Houston and Texas Central (H&TC) railroad through Collin County. Some of the cemeteries that served Melissa prior to the 1889 formation of Melissa Cemetery were Highland, Orenduff, Stony Point, Throckmorton, St. Paul, and numerous small family cemeteries.

The Melissa Cemetery is an active cemetery and is cared for by the Melissa Cemetery Association. Family histories, historical documentation or copies of family deeds may be sent to the Melissa Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 222, Melissa, TX 75454. [Melissa Cemetery - Melissa Cemetery](#)

### Correction:

Corinth Presbyterian Church has joined with First Presbyterian Church of Allen, Tx.

### CCHC

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