

COLLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2020 Preservation Celebration Awards

Preservation Celebration (PC): The Preservation Celebration 2020-Anna has been cancelled this year because of Covid-19 and “shelter in place.” Anna will host Preservation Celebration in 2021.

PC Awards: With the cancellation of the Preservation Celebration this year, awards were mailed to all the winners and were invited to attend and be recognized at the CCHC virtual meeting on Thursday May 28, 2020. The following is a list of all award categories with nominees:

Collin McKinney Achievement Award: Given for outstanding achievement in promoting the heritage of the county through projects, museum education, historic tourism, the erection of tributes to the past, and/or the preservation of buildings or records of historical significance.

Allen Heritage Guild (winner): The Allen Heritage Guild restored the Interurban Baggage Cart. This was a team effort, done by Ed Bryan, Seb Borrello, Stan Schwartz, Michael Wooten, Ed Oates, Drew Lindsey and Dwayne Arledge. It is currently housed at the Depot Museum on 100 E. Main in Allen.

Excellence in Historical Education Award: Given for promotion of historical education about Collin County through teaching and/or preservation programs.

Brett Adams (winner): Brett is a Professor of History at Collin College. He has been actively involved with the Heritage association of Frisco for 10 years, as a current Board Member and past president. He started the Saturday at the Museum lecture series, including such programs as Forgotten Frisco and Cotton: From Field to Cloth. These programs are offered to the public free of charge.

Kevin Hall (nominee): Kevin is an active member of the Anna Area Historical Preservation Society. He has been the emcee for the Anna Train Depot dedication, modeled clothing for the AAHPS Fashion Show Fundraiser and has been named an honorary cousin by two to Collin McKinney’s granddaughters for his effort in the Texas Independence Day celebration.

Leadership in Preservation Award: This award is given for a promotion of respect for the county’s past through historical projects and/or renovations of historical building or site.

Clint Haggard (winner): Clint is a longstanding supporter of historic preservation in the area. He has served on the boards of the Heritage Farmstead Museum and the Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation. He also oversees the maintenance of the historic Bethany Cemetery. Over the years, he has restored many properties in this area. Clint live in the restored home of Adelle Rogers Clark, which was moved to his property along with the

barn. He also restored the 1918 Aldridge House in downtown Plano. After several years of working with the Plano City Council, Clint was able to save the Collinwood House (aka. the "1861 house"). Clint was even responsible for relocating the Collinwood House in order to save the structure. We celebrate his many examples of preserving and reusing remarkable historical assets.

Debbie Calvin (nominee): Debbie is a longstanding volunteer in the Genealogy division of the Plano Public Library System. There she indexed the Plano Star Courier newspaper from 1918-1923. She has also volunteered at the Interurban Railway Museum and is now Archives Manager. As a member of the Daughter of the American Revolution, she has worked on documenting veterans buried in Plano's cemeteries which led to the "Wreaths Across America" project.

Young Visionaries: This award is to recognize an individual or group (18 years of age or less) that has significantly contributed to the preservation of Collin County.

Lexi Estevane (winner): Lexi reached out to the Murphy Historical Society to volunteer as a summer intern in 2019. She helped catalog their archives and documents. She stayed on during the fall, working the Maize Day event as an emcee in the morning and at their booth in the afternoon. For 2020, she was selected as the Secretary for the Murphy Historical Society. She has personally reached out to bring in new members to assist in the organization's membership drive. She is also slated to be the emcee for another event later in this year.

Zoie Lancaster (nominee): Zoie reached out to the Heritage Association of Frisco about a project for a coloring book titled "Frisco through the Ages". She prepared all of the illustrations herself, working with the Heritage Association of Frisco Board to develop content.

Living Legacy of Collin County Award: This award is to recognize the outstanding achievement of an individual citizen of Collin County who has significantly enriched our cultural heritage through a lifetime of dedicated service to the ideals of preservation, education and respect of our rich past.

Larry Collins (winner): Larry has been both a history teacher and professor in the area since 1969. In over forty years of teaching in Collin County schools, he instilled a love of history in so many young people in the county. In 2006, he was appointed to the Collin County Historical Commission and remained on until 2019. During his tenure, Larry developed the Grant program and oversaw more than \$250,000 in grants. He also chaired the awards committee and was the Master of Ceremonies at the annual awards ceremony for the Preservation Celebration. He is most definitely missed in this capacity today.

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