

# COLLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION



“Where the past is always present.”

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

## Collin County Historical Commission News

**State Markers:** *Gallagher House (Wylie)*, the marker is being shipped and plans for another Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) dedication is in process.

**Community ISD:** The marker is at the foundry with 40 markers ahead of it.

**First Baptist Church of Lavon, Brinlee Cemetery (Melissa) and Princeton Cemetery** are on a list of 50 inscriptions to be reviewed by the State Historical Commissioners on Friday, October 29, 2021.

**Marker Restorations:** *The site of Wilmeth-McKinney Homestead assigned to the John Abston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR); Coffman Cemetery (Anna), to be completed on Saturday by the Anna Chapter of the DAR. This will make 13 markers restored.*

**Historic Cemeteries:** *Ross Cemetery (McKinney)*: A dedication ceremony was held on Saturday, October 24, 2021 for the Historic Texas Cemetery Designation (HTC). Ross Cemetery has served the Black community since 1895. The committee wants to have another ceremony when the medallion actually arrives, which is expected next fall at the earliest.

**Buckner Cemetery (McKinney)**: Supporting documentation on the cemetery deed and the HTC designation were sent to the surveying office's managing partner, who actually surveyed the property. Zoning has been accomplished but not permitting.

**County Markers:** The Allen Colored School and Moores Chapel markers are at the foundry. The County Marker for Shady Grove Church on Old Brand Road in Murphy is missing.

**Historic Assets Survey (HAS):** It was suggested that all State and County Markers information should be submitted to get on the HAS map. The issue was also raised for the need to look to the future **before** development encroaches on land within the county.

### **Historic Tax Abatement Update:**

The Collin County Commissioners Court allows county property tax abatements to qualifying historical properties. Historic structures were reviewed during November and the recommendations were sent to the Collin County Commissioner's Court on December 1, 2021.

### **Preservation Celebration:**

Preservation Celebration 2022-Wylie is scheduled for April 30, 2022 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

**Educational Programs/Children's Programs:** Essay Contest Winners were announced at the Coalition meeting held in October. Landon Johnson, age 7, from Anna and Sophie Hardt, age 15, from Prosper were this year's winners. Future contest ideas include a student produced video, such as an advertisement for a museum, a poetry contest or an art contest.

**Oral Histories:** John Brooks, administrator for the Old Plano Facebook page, which highlights Plano's past, was contacted as a resource. The Commission is looking for other county communities that might have people like John Brooks. Please send contact information to [CCHCmail@yahoo.com](mailto:CCHCmail@yahoo.com).

**Workshops:** The Texas Historical Commission (THC) held a workshop on November 30, at the Old Courthouse in McKinney (MPAC), from 10-12. The Texas Historical Commission is developing the Texas Statewide Historic Preservation Plan for the next decade and seeks involvement from all communities and stakeholders in the state.

## Real Places 2022 Conference

**February 2-4, 2022**

**Doubletree by Hilton, Austin**

The premier historic preservation and historic tourism conference in Texas, presented by Phoenix I Restoration and Construction and hosted by the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission.

## 2022 CCHC Grant Program

The 2022 Collin County Historical Commission Grant Funding Program review process starts Feb. 7 and goes through March 25, 2022. Go to [www.collincountytx.gov/historical\\_commission/initiatives](http://www.collincountytx.gov/historical_commission/initiatives) for details.

## 2021-2022 CCHC Officers

- Chairman: Paula Ross
- Vice Chairman: Nathan White
- Treasurer: Eric Hogue
- Rec. Secretary: Jan Thatcher

## Programs & Activities

- Seminars and Workshops
- Cemetery Preservation
- Educational Children's Programs
- Publications
- State & County Historical Markers
- Historic Property Tax Abatement
- Real Places Conference
- Grant Program
- Preservation Celebration
- Annual Collin County Bus Tour
- Interactive Historical Assets Map
- Speakers Bureau
- Historic Artifact Ex. Facebook Group
- Sponsor for the Coalition of County Historical Groups

## 2022 Special Dates

- Jan. 8, 2022: Coalition Meeting
- Feb. 2-4, 2022: Real Places Conference
- Feb. 7 – Mar. 25, 2022: CCHC Grant Program
- Mar. 25, 2022: Grant Deadline
- Apr. 30, 2022: Preservation Celebration Wylie
- Oct. 2022: CCHC Bus Tour