

COLLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Jan. 15: Coalition Meeting:
9am at the old courthouse downtown McKinney.
Feb. 2-4: Real Places Conference
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Apr. 4: Student Video Competition Deadline
Apr. 21: Coalition Meeting
Apr. 30: Preservation Celebration Wylie
Jul. 11: Student Art/Poetry Competition Deadline
Jul. 16: Coalition Meeting
Oct. 10: Student Essay Competition Deadline
Oct. ???: CCHC Bus Tour
Oct. 20: Coalition Meeting

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Collin County Historical Commission News

Real Places 2022 Conference

February 2-4, 2022
Hilton, Austin (New location)

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. The Opening Connection will be an evening at our French Legation State Historic Site located in Central East Austin. New sessions and speakers brought to you by Preservation Texas will present a series of breakout sessions on African American historical preservation issues. These sessions are included in the Conference registration.

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 for details.

The Grant program originated in 2009, chaired by CCHC member, Larry Collins, to give small historical groups within the county an opportunity to further preserve the history of Collin County. Projects vary from small dollar amounts to larger ticket items that are completed over a number of years and several grants. Over the years, grants have ranged from: Cemetery projects installing or repairing fencing surrounding cemeteries, cleaning debris from cemeteries long neglected and cleaning, leveling and repairing early headstones. Many of these tasks were accomplished over many years with the Grant Program.

Restoration projects include smaller projects such as restoring artwork or leather boots. Larger projects accomplished with CCHC grants include restoring a one room school house, a calaboose, blacksmith shop and a train depot. Maintenance projects such as repairing and/or replacing windows in historic homes and installed ultraviolet light protection on a museum's windows to protect the artifacts.

Other projects have included digitizing old McKinney newspapers, printing brochures of city walking tours, creating traveling trunk shows to show how life has changed over the years, and filming long time Collin County residents while they tell their stories of growing up in Collin County. (Once those people are gone, so goes the county history will be lost.) The grant requests may range from \$250 to \$5000. The number of applicants in a given year also determines the amount granted. The requirements to apply for a grant are few.

One requirement is to be designated as a 501(c)(3) (for nonprofit status) or 501(c)(13) (for cemetery designation). Another requirement is all applicants must be in good standing as participating members of the Collin County Historical Coalition, an organization of all private and public heritage groups in the county, which is sponsored by the Collin County Historical Commission (CCHC).

The last qualification to be eligible to apply for a grant is to attend the mandatory meeting. For the 2022 Grant Program, the date is Monday, February 7, 2022 from 7-9 p.m. at the Heard-Craig Carriage House at 205 W Hunt, McKinney.

For more information about the process, please refer to the Grant Application on the CCHC website.

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2022 CCHC Student Art/Poetry Competitions

CCHC Student Video Competition deadline: Monday April 4, 2022

CCHC Student Art/Poetry Competition deadline: Monday July 11, 2022

CCHC Student Essay Competition deadline: Monday October 10, 2022

CCHC Student Video Competition

The Collin County Historical Commission is hosting a video competition for all k-12 students. We encourage all students to participate, including homeschoilers. Prizes will be offered to the best elementary, middle, and high school submissions. Winning submissions will be announced in The Weston Post and will be shared widely by the CCHC. Submissions are due by midnight on April 4, 2022.

Make a video, no longer than 3 minutes, on one of the following topics.

1. Create an advertisement for one of the following local history museums:

- Collin County Farm Museum (McKinney)
- Collin County History Museum (McKinney)
- Allen Heritage Center and Village (Allen)
- Sherley Brothers Store (Anna), 972-924-3927
- Anna Depot and Museum (Anna)
- Frisco Heritage Museum for the Arts (Frisco)
- Heard-Craig Center (McKinney)
- Chestnut Square (McKinney)
- Heritage Farmstead Museum (Plano)
- Interurban Railway Museum (Plano)
- Military Heritage Collection of North Texas Museum (Nevada)
- Bain-Honeaker House Museum (Farmersville)
- Farmersville Historical Museum (Farmersville)

2. Film a video highlighting the significance of one of the following notable local historical figures:

James Webb Throckmorton, Carl Darnall, Audie Murphy, Kathryn "Katie" Heard Craig, Ray Roberts, Collin McKinney, Robert Cannon Horn, Augustus 'Gus' Wilson, Joseph 'J.B' Wilmeth, Henry Oliver Hedgcoxe, Sam Rayburn, Ebert Wiley 'E.W.' Kirkpatrick, Sam Bass, Bess Heard, Ammie Wilson, Russell A. Steindam, Kiowa chief Spotted Tail, John Abston, Raymond Hamilton, Ralph Fults

Film submissions: Please upload your video to YouTube, tiktok, or other video platform. Send a link of your video to CCHCsubmissions@gmail.com. With your email, please include your name, age, school, bibliography, and the title of your video.

Hold the Date



CCHC Preservation Celebration

Wylie, Tx.

St. Anthony Catholic Parish

403 N. Ballard, Wylie, Texas 75098

Saturday April 30, 2022

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