

# COLLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

“Where the past is always present.”



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## 2021-2022 CCHC Officers

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

## Programs & Initiatives

- State & County Historical Markers
- Preservation Celebration
- Historical Cemeteries Designation & Restoration
- Property Tax Abatement
- Speakers Bureau
- Newsletters & Publications
- Educational Children's Programs
- Seminars & Workshops
- County Historical Coalition
- Historical Grant Program
- Historical Asset Survey & Map

## Special 2022 Dates

- Sept. 29: CCHC Meeting –Planning for 2023
- Oct. 10: CCHC Student Essay Competition Deadline
- Oct. 20: CC Coalition Meeting
- Oct. 31: CC Historical Property Tax Abatement Deadline
- Dec. 31: Coloring Book deadline

## Special 2023 Dates

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

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## Collin County Historical Commission News

### 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 homeschoilers.

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](mailto: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.**

### CC Coalition Member Celina Area Heritage Association

Celina Heritage Association created the Celina the Celina Area Heritage Association in 1999, which oversees the operation of our Museum and Visitor's Center and Museum located at 211 W. Pecan St., Celina, TX 75009.

**MUSEUM HOURS: TUESDAY - FRIDAY 10 am to 4 pm SATURDAY - 10 am to 3 pm, 972) 382-3600**  
Admission is FREE! Donations are welcomed! A SPECIAL EXHIBIT! The new "Then and Now" display is up and ready to be enjoyed.

Celina, in the Northwest corner of Collin County, was not established until 1876, but settlers came in the area at a much earlier date. In October, 1879 a little settlement began to form a few miles southwest of the present-day Celina. John T. Mulkey, Celina's first postmaster, renamed the town after Celina, Tennessee. The Methodist Church was built in 1880, and also doubled as the school for a while. By 1885, a general store, mill, and a drug store had been opened in "Old Celina". The entire town was relocated to the new railroad right-of-way 20 years later by placing homes and businesses on rollers and pulling them across muddy fields.



### 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.**

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## Collin County Historic Property Tax Abatement Process

Go to [https://www.collincountytx.gov/historical\\_commission/programs/Pages/taxabatements.aspx](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](mailto: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.**

## CC Coalition Member The Heritage Guild of Collin County The Heritage Village at Chestnut Square

The guild was founded in 1974 by a group of ladies who fought to keep two historic homes from being demolished by the city, and Chestnut Square was formed. We are located just 2 blocks off the downtown McKinney Square. Located at 315 S. Chestnut Street, McKinney, Tx 75069.

We are a nonprofit living history museum comprised of 9 historic homes and buildings including the oldest house in McKinney. Three homes and two other structures are indigenous to the property; the 1854 John Faires House (the oldest standing home in McKinney), the 1864 Taylor Inn, 1918 Brimer Anderson Grocery and the turn of the century Foote Baptist Church were moved onsite, and the reproduction one rooms school house represents the 1890's JB Wilmett Schoolhouse.

Today, as part of the downtown McKinney Cultural District, we offer public & Private tours, school field trips, the year-round McKinney Farmers Market and unique events for all ages throughout the year. We support local small businesses, artisans and farmers, and enhance tourism and the quality of life in McKinney and beyond.

Welcome Center and Office Hours: 9am – 3pm Tues, Thurs, & Fri and 8am – Noon Saturdays  
**972-562-8970 [www.chestnutsquare.org](http://www.chestnutsquare.org)**



## CCHC

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