

COLLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

“Where the past is always present.”



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2022-2023 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
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Special 2022 Dates

- Oct. 10: CCHC Student Essay Competition Deadline
- Oct. 20: CC Coalition Meeting
- Oct. 31: CC Historical Property Tax Abatement Deadline

Nov. 7: Workshop on Textile Preservation, Frisco Heritage Ctr

- 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 homeschoolers.

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. 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.

Web Address Change on October 22, 2022

The web address for the interactive [Collin County Historical Map](#) will change as of October 22. The new address is: https://maps.collincountytx.gov/ccmap_historical.

There are over 500 historical sites on the map recording communities, schools and other sites of Collin County history.

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Collin County Historic Property Tax Abatement Process

Collin County has a Historic Property Tax Abatement program. Residential properties that qualify can get 100% Historic Property Tax abatement and Commercial properties can get 50% Historic Property Tax Abatement. The Collin County Historical Commission manages the program for the County Commissioners.

To qualify for the Historic Property Tax Abatement, a structure must be at least 50 years old and in good condition. The structure should appear as it was originally built with no added or removed rooms, for example.

Go to 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 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.

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.

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The Collin County Farm Museum strives to develop a better understanding and appreciation of Collin County's rural heritage from the earliest settlement through the 1960s. The Collin County Farm Museum consists of 8,528 square feet of collections and restoration exhibits in the Wells Building. The Farm Museum has an exploratory garden and offers a series of online and in-person workshops, such as cheese making, soldering, fermentation, and much more. Find out about upcoming programs through their Facebook page or website.

The Farm Museum is open to the public for free admission on Wednesdays from 1 to 7 pm.

Contact Jennifer Rogers at 972-548-4792 and ccfm@collincountytx.gov if interested in a private tour or workshop.



CC Coalition Member Collin County Genealogical Society

The Collin County Genealogical Society (CCGS) was formed in October 1970 by six local residents for the purpose of promoting interest in genealogy and assisting members with their genealogical research. The group originally was named the Plano Genealogical and Historical Society and later the North Central Texas Genealogical and Historical Society. The current name Collin County Genealogical Society was bestowed in November 1979 to better recognize the growing needs of the community. The Society established a permanent residence at the Gladys L. Harrington Library in Plano in January 1971.

CCGS has many ongoing projects and Society publications to benefit the amateur to the professional genealogist and historian. The Society welcomes all. Collin County ancestors are not necessary. Through fundraising activities CCGS continuously purchases reference books for the genealogical collection housed at the W. O. Haggard Library in the Genealogy Center.

We are a non-profit organization that continues to identify, preserve and digitize historical Collin County newspapers, which can be found on the Portal to Texas Digital Newspaper Project.

<https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/partners/CCGS/>

The society holds programs and business meetings both in person and virtually the second Wednesday, September through June beginning at 6:30 p.m. and guests are welcome. Location: W.O. Haggard, Jr. Library, 2501 Coit Road, Plano, Texas. For details, go to <https://www.collincountygenealogicalsociety.com>.



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of service to
Collin County!**

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