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Collin County Historical Commission News

2023 CCHC Grant Program

The 2023 Collin County Historical Commission Grant Funding Program review process starts Feb. 6 and goes through March 24, 2023.

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 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. The grant requests may range from \$250 to \$5000. The number of applicants each year also determines the amount granted.

The requirements to apply for a grant are few:

1. One requirement is to be designated as a 501(c)(3) (for nonprofit status) or 501(c)(13) (for cemetery designation).
2. 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).
3. The last qualification to be eligible to apply for a grant is to attend the mandatory meeting. For the 2023 Grant Program, the date is Monday, February 6, 2023 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.

All Ages CCHC Photography Competition

The Collin County Historical Commission is hosting a photography competition open to all k-12 students and adults on the following topic:

Take a photo of a piece of Collin County history you think may disappear in the next 5 to 10 years.

Winning submissions will be chosen from each of the following categories: elementary grades, middle school grades, high school, and adult. Winners will be recognized and will win prizes. Maximum of 3 submissions per person.

For student submissions: Along with your high-resolution photo, please include your name, age, grade, school, a parent contact, the location of your photo and a statement of at least a few sentences describing your picture.

For adult submissions: Along with your high-resolution photo, please include your name, the location of your photo and a statement of at least a few sentences describing your picture.

Email your submission to CCHCsubmissions@gmail.com by 11:59pm on Sunday, March 19, 2023.

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CCHC Tour March 18, 2023 Celebrating Our Neighbor to the North!

Gather: 8:30am and leave at 9am. Return: approximately 4:30-5 pm.

Meet: parking lot on the back side of the Jack Hatchell Collin County Administration Building, 2300 Bloomdale Rd., McKinney, Tx.

Tour: Eisenhower Birthplace, Red River Railroad Museum, Frontier Village Museum and the Perrin Air Force Museum. Lunch: RIG Restaurant.

Cost: \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Pay cash or check on day of tour.

Pre Register: collincountydaytrips@aol.com

More Information: 972-740-8017

CC Coalition Member Plano Conservancy

The Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation, Inc., a Texas corporation 501 (c)(3) non-profit, is an organization dedicated to promoting civic pride in the past, to increasing preservation awareness through education and public outreach, and to providing financial assistance to protect and preserve our heritage resources for this and future generations.

The formation of the Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation, Inc. in 2001 resulted from efforts of former Heritage Commission members and like-minded citizens who recognized the need for a local non-profit that would advocate for preservation concerns in the community. We promote preservation awareness and work to protect, preserve, & share Plano's heritage resources.

We work in partnership with [Texas Cemetery Restoration](#) to help local cemeteries like Young, Collinsworth, Old City, and Davis restore and preserve their aging headstones & markers. We have also installed new fences, gates, driveways, and walking paths in these historic cemeteries. In addition to cemetery restoration, we also research, write, and install educational wayside signs for historic locations like cemeteries, trails, and other significant sites.

We strive to make Plano's historic cemeteries appealing and accessible to both locals and tourists. We hold annual events that show visitors many of Plano's hidden historical assets and cultivate a more informed population. These events include Tombstone Mysteries, Hike Through History, Veterans Day and Wreaths Across America. We also work with scouts who have aspirations of attaining their rank of Eagle Scout. There are numerous opportunities for Eagle Scout projects in our North Texas historic cemeteries.

The Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation manages the [Interurban Railway Museum](#) in a partnership with the City of Plano. The Interurban Railway Museum, once known as the Plano Station of the Texas Electric Railway, is located in a historic train station at 901 E 15th Street in Plano, Texas.

The station was completed in 1908. The Texas Electric Railway operated from 1908 to 1948. The station was renovated by the City of Plano in 1990 and opened as the Interurban Railway Museum. Since 2001 the museum has been operated by the Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation.



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