

Collin County Historical Commission



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2023-2024 CCHC Officers

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Programs & Initiatives

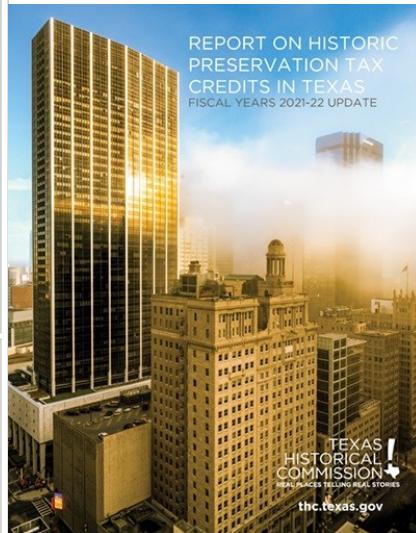
- County Historical Coalition
- Educational Programs
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- Historical Cemeteries
- Historical Grant Program
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- Newsletters & Publications
- Oral Histories
- Preservation Celebration
- Property Tax Abatement
- Seminars & Workshops
- Speakers Bureau

Special 2023 Dates

- Sept. 28: CCHC Meeting – Planning for 2024
- Oct. 1: Deadline 2024 State Marker Undertold Narratives
- Oct. 21: Coalition Meeting
- Oct. 22: Deadline Art Competition
- Oct. 31: Deadline Historical Property Tax Abatement
- Nov. 11: Speakers Bureau Workshop

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Historic Preservation's Economic Impact

The Texas Historical Commission's Report on *Historic Preservation Tax Credits in Texas* highlights the economic impact of projects certified for the Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit during fiscal years 2021 and 2022 (from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2022). These projects have not only preserved Texas' historic buildings, but have also supported jobs and boosted our state and local economies. Showcasing many tax credit rehabilitation projects in urban and rural areas, the report features places of worship, hotels, industrial buildings, cultural nonprofits, rural downtowns, residential, and universities.

Get the report here:

https://www.thc.texas.gov/public/upload/publications/tax_credit-report-2022.pdf

Texas Historical Markers

As one of the most visible programs of the Texas Historical Commission (THC), historical markers commemorate diverse topics in Texas history, including: the history and architecture of houses, commercial and public buildings, religious congregations, and military sites; events that changed the course of local and state history; and individuals who have made lasting contributions to our state, community organizations, and businesses.

Historical markers can be found in all 254 Texas counties. Age, significance, and architectural requirements govern the eligibility of topics and sites when applying for either a subject marker, Historic Texas Cemetery marker, or a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark marker.

CCHC Speakers Bureau Workshop

Saturday, Nov 11th 2023 from 9AM-11AM
Heard-Craig Center Carriage House
205 W. Hunt Street, McKinney, TX 75069

Current Speakers Bureau Members and interested people are invited!

RSVP: jstovall@verizon.net

Alert: The CCHC website is under renovation and should be available soon.

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Bits of Collin Count History:

September 1, 1906 Papers signed for the constructing of the Interurban

September 3, 1858 the East Fork of the Trinity River flooded 60 feet outside its banks.

September 21, 1846 Buckner town lots auctioned

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Collin County & The Railroad

The first railroad came to Collin County in 1872. This was the Houston & Texas Central that came up from Houston and continued to the Red River. This railroad was among the most significant advances for trade and development in North Texas. Richardson and Plano moved to the tracks. The town was Allen was created for the railroad as a watering station. The line went through McKinney. The towns of Melissa, Anna, and Van Alstyne were created by the coming of the railroad. Parts of the tracks are still in use today. The Dallas Area Rapid Transit uses these tracks for their Redline to Plano.

Upcoming Deadlines

State Marker Undertold Narratives

Deadline October 1, 2023

Send narratives to CCHC CCHCmail@yahoo.com

Collin County Historic Property Tax Abatement Applications

Deadline to submit is October 31, 2023

Email CCHCmail@yahoo.com for more information

CCHC Art Competition Submissions

For Details Email: CCHCsubmissions@gmail.com

Submissions are due by 11:59pm on Sunday, October 22, 2023



2023 Photo Contest Winners and Honorable Mentions on exhibit at Wylie's Smith Public Library. Photo courtesy of Ofilia Barrera

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Learn more: www.collincountytx.gov/Business-and-Living/Historical-Commission

Follow us: www.facebook.com/CollinCountyHistoricalCommissionTexas

Contact us: CCHCmail@yahoo.com

CCHC Art Competition

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

Create a piece of art inspired by a historic Collin County cemetery.

Winning submissions will be chosen from each of the following categories: elementary grades, middle school grades, high school, and adult.

To support your art, please refer to Joy Gough's book Cemeteries of Collin County, Texas or www.collincountyhistory.com as a resource.



Your art can be any medium. For your submission, please scan or photograph your art (multiple photos can be taken if your piece is 3-dimensional).

Along with your submission, please include your name, age, school, title of work, dimensions, medium used, and a paragraph describing your work.

Email your submission to
CCHCsubmissions@gmail.com by 11:59pm
on Sunday, October 22, 2023.

HAPPY FALLFEST!!!

**Visit the Allen Heritage Village
352 E. St. Mary Drive, Allen, Texas**

**Saturday, October 14, 2023
10am—2pm**

View the *ART CONTEST ENTRIES*

**Visit our historic houses and churches as well
As the Gardens**

**Children's Activities
Petting Zoo
Antique Tractors
Live Music!**

FREE, but donations kindly accepted

Our partners for this event:

**Allen Garden Club
VFW
VFW Auxiliary
Bernado de Galvez Chapter DAR
Allen Quilter's Guild**

**Come join the Fun!
www.allenheritage.org**

Genealogy Workshop
October 14, 2023
Frisco Heritage Center
6455 Page Street, Frisco, TX 75034



“Searching for Deed Records”
Morning Session 9:30-11:30 AM

This class will show you where and how to search for deeds using different web sites at the county and state levels. Some web sites will apply to more than one state and county. You will also learn about the Township/Range system and the Meets and Bound Systems used in the deeds. Plat books and maps will also be discussed. A hand out of the website listings discussed will be provided.

Lunch 11:30-12:30

An optional lunch can be purchased from Babe's for \$12. Feel free to bring your own lunch if you would like. If staying for both sessions, you will have a great opportunity to talk to other genealogists.

“Using the Catalog of Familysearch.org”
Afternoon Session 12:30-2:30 PM

Familysearch.org is a web site with a wealth of information. But not many people know about the lesser known Catalog section. In this section, you can search various records for every state. For some states, this includes deed records. A step by step handout will be provided.



Search Results for FamilySearch Catalog

- » Smith, Jeremiah Finch (2)
- » Smith, Jeremiah (1)
- » Smith, Jeroldean, 1932- (1)
- » Smith, Jerry K. (1)
- » Smith, Jerry, 1931- (1)
- » Smith, Jerusha Barden, 1805-1837 (2)
- » Smith, Richard Jeremiah (1)

Both classes will be taught by **Vickie Burns**, Heritage Association member and researcher. Classes are free but registration is required so we know how many are attending. Please email **vickie.burns22@gmail.com** to sign up for morning, afternoon or both sessions. It would be helpful if you brought your own device so you can follow along.

HAUNTS + HISTORY + GHOSTLY GOSSIP

WYLIE GHOST TOURS
OCTOBER 6 & 7



Haunts + History @ 7pm or 8:15pm: Follow the spirits of Marshall Howery, lawman, & George Washington Housewright, undertaker, OR

Ghostly Gossip @ 7:30pm or 8:45pm:

Follow Minnie Walker & Lovilla Creel, local telephone operators, as they describe the spooky history of Downtown Wylie.

Tickets \$20 per person (Suitable for children ages 12 and up)

Purchase tickets in advance at WylieTexas.gov/Library