

# ReStore

...the rural heritage of Collin County

May 2011

*Celebrate the 1911 Model T's  
100th Birthday*

**Collin County Farm Museum  
at Myers Park and Event Center  
7117 County Road 166  
McKinney, TX 75071**

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The Oxford English Dictionary has two definitions for “**restore**”:

1) *To store again...*

Many artifacts at the Farm Museum were once stored by donors in dusty barns, tucked away in sheds or displayed on shelves. Through donations, the Farm Museum collects these artifacts and **restores** them within the collections facility and exhibits. Thus, the artifact’s history is preserved and available for educating the public.

2) *To bring back...*

Through the generous contribution of Farm Museum volunteers’ time and knowledge, artifacts are systematically **restored** to their former glory through five project based restoration exhibits.



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*Cover photograph, mower blades with Craft home in the background, source: Helen Hall (2011.03.017)*

If you have historic photographs to share, please contact the Collin County Farm Museum.

Collin County Farm Museum  
is now on...

facebook®



Become the 100th person to “Like” the Collin County Farm Museum’s facebook’s page and receive a FREE ride in the museum’s 1911 Ford Model T & your picture in the ReStore Newsletter.

The Collin County Farm Museum wants to help you connect with history with two freestanding traveling exhibits: “The Traveling Salesman” & “The Home Demonstration Club.”

The rental of these exhibits are available for FREE from May 31 to September 31, 2011. The museum staff arranges transportation and delivery.

For information, contact Jennifer Rogers, Museum Coordinator, at 972-548-5752 or [jrogers@co.collin.tx.us](mailto:jrogers@co.collin.tx.us)

# Visual Discoveries Historic Documents

The study and preservation of history requires the use of primary sources. These original sources are described as materials originating from individuals related to specific periods, objects or persons—such as historic documents. As a result, historic documents are sought and preserved by museums, archives and libraries. Without these types of documents the Collin County Farm Museum would be unable to celebrate its Model T's **100th Birthday**.



Roger Meier, a Vehicle Maintenance Volunteer, contacted the Henry Ford Foundation for information regarding the 1911 Model T. Using the Model T's serial number, the foundation retrieved the below document from their microfilm archives. This document states ***the car was assembled on May 17, 1911*** and shipped that same day to Kansas City, Missouri.

The Collin County Farm Museum is fortunate to be able to have a copy of this document since Model T records from 1912 to 1925 were destroyed in a museum fire in the summer of 1970. The document provides essential restoration information!

| TOURING<br>TORPEDO RUNABOUT<br>OPEN RUNABOUT<br>ROADSTER<br>TOWN CAR<br>COUPE<br>DELIVERY WAGON<br>CHASSIS<br>MOTOR ONLY |                               | 54186<br><i>Ford Motor Company</i><br>MANUFACTURING DEPT. |  | MODEL <i>J</i><br>CAR NO. <i>54186</i> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------------|
| DEPARTMENT "D"<br>CHASSIS ASSEMBLING                                                                                     |                               | DEPARTMENT "C"<br>CAR ASSEMBLING                          |  | DEPARTMENT "F"<br>CAR TESTING          |
| DATE <i>5-17-11</i>                                                                                                      | DATE <i>5-17-11</i>           | DATE <i>5-17-11</i>                                       |  |                                        |
| TREAD (REG.) 56"                                                                                                         | BODY-WOOD <i>at table</i>     | REAR AXLE                                                 |  |                                        |
| " (SPEC.) 60"                                                                                                            | " ALUMINUM                    | MOTOR                                                     |  |                                        |
| " (SPEC.) 48"                                                                                                            | " MADE BY <i>at table</i>     | STEERING GEAR                                             |  |                                        |
| CONTROL (REG.) L. H.                                                                                                     | FLOOR BOARDS                  | CHASSIS                                                   |  |                                        |
| " (SPEC.) R. H.                                                                                                          | COLOR <i>blue</i>             | ST. FULLY WHAT IS FOUND WRONG WITH CAR                    |  |                                        |
| CARBURETOR <i>at table</i>                                                                                               | CUSHIONS                      |                                                           |  |                                        |
| RADIATOR <i>at table</i>                                                                                                 | PAINTING                      |                                                           |  |                                        |
| COIL <i>at table</i>                                                                                                     | TRIMMING                      |                                                           |  |                                        |
| WHEELS                                                                                                                   | WHEELS ADJUSTED               |                                                           |  |                                        |
| CYLINDER HEAD                                                                                                            | HEIGHT OF FENDERS             |                                                           |  |                                        |
| TIRES                                                                                                                    | GREASE CUPS                   |                                                           |  |                                        |
| TRANS. COVER                                                                                                             | COTTER PINS IN PROPER PLACES  |                                                           |  |                                        |
| DELIVERED TO CAR ASSEMBLING—TIME                                                                                         | DELIVERED TO CAR TESTING—TIME | DELIVERED TO SHIPPING ROOM—TIME                           |  |                                        |
| <i>at table</i> FOREMAN                                                                                                  | <i>at table</i> FOREMAN       | <i>at table</i> TESTER                                    |  |                                        |
|                                                                                                                          | GENERAL FOREMAN               | HEAD TESTER                                               |  |                                        |

The original color of the 1911 Model T is BLUE!

# Model T•ea Party

An Edwardian Inspiration

Celebrate the Collin County Farm Museum's 1911 Ford Model T's

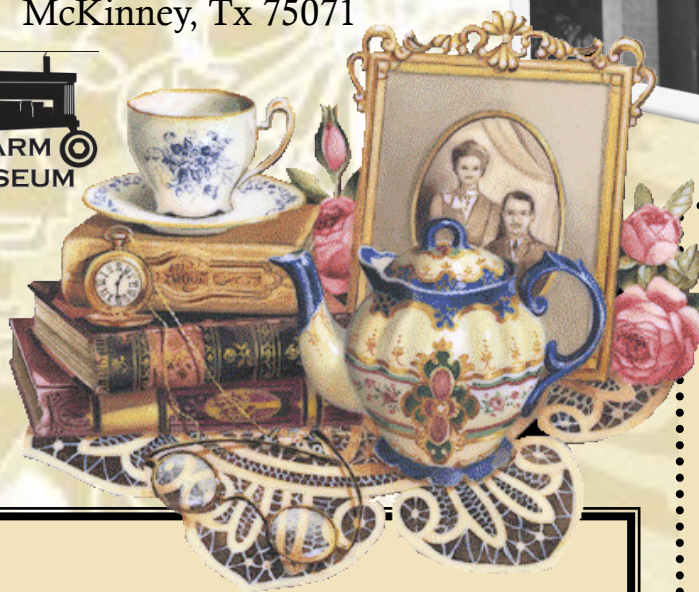
**100th Birthday**

May 21st, 2011

10 o'clock to 2 o'clock

*Free Event includes a ride in the Model T!*

7117 County Road 166  
McKinney, Tx 75071



## The Model T•ea Party

will exhibit historic tractors and agricultural machinery in a beautiful spring pastoral setting. Additionally, the museum is serving tea & lemonade, as well as cookies & mini cupcakes, and facilitating a variety of outdoor games providing a genuine Edwardian educational experience.

Rides in the 1911 Ford Model T are first come, first serve. Upon arrival participants receive a number and rides are conducted in numerical order.

Contact: Jennifer Rogers, Museum Coordinator at 972-548-5752 or [jrogers@co.collin.tx.us](mailto:jrogers@co.collin.tx.us) for more information.

*\*In case of rain, the Model T•ea Party is canceled.*

## Volunteers Needed

The Collin County Farm Museum is looking for help in the following areas:

### \*Donation of Supplies~(to be returned)

- ✓ table cloths: lace, embroidered, brocade, crocheted
- ✓ doilies
- ✓ silver or porcelain trays and pitchers, cake stands
- ✓ quilts or blankets and pillows for lounge areas
- ✓ (4) cabana striped or solid colored beach/patio umbrellas

### \*Donation of Supplies/Labor~

- ✓ cooking cupcakes and cookies
- ✓ pre-mixing/purchasing tea and lemonade
- ✓ floral arrangements for tables

### \*Assisting with Setup and Teardown!

Please pass this information to anyone you think is interested in the event.



*Thank you to Katy Lacy  
for your generous dona-  
tion of 1925 Victrola and  
1939 Zenith Radio.*



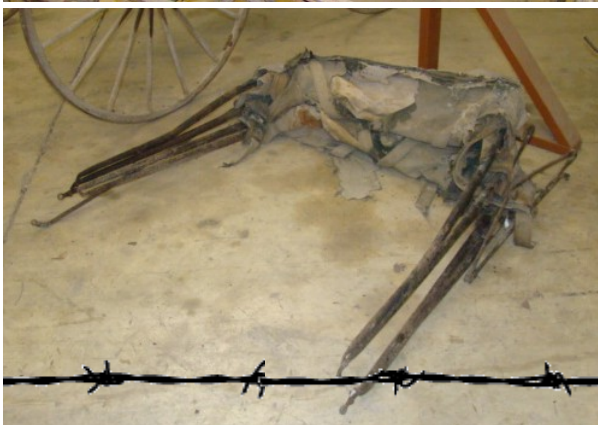
The Collin County Farm Mu-  
seum is looking for volunteers  
with skills restoring radios and  
Victrolas. Additionally, the Mu-  
seum has received an 1890s  
“Physician’s” Buggy in need of  
repairs and restoration as well.  
Please contact us if you are in-  
terested in working on these  
projects. We will appreciate  
your skills and contributions.



## Collections Catalog



*Thank you to Brenda Gaustad for  
your generous donation of 1890s  
“Physician’s” buggy in memory of  
Clarence Gerald Furr.*



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for information about  
volunteering or working  
on special projects. Con-  
tact Jennifer Rogers:  
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or  
972-548-5752

# ReStore

Get involved with

Vehicle Maintenance Volunteers &  
Public Program Volunteers



Name:.....→

Address:.....→

.....→

Phone #:.....→

Email:.....→

Check any of the following:

- ☐ Interested in restoring history.
- ☐ Interested in developing programs.
- ☐ Interested in attending workshops.

Showcase at the March 26th & 27th—Garden Show... approximately 3,000 visitors saw the exhibits.



People were awed, amazed and shocked to learn all the equipment on the display are working machinery including the 100 year old Model T.



Those people there Friday during setup watched as each piece was driven on to the floor.



Thanks to Dean Owsald with the Chambersville Tree Farm for his loan of Japanese Maples to place in our exhibit areas.



The Collin County Farm Museum is please to welcome Jeff Cole, a new Vehicle Maintenance Volunteer. He joins our two distinguished Vehicle Maintenance Volunteers: Jeff Phelps & Roger Meier.

