

RESTORE

...the rural heritage of Collin County

Spring 2012



Welcome Spring!

Collin County Farm Museum

at Myers Park and Event Center

7117 County Road 166

McKinney, TX 75071

RESTORE

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 **re-stores** 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 various project based restoration exhibits.



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Cover Page Image:

**Collin County Farm Museum
Collection**

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

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PLANNING YOUR VISIT...

Hours of Operation:

- Through May, Open Wednesday & Saturday,
from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Additional hours by appointment only.
- Open by appointment only starting in June!

Entrance Fees:

\$3 per Adult/Senior
\$2 per Youth (ages 6-16)
Children under 6 y.o. are FREE

Group Rates:

*for 10 or more people
\$2 per Adult/Senior
\$1 per Youth (ages 6-16)

School Rates:

\$1 per Teacher/Chaperone
\$1 per Student



On Saturday, March 17, 2012, the Collin County Farm Museum hosted a Quilt Cleaning Workshop. During the workshop, the museum demonstrated tools and techniques with two of our own quilts: 1) a Yo-Yo feedsack quilt, and 2) a very old and tattered quilt.



Participants learned to clean their quilts using vacuum screen (rather than beating the quilts to loosen dirt); then using Orvus Soap Paste as a mild detergent; and finally gently washing the quilts in a large kiddie pool. ~ The step-by-step process is outlined in the Facebook album "Quilt Workshop."



The 2nd quilt was old and tattered consisting of a series of long strips of fabric. While washing it, a strip of fabric came off revealing a second quilt hidden underneath. Because of the poor condition of the top layer, we decided to perform quilt surgery and remove the top quilt layer intact. Does anyone know what this quilt pattern is called?



Model Tea Party

An Edwardian Inspiration

Come Celebrate the Collin County Farm Museum's
1911 Ford Model T's Birthday and Mother's Day Weekend!

Activities include games, crafts and demonstrations. Join us for: scavenger hunt, wooden tractor building, wind-up tractor racing, Edwardian table setting, making your own tea blends, straw hat designing, badminton, Diablo juggling, cookie decorating, tea sampling, and more! Refreshments and snacks are provided. However, you are also encouraged to pack your own picnic and bring your own games to play with in our beautiful park!

May 12, 2012

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

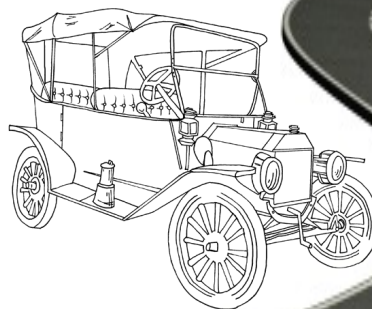
***Admission is FREE**

***Rides in Model T is
\$5.00/person**

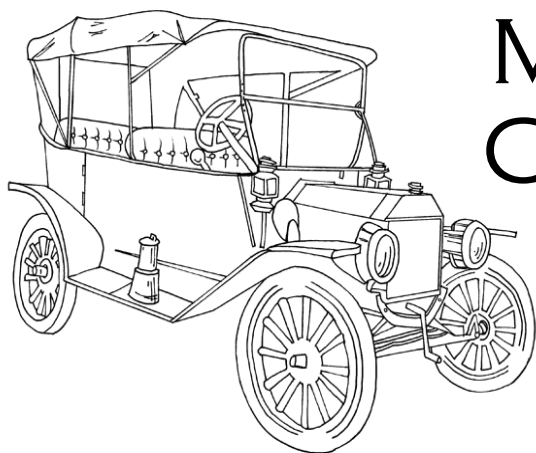


RUMBLING DOWN THE ROAD

Model T Driving Course Training consists of two courses, Part I - starting the car & Part II - driving the car. Once participants have completed the courses, they are eligible for one-on-one driving with the instructor, Roger Meier, to continue developing their driving skills. Many of the participants will be recruited as volunteers to drive during parades and other events. *For upcoming classes visit myersinfo.com



These pictures are from our first Model T Driving Course Training (3-31-2012). The first course was all about “starting” the car. We had 11 participants, including Collin County employee Eric Nishimoto and his wife, as well as three staff members of the Heritage Farmstead Museum in Plano!



MODEL T DRIVING COURSE TRAINING

Part I

Saturday, April 14, 2012

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Covers the basic parts of the Model T and starting it.

*Need to bring a Drivers License.

*Space is limited, pre-registration is encouraged.

*Registration Forms are available at www.co.collin.tx.us/parks/myers/farm_museum.jsp
or contact ccfm@collincountytx.gov or call 972-548-4792



COLLIN COUNTY FARM MUSEUM

PART I MODEL T DRIVING

*Return Registration Form to Collin County Farm Museum

Fax: 972-547-5743

Email: ccfm@cc.collin.tx.us

Mail: 7117 County Road 166, McKinney, TX 75071

NAME: _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: _____

CONTACT EMAIL: _____

CONTACT ADDRESS: _____

HAVE YOU DRIVEN A MODEL T BEFORE: ____Yes ____No

LAST DATE DRIVING A MODEL T: _____

FOR OFFICE USE:

- ☐ COPY OF DRIVERS LICENSE
- ☐ SIGNED COPY OF LIABILITY RELEASE
- ☐ CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION (PART I)
- ☐ INTENT TO REGISTER FOR PART II (DRIVING)



Tractor Training Class June 30, 2012



**Learn about
historic tractors &
how to start and
drive them!**

***We encourage adult participation with this program. It is a great activity for parents & grandparents with their children or grandchildren.**



Time:
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00

Ages: 8 and UP!

Register:
972-548-4792
ccfm@collincountytx.gov

Or fax form to:
972-547-5743
(both sides)

***Fill out form below and Waiver Agreement.**

Youth's Name:

Youth's Age:

Adult's Name:

Phone Number(s):

Address:

City/State:

Zip Code:

Email Address:

Does this youth have an adult partner?

Yes

No

RELEASE AND WAIVER AGREEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS)
)
COUNTY OF COLLIN)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

1. That I, _____ (Parent/Guardian) (hereinafter the "Undersigned") for and in consideration of _____ (Participant) being allowed to participate in **Tractor Training** conducted by Collin County, the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby freely, irrevocably, fully and completely waive any and all claims, debts, demands, actions, causes of action, lawsuits, sums of money, contracts, agreements, judgments and liabilities, that the Undersigned and/or their respective heirs, assigns, personal administrators, personal representatives, and next of kin, have, or which may hereafter accrue against Collin County and all their agents, attorneys, employees, officers and elected or appointed representatives and all other persons, firms, organizations, or corporations in privity therewith, whether named herein or not (hereinafter the "Released Parties"), growing out of or in any way related to or accrued as a consequence of participation in the Tractor Training.

2. In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Tractor Training the Undersigned identified below, acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that participation in the Tractor Training creates a risk of injury, and the Undersigned knowingly and freely assumes all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of others, including claims arising out of the negligence of Collin County, and all their agents, attorneys, employees, officers and elected or appointed representatives and all other persons, firms, organizations, or corporations in privity therewith, whether named herein or not.

3. The Undersigned further represents and warrants they have carefully read the foregoing RELEASE AND WAIVER AGREEMENT, know and understand the contents hereof completely, that they agree to all terms herein, and signs the same as their own free will, act and deed.

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____, 2010.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

RELATIONSHIP TO PARTICIPANT

**Return signed forms with payment
(cash or check only) to:**

Myers Park & Event Center
7117 County Road 166

For Office Use Only:

Registration Form Complete: _____

Waiver Signed: _____

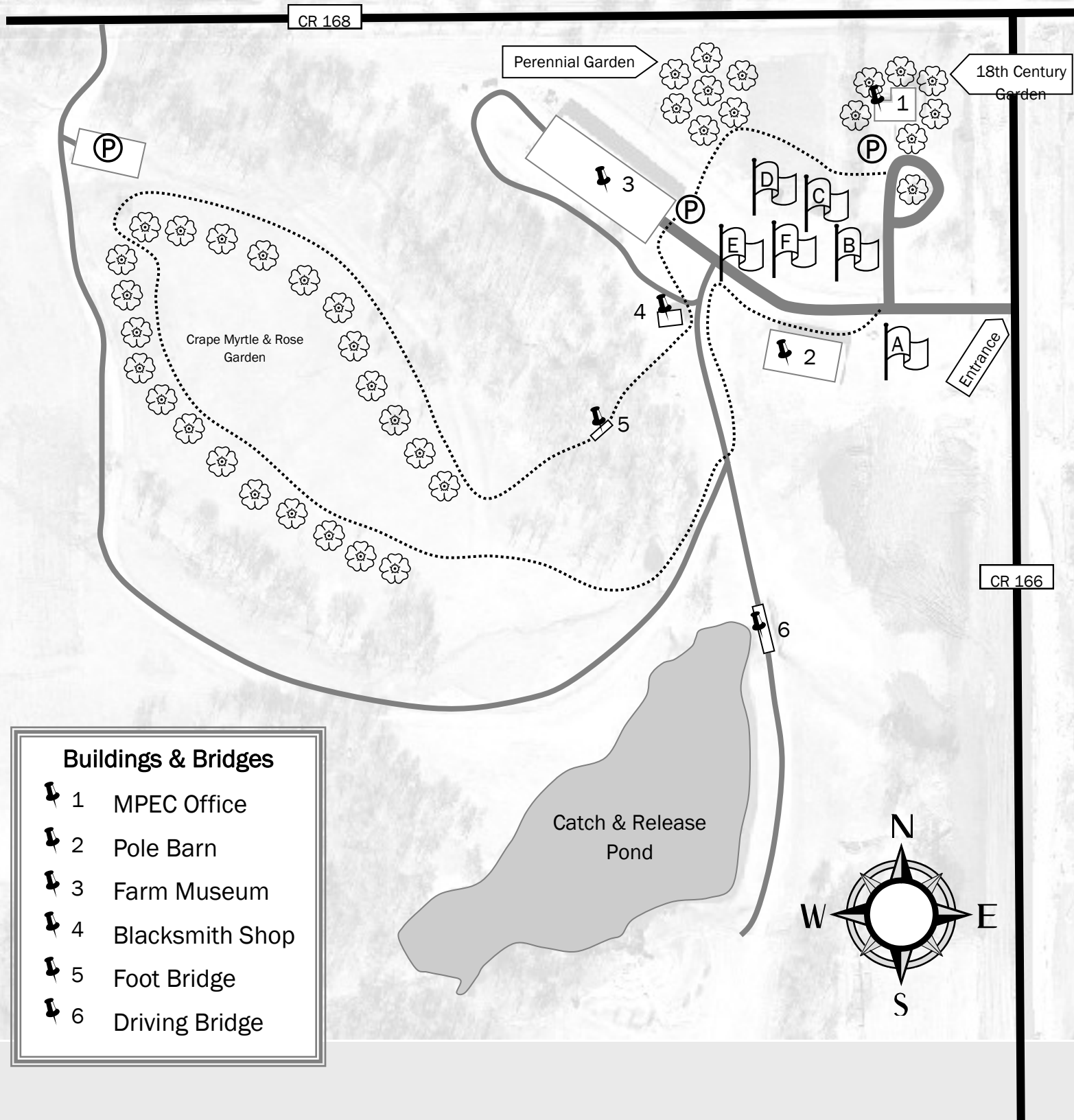
Payment Received: _____

Rural Heritage Trail Outdoor Exhibits

 A Windmill	 D Granary
 B Hay Rakes	 E Cultivator
 C Jail	 F Sickle Mowers

Map Key

 Garden	 Road
 Exhibit	 Trail
 Building/Bridge	 Parking





MYERS PARK & EVENT CENTER

Myers Park and Event Center has been voted "The Best Wedding Venue in McKinney" two year's running by the Star Community newspapers. The park was originally created as the Collin County Youth Park in 1969 with acreage donated by John and Winnie Myers and has since grown to over 158-acres of rolling land.

The park is some of the most beautiful parkland and venue space in the entire county that includes a beautiful 5,000-square-foot reception hall, The Landing with full caterer's kitchen and open space that can easily be transformed to serve many needs. The gazebo, with a gorgeous lake and fountain backdrop or the perennial garden, with its scenic view of the lake and rolling hills, are the perfect settings for any outdoor wedding. The Pole Barn serves as an outdoor open pavilion with picnic tables, stage, and fire ring set at one end of a beautiful open grassy area perfect for family games of badminton or volleyball. Collin County Junior Livestock show and several other livestock, horse and dog agility shows are hosted at the 57,000 square foot multipurpose building the Show Barn. Future plans include an outdoor amphitheater that will seat up to 250 guests. In addition to being a popular choice for weddings, holiday gatherings, and reunions the Park offers a variety of entertainment possibilities each weekend by playing host to groups holding their events such as livestock shows, dog shows, scouting camps, educational workshops, and much more.

For more information or reservations, visit www.myersinfo.com, call 972.548.4792 or email mpec@collincountytx.gov.



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 Farm Museum consists of 8,528 square feet of collections and restoration exhibit in the Wells Building. Additional outdoor exhibits are along the Rural Heritage Trail, including the Windmill, the Confinement House, the Granary and the Blacksmith shop. The museum is open seasonally: Winter & Summer by appointment only; Spring & Fall, Wednesdays & Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm or by appointment.

For more information, contact 972.548.4792 or ccfm@collincountytx.gov



Texas AgriLife Extension Service with the Collin County Master Gardeners are an education service organization of volunteers trained in horticulture, landscaping, soil improvement, water conservation and many other subjects of importance to Texas gardeners. At Myers Park & Event Center, the Master Gardeners have several Earth-Kind research gardens, rose and crape myrtle garden, as well as a perennial garden.



Tours of the gardens are available the first Wednesday of each month starting at 9 am. For more information visit the website www.ccgatx.org.

UPDATE: HOME AND GARDEN SHOW



All the staff at Myers Park and Event Center worked very hard to complete the outdoor exhibits in time for the Home and Garden Show. The restored artifacts were squared off, lined with Austin stone, mulched and exhibit signs put in.

You can see the results of their hard work on the Rural Heritage Trail.

The staff also helped move the Cotton Harvest Exhibit from the museum to the Showbarn to showcase it at the Garden Show.

Many of the visitors to the Home & Garden Show enjoyed the exhibit as well as the museum. An estimated 7,000 visitors saw our exhibit.



UPDATES

- The Collin County Farm Museum is working with Page Thomas and Diane Miller to accession the artifacts found at an old blacksmith shop archaeological site.



- A replica globe has been found and attached to the 1930s gas pump in the museum. This gas pump was donated by Harold and Ruth Frazier.
- Ridgell McKinney came out to the Collin County Farm Museum for his 98th birthday and rode in our Model T. He brought with him a picture of himself when he was 3 years old riding in a 1917 Model T.



- The Spring season has brought with it an influx of scheduling for the "Fun on the Farm" program. We recently had 250+ people from Melissa, Texas.



Collin County Farm Museum

is now on...

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Get involved with
RESTORE

Vehicle Maintenance Volunteers &
Public Program Volunteers

www.myersinfo.com



Name:

Address:

Phone #:

Email:

Check any of the following:

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