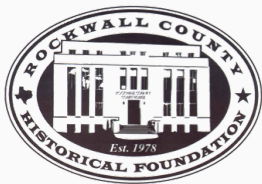


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The month of May was a momentous time here at the Rockwall County Historical Foundation museum!

We thank everyone involved and those who joined us as we went back in time while making history for our community!

Highlights include

47 Attendees ~ *May Brown Bag Lecture*

Our monthly lecture was charmingly hosted by local expert Joy Bounds.

Join us June 12 at noon when we welcome Betsy Ross.

Free & open to the public.

24 Art Pieces ~ *Art League Exhibit*

Rockwall Art League's exhibit by local artists showcased the beauty of Rockwall County's nature and history in May. Artist names include Joanna Burch, Mark Gates, Charles Holt, Claudia Holt, McKensie Joseph, Sylvia Noster, Tammy Pennington, Brenda Robidoux, and Michael Rolf!

344 America250 Banners

Rockwall County

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of the Board of Trustees and the strong support of the communities of Fate, Heath, Rockwall, and Royse City, America250 banners are now proudly displayed throughout Rockwall County. In addition, each city showcases its own unique banner design while commemorating this historic milestone!



Museum Hours:

Thursday - Saturday 10am-3pm

Sunday 1pm-4pm

Visit us at

901 E Washington St. Rockwall Tx 75087

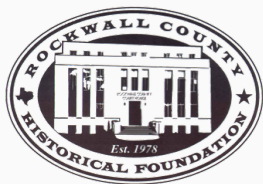
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MUSEUM UPDATES

• New Exhibit

- Mosaics from local artists are on display this month in the Bailey House during our June exhibit! Viewing begins June 7th!

• Decorations

- Both houses, gazebo, and surrounding areas have received festive decorations courtesy of Oh My Porch and More



SIX Eagle Scouts *to build new entry steps*

As an Eagle Scout project, Wesley Humphrey of Troop 989 (East Trinity Falls, Fate) and his crew rebuilt and painted our porch steps. Well done, scouts!



SEVEN Months *to create the Mosaic Tractor*



The Rockwall Art Commission unveiled this one-of-a-kind vibrant public art piece created by local artist Barbara Dybala. Stop by to check out the details! It's truly remarkable.

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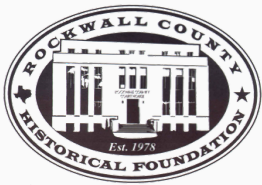
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New Board Members

The Rockwall County Historical Foundation (RCHF) Board is thrilled to announce the addition of two exceptional individuals to our team: Christie (Blythe) Cheek and Debbie (Smith) Graves. Both Christie and Debbie bring with them a profound appreciation for our community's rich history, as well as a wealth of experience and unbridled enthusiasm that will surely propel our mission forward.

We invite you to join us in giving Christie and Debbie a heartfelt welcome to the RCHF leadership team. We greatly anticipate the contributions, ideas, and energy they will bring to the Foundation, and we are excited about the promising future ahead.

Together, with their support, we will continue to honor and celebrate the unique heritage of Rockwall County for generations to come.

Three Historical Figures

On Founders Day, we enjoyed three fascinating historic presentations by Benjamin Franklin, Betsy Ross and honest Abe Lincoln.

The Manson-LaMoreaux and Bailey houses saw an unprecedented number of visitors, both local and from afar. These historic homes offered a glimpse into the past, providing an immersive experience of Rockwall County's storied history. The enthusiastic turnout is a testament to our community's keen interest in preserving and celebrating our shared heritage.



Artifacts Received

The museum was honored to receive recent gifts for our inventory from Gina Gonzales, the great granddaughter of the Bailey family, Joy Bounds, local historian, as well as from Barbara Dybala, mosaic artist. We greatly appreciate these precious additions.

New RCHF Members & Donations

In April & May, we were thrilled to welcome 25 new members who joined the Rockwall County Historical Foundation. Notable donations this month include M.J. and Chuck Stahl's donation of \$5000. A big thank you to the patronage of the Stahl family and our new members!



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JUNE EVENTS

JUNE 7 - NEW MOSAIC EXHIBIT

THE BAILEY HOUSE WILL BE HOME TO A NEW MOSAIC EXHIBIT BY THE HIDDEN MOSAIC THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JUNE.

OPEN DURING MUSEUM HOURS
901 E WASHINGTON ST, ROCKWALL, TX
IN THE BAILEY HOUSE

JUNE 12 - BETSY ROSS LECTURE

BETSY ROSS PRESENTS AN ENGAGING LECTURE OVER HER LIFE AND THE FOUNDING OF A NATION.

2PM - 1PM
101 E RUSK ST, ROCKWALL, TX
THIRD FLOOR COURTROOM

JUNE 13 - BETSY ROSS @ COOKSTON COURT

JOIN US FOR A PERFORMANCE BY BETSY ROSS AS SHE EXPLORES HER LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNITED STATES HISTORY.

7PM
111 E MAIN ST, ROYSE CITY, TX 75189
COOKSTON COURT

JULY 3 - VOICES OF 1776 - SAVE THE DATE!

THE ROCKWALL COUNTY HISTORICAL FOUNDATION PRESENTS "VOICES OF 1776: THE REMIX" LOCAL ROCKWALL CELEBRITIES AND MORE PERFORM IN THIS NEW PLAY WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY DARLENE SINGLETON.

6PM
101 E RUSK ST, ROCKWALL, TX
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