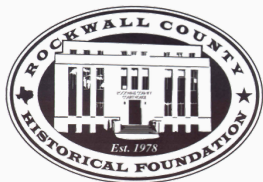


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The Brown Bag Revisited Lecture Series

APRIL LECTURE
BY RICK WILCOX

“Rockwall in the 1960s. Part 2”

This April Rick Wilcox drew from his vast knowledge of Rockwall to give yet another excellent lecture on life in Rockwall during the 1960s. Reliving the excitement of the 1963 Football Championship run, Rick told the tale of his famous squirrel tail and its impact on the success of the football team. Rick then presented the audience with a map of downtown Rockwall, drawn solely from memory, to discuss local sites of interest and businesses. The presentation concluded by showing off some items from Rick's personal collection, explaining their purposes and reminiscing with audience members about life in the 1960s. Miss the lecture? [Click here](#) to be redirected to the recording.



New Museum Employees

The foundation welcomes a new Museum Administrator, Bryant Lee & new Assistant Museum Administrator, Michelle McWhorter. Stop by and meet them!

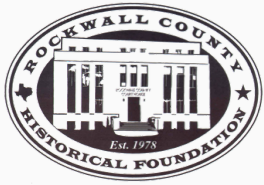
Museum Hours:
Thursday - Saturday 10am-3pm
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May 2026 MUSEUM UPDATES

• New Stairs

- In early May, local Eagle Scouts will be replacing the front steps of the main Museum building and repainting the porch.

• New Exhibit

- On May 11, the Art League will be installing an exhibit, featuring works from local artists in the Bailey House.

• Mosaic Tractor

- On May 15, the Farm to Market Mosaic Tractor will become a permanent art piece on site.

The Texas Time Bus Tour

APRIL BUS TOURS
ORGANIZED BY SHARON TULEY
APRIL 4TH & 18TH

To kick off the America250 celebrations, our local historical expert, Mark Russo, presented the history of Rockwall County on two bus tours! Passengers saw sites ranging from an abandoned air base on the Rockwall county line to Barbara Dybala's Mosaic Barn. During the tour, passengers were treated to mouth-watering burgers provided by Boots Burger! Miss the tour? Keep an eye out for future tour dates later this summer!



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MAY EVENTS

MAY 8 - BROWN BAG LECTURE

JOY BOUNDS PRESENTS THE HISTORY OF THE ROCKWALL TEXAS SUCCESS AT THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE.

12PM - 1PM
101 E RUSK ST, ROCKWALL, TX
THIRD FLOOR COURTROOM

MAY 14 - NEW ART EXHIBIT

THE ROCKWALL ART LEAGUE'S NEW ART EXHIBIT WILL BE OPEN FOR VIEWING UNTIL THE END OF MAY.

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

MAY 15 - MOSAIC TRACTOR UNVEILING

THE FARM TO MARKET MOSAIC TRACTOR BY ARTIST BARBARA DYBALA WILL BE REVEALED ON SITE.

4PM
901 E WASHINGTON ST, ROCKWALL, TX
IN FRONT OF MAIN MUSEUM BUILDING

MAY 16 - FOUNDERS DAY

JOIN THE FOUNDERS DAY FESTIVITIES AS WE HAVE PRESENTATIONS BY ABRAHAM LINCOLN, BETSY ROSS, AND BEN FRANKLIN.

1PM-5PM
901 E WASHINGTON ST, ROCKWALL, TX
AT THE GAZEBO

MAY 30 - COOKSTON COURT PRESENTATION

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