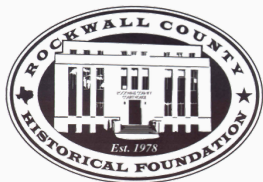


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TEXAS TIME BUS TOUR

JULY BUS TOUR
JULY 18TH

As the summer portion of our America250 events winds down, our local history expert, Mark Russo, led a third sold-out bus tour

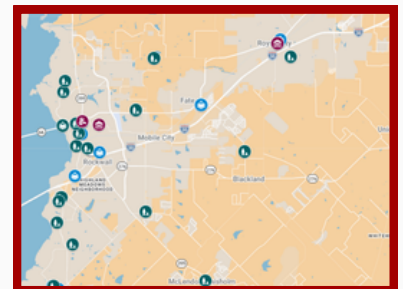
highlighting the rich history of Rockwall County. Passengers visited historic sites throughout the county, with each stop brought to life through Mark's engaging commentary and expertise. Along the way, the group enjoyed walking tours, a stop at Buc-ee's, and delicious burgers provided by Boots Burger.



Website Updates

Be sure to visit our website throughout August for exciting updates and new resources!

We've added a dedicated page highlighting our [rotating exhibits](#), along with a brand-new [Historical Markers page](#) featuring an interactive map of Rockwall County. The map includes the locations of historical markers, cemeteries, museums, and other significant historic sites across the county.



Each map pin links directly to Google Maps, making it easy to plan your visit and explore Rockwall County's rich history. We're continuing to expand this resource with additional site descriptions, historic photographs, and other information, so check back often for updates!

Museum Hours:

Thursday - Saturday 10am-3pm
Sunday 1pm-4pm

Visit us at:

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RCHF @ ROCKWALL & ROYSE CITY FARMERS MARKET

If you're visiting the Rockwall or Royse City Farmers Markets this season, be sure to stop by our booth! Learn more about the Historical Foundation, chat with our staff about local history, and browse our selection of new ornaments, museum merchandise, and more. We look forward to seeing you at there! Check out our social media pages for specific dates.

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The Brown Bag Revisited Lecture Series

JULY LECTURE
BY DARREN YORK
"HISTORY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN"

On July 10, visitors traveled back to the founding of our nation as Benjamin Franklin made a special appearance at the Historic Courthouse. Franklin, as portrayed by Darren York, delivered an engaging presentation on American history and the principles of democracy, concluding with a celebratory toast to the United States. Following the lecture, attendees had the unique opportunity to view and even hold a remarkable collection of historical artifacts, including antique firearms, replica founding-era documents, and other fascinating items from Franklin's exhibit.



If you weren't able to attend, you can still experience the program by watching the lecture video [here!](#)

RCHF 2026 Ornament Unveiling

This year's beautifully crafted ornament is now available! The ornament features three iconic Royse City landmarks: the historic grain silos, old City Hall, and the downtown sidewalk clock. Available for purchase [online](#) and at the museum!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST - SUMMER BREAK

SEPTEMBER 11 - BROWN BAG LECTURE

SAVE THE DATE OF OUR NEXT LECTURE IN THE BROWN BAG REVISITED SERIES.

12PM - 1PM

101 E RUSK ST, ROCKWALL, TX
THIRD FLOOR COURTROOM
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

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