



Preservation News

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NO MEETING IN JULY - SEE YOU AUGUST 3!



WICHITA COUNTY RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The members of the Wichita County Historical Commission accepted the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission on Tuesday, June 20. The award was presented by Wichita County Judge Jim Johnson during the Wichita County Commissioners' Court meeting.



NO MEETING IN JULY

MEETING

12:00 Noon - 1:00pm

AGENDA FOR MEETING:

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Guests
3. Program
4. Business
5. Adjourn

Wichita County Archive News - June 2023 - Monthly Report

June has been a very busy month of curiosity, research, and family photos.

The June meeting was at the Museum in Burkburnett. Seventeen people were in attendance with three from The Iowa Park Museum for a total of twenty. A light lunch of Taco Soup was served and Shanon Morton Dwyer made cookies that were out of this world. If you want the soup recipe, let me know.

People stop in the hallway to look at the pictures John loaded onto the TV. The pictures are greeted with lots of questions, lots of smiles, and lots of "I remember that building."

Dustin Mimz called about the Helton Building at 713 Lamar across from the courthouse. Robert "Saltwater" Helton was a tough cookie to locate, but his story is interesting. Helton was born in Grandfield, Oklahoma, built the Lamar building in 1927, and used it as his law office. Other businesses over the years include Western Union and J. Ireland Bar-B-Que.

Mary Campbell asked about the Wiley and the Walter Cline house at 1500 Tenth Street. Further research showed that Tanners, Inc. bought the space in 1955.

Brian W. Williams, the grandson of Nina Rae and George G. Adams, was interested in any information about them. Brian shared some great stories about driving Nina Rae to the Dallas Market Center. My mother was a loyal Nina Rae customer, so I really enjoy his antidotes.

Pam Morgan-Davis is at it again. Her story of the Valentine Murder was interesting and well received at the May WCHC meeting. She is looking into the Bobby Burns murder and suicide.

Susan Nickels called in about information on her grandfather, Doda C. Willis. Willis left Wichita Falls in 1941 and settled in Madera, California. Leaving in 1941 seemed a little late, but Doda had a steady job in Wichita Falls and Burkburnett as a welder and driver. He continued to work as a machinist until he retired.

Alexis Cleis was searching information of her grandmother, Audrey King. Audrey, left the state of Washington at the age of 18 to live with her sister in Wichita Falls. Audrey became a hairdresser and worked in three different downtown beauty salons. Audrey married Gaylord N. Cleis, an airman stationed at Sheppard Field in 1943.

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Be sure to check out commission member John Yates' exhibit in **Artist Alley** with photos of depression-era Electra



THE REGIONAL MUSEUM NETWORK PRESENTS

SUNSATONAL TALES

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TEXAS SUMMERS THROUGH TIME

ANNUAL EXHIBITION
FEATURING WORK
FROM NINE AREA MUSEUMS

Open from June 22 to August 12
Located at the Museum of North Texas History




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FAMILY DAY

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SUNSATONAL TALES: TEXAS SUMMERS THROUGH TIME



SATURDAY, JULY 8
THE MUSEUM OF NORTH TEXAS HISTORY
10 AM TO 1 PM

FREE MAKE & TAKE ACTIVITIES
SEE HISTORIC FIRE TRUCKS
TOUR EXHIBITION FEATURING TEN
AREA MUSEUMS

