

Frankford Cemetery Association News

May 2014



Photo by Bob Chura

Gathering Again

Once again it is time to gather at Frankford to remember our loved ones, have fellowship, and enjoy the lovely Frankford site. For Decoration Day on Sunday, May 18, the FCA Board plans a dinner on the grounds in the wagon yard west of the creek. Landscape architect Rosa Finsley will offer pony cart rides with the help of her Welsh mountain ponies, Lady and Lily.

After our meal and pony rides we will move to the cemetery for the unveiling of our new Historic Texas Cemetery medallion, the highest designation for a historic cemetery from the Texas Historical Commission. Members of the Collin County Historical Commission will join us to celebrate this special honor for Frankford Cemetery.

Following the ceremony at the cemetery the FCA Board will conduct the annual business meeting in Frankford Church. All are welcome to attend the business meeting to hear news about FCA and the newly formed Frankford Preservation Foundation.

We hope to see you on May 18 or before as people begin to lay flowers in the cemetery.

Kathy Wells Power
President

Changing Communication to Email

FCA plans to mail newsletters and other written communication by email beginning with the 2015 Decoration Day newsletter. We will continue to mail paper copies of the newsletters to those without email.

Please send your current email address to millerfca@aol.com

FCA Board

Term 2016 Virginia Cotten, 214-729-7301

Term 2016 John Needham, 940-465-3740

Term 2015 Goldie Lotz, Sexton/Treasurer, 972-689-5601

Term 2015 Kathy Wells Power, President, 214-350-7822

Term 2015 Patsy Sudden, Secretary, 972-272-9209

Term 2014 Jeff Cummings, 214-674-8246

Term 2014 Norm Dolch, Vice-President, 972-360-2395



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Frankford Cemetery Association Projects Since May of 2013

Following are some of the projects completed during the last year:

- A prospective Eagle Scout planted Mexican plums in the northwest corner of the wagon yard for beauty and to prevent damage from vehicles.
- Two prospective Eagle Scouts planted forty six native trees on the north and east sides of the church property.
- More native trees were added to the cemetery with an emphasis on the southeast side.
- Fifteen FCA members contributed labor/money toward a cemetery bulb planting.
- A prospective Eagle Scout cleaned fifteen of the oldest monuments in the cemetery using directions from the Texas Historical Commission. The scout also took rubbings of these monuments for the cemetery records.
- Several FCA members contributed money to help pay for twelve dark gray granite benches for the cemetery. These benches will grace the cemetery for many years.



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Donations

The FCA Board welcomes donations to help us improve and maintain the cemetery and grounds. Please see frankfordcemetery.org for information about making a tax-deductible gift to our Communities Foundation of Texas designated fund. You may also write a check directly to Frankford Cemetery Association. As always, thank you for your financial contributions.

Decoration Day Schedule

Sunday, May 18

12:00 Lunch served in the wagon yard west of the creek.

About thirty parking spaces are available in the wagon yard. Refer to the directions in this mailing. All other cars can park on the church and cemetery side, and attendants will be stationed on both sides of the creek to guide parking.

2:00 Unveiling of the Historic Texas Cemetery medallion at the northwest corner of the cemetery

**2:30 Business meeting in Frankford Church
Roll of Remembrance**

Hymn sing

RSVP for Barbecue Dinner on the Grounds.

Barbecue with "the fixins" from 3 Stacks Smoke & Tap House will be served. To help defray the cost of the meal and set-up there will be a \$6.00 charge for each person.

You may pay at the dinner.

If you plan to attend the dinner on the grounds, please contact Goldie Lotz at 972-689-5601 with the number in your party. Please RSVP by May 4.

Directions to Frankford Wagon Yard Entrance

(old entrance to the Frankford site)

Note: The wagon yard, where dinner on the grounds will be served, has space for about thirty cars to park. Parking is also available on the cemetery/church side of the property. Attendants will be on both sides of the Frankford site to guide parking, and drivers will transport those who need assistance to the cemetery and church.

Traveling South on the Tollway

Exit Frankford Road

Stay on the service road, crossing Frankford

Left on Briargrove, going under the Tollway

Right on River Hill, Left on Hilton Head

The Frankford Entrance is on the left.

Traveling North on the Tollway

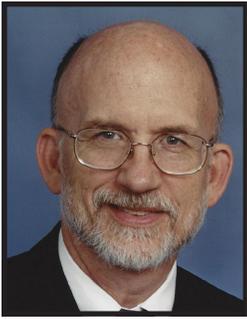
Exit Trinity Mills/Briargrove

Stay on the service road, crossing Trinity Mills

Right on Briargrove, Right on River Hill

Left on Hilton Head

The Frankford Entrance is on the left.



Norman Dolch

When Dr. Norman Dolch first visited Frankford three years ago he realized that the cemetery, prairie, church and wagon yard are very special. As he says, “I had a deep sense of contentment when visiting Frankford and good feelings that led my wife and me to purchase cemetery

lots.” Norm has served on the FCA Board since May of 2012.

In 2007 Norm retired from Louisiana State University at Shreveport where he directed the Institute for Human Services & Public Policy, served as the campus director for the nonprofit Leadership Alliance Program (formerly American Humanics), directed the Master of Science in Human Services Administration, and held the George Khoury Professorship in American Humanics.

After retirement Norm and Cindy relocated to McKinney, where their son Kris and his family lived. When their son’s work transferred him to Houston, Cindy and Norm followed his family and now live in Conroe. They enjoy spending time with their four grandchildren, and while Norm has retired from full-time teaching at UNT, he continues to teach online part-time.

Norm has extensive nonprofit and volunteering experience. He has served as an executive director for a Camp Fire Council and a federally funded Community Health Center. In addition, he spent more than five years on the National Volunteer Staff of Camp Fire working with councils from Fort Worth to Anderson, S.C.



Greg Crook

Greg teaches American History at the Episcopal School of Dallas, a private college preparatory school serving students from preschool through the twelfth grade. For the past nineteen years he has spent his days instilling a love and appreciation of the past within his

students, his favorite time frame being the Revolutionary War and the Growth of the Republic. In his hidden history lessons Greg likes to show his students how history surrounds them in Dallas in places like Frankford Cemetery, which he discovered after reading an article in the Dallas Morning News about the church and its adjacent virgin prairie land.

Greg grew up in Roanoke, Virginia, and has been passionate about history since he was young. Trips to Civil War battlefields, visiting sites such as Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown, and reading countless history books all fueled his interest in our country’s past. Greg earned a B.A. in History from the College of William and Mary, the second oldest university in America.

Greg enjoys traveling the country, visiting historical sites as well as national parks, and is an avid baseball fan. He and his wife, Nancy, have two daughters, ages four and seven, and a son who is buried at Frankford Cemetery. He is a member of Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church.



Karen Stewart

Karen has been a longtime (50+ years) resident of the Richardson and Far North Dallas area, and currently lives just north of Frankford Cemetery. She started her career as a doctor’s assistant for an OB/GYN doctor and followed that by working as a surgical assistant for an oral

surgeon, both in Richardson. Karen spent the last twenty-one years of her working career employed with Plano Independent School District as a school secretary. She was honored to serve as PTA President for two school years as well as treasurer for two years, and she was awarded with a lifetime membership to the Texas PTA. She also taught Practical Parenting classes through the Weatherford school district for three years.

Karen retired four years ago to care for her father who had Parkinson’s, and she now enjoys spending quality time with her family. Her association with the Frankford Cemetery began a year ago when both of her parents were buried there. Today Karen is looking forward to an ongoing role with Frankford Cemetery where she can contribute and add value. She is a member of St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Plano.



Jeff Cummings

Mr. Cummings is an Associate with ARCHITEXAS. Jeff has an extensive range of experience on projects such as residential and multifamily housing, assisted living facilities, municipal, commercial, hospitality and adaptive reuse.

Jeff was the project manager for the meticulous restoration of the Frankford Church. His efforts were rewarded when Preservation Dallas awarded Frankford Church its Preservation Achievement Award for the faithful restoration of the church. During the restoration of the church Jeff grew to appreciate the beauty and historical value of the Frankford site.

Jeff has served on the FCA Board since 2012. He and his wife Elizabeth are the proud parents of Jackson, Ella, and Zoe.

Cemetery Courtesy and Protocol

On Decoration Day weekend many Frankford families will visit the cemetery to place flowers on the graves of loved ones. With just one main access into the cemetery (the concrete drive in the middle) it is easy for vehicles to get wedged in between other vehicles and unable to exit the cemetery. To avoid this frustrating situation the board asks everyone decorating graves or visiting the cemetery during Decoration Day to follow this protocol:

Please park outside the cemetery if at all possible. If you must park on the drive in the middle of the cemetery, please no more than two vehicles on the drive at a time. Be alert of the need to back out your vehicle if the person in front of you is ready to leave.

Please, no vehicles on the cemetery grounds (other than the concrete drive). Funeral home vehicles are the only vehicles allowed on the cemetery grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.



Photo by Robert Frase

Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee would like to introduce the following four nominees for board members:

Greg Crook

Jeff Cummings — term ending 2014

Norman Dolch — term ending 2014

Karen Gadd Stewart

If you are unable to attend the annual business meeting on Decoration Day, May 18, you may wish to have someone else vote for you. If so, please complete the proxy form included at the end of this newsletter and have your proxy present it at the annual meeting.

In Memoriam

Henry Jackson Crook

10/6/2009 - 12/29/2009

Charles Simpson McKamy

6/15/1929 - 01/24/2014

Marilyn Ruth Butler Gadd

2/3/1928 - 11/1/2007

Maxine Lavern Neuroth

6/6/1928 - 10/30/2013

Roger Bruce Gadd

6/17/1925 - 2/14/2012

Patricia Devine Ritch

10/16/1933 - 6/24/2013

Laynie Grace Hurt

10/25/2012 - 10/26/2012

Barbara Jean Cuffman Wells

9/4/1931 - 7/3/2013

We extend our sincere condolences to the families of these of the Frankford Community now laid to rest in the cemetery.

PROXY

I, the undersigned member of Frankford Cemetery Association, do hereby appoint

_____ as my Attorney-In-Fact to represent and to vote on any and all business to come before the Business meeting of Frankford Cemetery Association on May 18, 2014, or any adjournments thereto.

Member's Signature

Date

Address

Telephone Number