



# Frankford Cemetery Association News

May 2016

## FCA Board

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**Term 2016** John Needham 940-465-3740

**Term 2016** Ginger Ellis, Treasurer 713-819-1445

**Term 2017** Jeff Cummings 214-674-8246

**Term 2017** Norm Dolch, Vice President 972-360-2395

**Term 2017** Greg Crook 214-519-4574

**Term 2018** Katherine Power, President 214-350-7822

**Term 2018** Patsy Sudden, Secretary 972-272-9209



## Coming Home to Frankford

Frequently while working in the cemetery I meet visitors, young and old, from near and far. They are there to pay their respects to loved ones laid to rest in our lovely cemetery. Some come to remember family members, even ancestors they never knew. Some come to remember dear friends. Others simply enjoy walking through our historic cemetery drinking in the beauty and serenity of the place.

Time and time again visitors tell me of their feelings of "coming home" when they enter our cemetery. Perhaps it is the fact that the cemetery feels like the North Texas of years ago. Newer lot owners often say that they were drawn to our cemetery because of its natural beauty and the sense it gives them of being home.

This **Decoration Day, Sunday, May 22, 2016**, we will come home once again to Frankford. The FCA Board of Directors hopes you will join us for the unveiling of our new historic marker at 1:30. At 2:00 we will meet in the Church for a program followed by the annual business meeting of the members.

Kathy Wells Power, President



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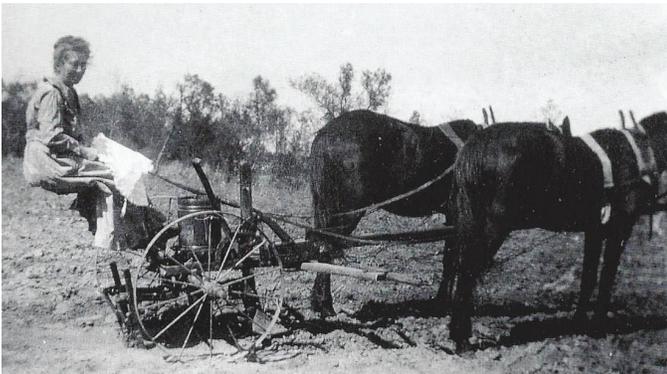


Photo by David Rogers

## Frankford Cemetery Association Projects Since May of 2015

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

- Adjusted irrigation for trees added to the cemetery in the last 2 years.
- November bulb planting. Thank you for your contributions of labor/money toward the annual cemetery bulb planting.
- Erected new iron gate at the Hilton Head entrance.
- Planted two native trees.
- Added one granite bench to cemetery.



## Frankford Cemetery History

Lavona Massey Cudd (1865-1934) lived on a farm near Hebron and was the area midwife. According to family records Lavona delivered 942 babies. Her grandchildren remembered her making fresh straw mattresses each year once the wheat was thrashed. She also saved duck and geese pluckings for feather pillows. In this picture Lavona is planting corn. An FCA board member recently planted bulbs by her monument in her honor.

## Decoration Day Schedule

Decoration Day is Sunday May 22, 2016

- 1:30 Unveiling of historical marker
- 2:00 Program and business meeting  
in Frankford Church  
Roll of Remembrance  
Hymn sing

The Frankford Board will provide desserts, snacks and beverages throughout the afternoon.

## November Bulb Planting

You are invited to a bulb planting in Frankford Cemetery Saturday, November 19 from 9 a.m. to noon

Frankford Cemetery Association will provide the bulbs. You are welcome to bring sharpshooters (shovels) gloves and buckets.

We will plant bulbs on your lot(s) if you wish. \$10 suggested donation for each bulb cluster (12 yellow and 6 white narcissus)

For more information call Kathy Power at 214-350-7822

## Christmas on the Prairie

Sunday, December 4, 2016

This year Christmas on the Prairie will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 5 p.m.

Prelude music begins at 4:30 p.m.

Postcards will not be sent this year so please mark your calendars for these two events. If you would like an email or other reminder please let us know.

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In memoriam:

Vincent Frost 4/6/1963 to 8/10/2015

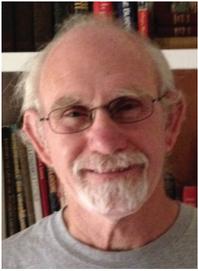
Juliana Jerome Evans 12/23/1927 to 9/17/2015

Mary Josephine Dennis 1/17/1922 to 11/14/2015

Charles "Charlie" Julian 12/7/1929 to 11/23/2015

Lillie Delois Gravley 8/14/1928 to 2/21/2016

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



**John Needham**

John Needham has deep ties to the Frankford community. He grew up on a farm near Frankford Cemetery. Several generations of both sides of his family are laid to rest in the cemetery. John has completed extensive genealogical research on his Frankford ancestors who are related to many of the early Frankford families. Currently John serves on the FCA board of directors Grounds and Maintenance committee. He looks forward to continuing his service to the cemetery that means so much to him and his family.



**EJ Janik**

EJ and his wife, Leah, have lived in Bent Tree North for 20 years and regularly walk the cemetery and church grounds. EJ and Leah are members of FCA, having family members already buried in their family plots.

EJ is a CPA (Certified Public Accountant), CFE (Certified Fraud Examiner) and CFF (Certified in Financial Forensics) and is President of Janik Forensics PC for the last 24 years. He has recently joined Ryan Fraud & Forensic Recovery LLC as a Principal.

Janik Forensics is a CPA firm committed to analyzing business disputes and construction claims. EJ has over 29 years full-time forensic accounting services, including accounting, financial, economic, construction, fraud and business dispute consulting, with expert witness experience.

EJ's experience includes: over 46 trial/hearing testimonies in 8 states; over 76 total expert testimony matters; over 635 business dispute and consulting matters (29 years); 150 financial audits (Public Accounting – 7 years); over 11 years of engineering & construction matters.



**Ginger Harrington Ellis  
CPA, CFE**

Ginger was born into a family of one of Plano's early settlers, the Harringtons and has a deep love of the area and its history. She attended Plano schools and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas Tech University with a BBA in accounting. She worked as a CPA for Price Waterhouse, a global accounting firm, in Fort Worth and the Dallas office of Trammell Crow Company in the Internal Audit Department. While at Trammell Crow, she formed the Contract Auditing Department. In 1985, she started her own firm, G. Harrington Ellis, which specializes in assisting owners of construction projects control costs. In addition to being a CPA, she is also a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and was on the AAA Panel of Neutrals for Construction for years. She is semi-retired and is very selective about which projects she now chooses to perform.

In addition to her work career, she served on the boards of two private schools in the Houston area, one as Treasurer. She was also heavily involved in fundraising efforts for the schools.

She has been married to her husband, Kirby, for 33 years and they have one daughter, Meredith, who is 20 and a junior at Ouachita Baptist University.

Ginger is very motivated and dedicated to whatever she takes on. She enjoys traveling, antiques and decorating and has recently started taking drawing and painting classes.

## **Election of Officers**

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

John Needham

Ginger Ellis

EJ Janik

If you are unable to attend the annual business meeting on Decoration Day, May 22, 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.

# 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 to 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.

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## 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 22, 2016, or any adjournments thereto.

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Member's Signature

Date

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Address

Telephone Number

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