

Frankford Cemetery Association News

May 2020



Due to the COVID 19 virus and social distancing, the Annual Meeting of the Frankford Cemetery Association is postponed to Sunday, October 18.

We invite you to join us via Zoom video conferencing for a traditional Hymn Sing in the historic Frankford Church on Sunday, May 17, at 2pm (central time).

This will not be a meeting with voting but an opportunity to gather as we always have in a place that is sacred to us all. Register by May 16, and we'll send you a postcard with a picture of the historic Frankford church to commemorate the occasion. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/FrankfordHymnSing>

Mission Statement - Frankford Cemetery Association's mission is to preserve and maintain the historic Frankford Cemetery and "Wagon Yard" which are part of the Frankford site in far north Dallas.

The Association is aware of the unique historic significance of Frankford Cemetery and the Wagon Yard, and want to maintain them in a way that preserves their historic integrity. Frankford today is what remains of a tiny pioneer community which was an important crossroad on the Shawnee Trail.

FCA Board

Term 2020 Norman Dolch, Vice President

Term 2020 Linda Irwin, Secretary

Term 2020 Greg Crook

Term 2021 Paula Noell

Term 2021 Kathy Power

Term 2022 Sarah Macias, President

Term 2022 Ginger Ellis, Treasurer

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Here is the list of hymns for the hymn sing.

You may request one of these songs either as part of your registration or on May 17 when you "arrive" via Zoom.

Amazing Grace

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Blessed Assurance

Down By The Riverside

Faith of Our Fathers

For the Beauty of the Earth

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

God will Take Care Of You

I Am Thine O Lord

I Love to Tell the Story

In the Garden

It is Well With My Soul

Ivory Palaces

Jesus is Calling

Let the Lower Lights Be Burning

Look for the Beautiful

Nearer My God To Thee

Jesus I have Promised

Master Let Me Walk With Thee

That Will be Glory

Open My Eyes That I May See

Precious Memories

Shall We Gather at the River

Softly and Tenderly

Sweet By and By

This is My Father's World

What a Friend we have in Jesus

Wonderful Words of Life

Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/FrankfordHymnSing>

A word from the President

Dear Friends,

Like many of you, I have a lifetime of memories coming to Frankford Cemetery. With four lines of ancestors buried here (Wells, Dickerson, Bishop, and McClary), this is not a new place for me. But the role of president is a new role. It is with full awareness of the responsibility and gratitude for those who have come before me that I accepted this officer role in November 2019.

For the last twelve years this mantle was placed on the shoulders of my sister, Kathy Wells Power, and her labor of love has been a lasting gift. While she has chosen to rotate off of the FCA Board, she will continue to serve as President of the Frankford Preservation Foundation. Thank you, Kathy, for your years of devotion to this place we all consider sacred.

This place called Frankford is full of memories that bind us together. Sometimes when we clean the graves and place flowers on the resting places of loved ones, the veil seems thin between heaven and earth. Sometimes when we sit in the wooden pews of the little church and hear the pumping begin on the old organ, we are comforted and reassured. Voices that have not been heard in a long time somehow join our own and we sing the old hymns like a choir of angels. This is the communion of saints into which Frankford invites us every year.

On Decoration Day, with wet cheeks and laughter, we share stories and create new memories that will be shared by generations who follow. It is a day that orients us and serves as a strong thread of connection through the years. I deeply regret our inability to gather in our traditional manner this year. However, on Sunday May 17, at 2pm, instead of you traveling to Frankford, Frankford will travel to you via the wonders of technology. (See Zoom invitation announcement for more information)

I know - it's not the same. It is our sincere hope that, in this time of sheltering-in-place, we can gather in a new way that will still be meaningful. This May 17, Zoom gathering will not serve as a business meeting. Instead, our annual meeting is currently rescheduled to Sunday October 18, at 2pm. A newsletter will be sent in September with details.

Blessings and good health to you and your family,
Sarah Wells Macias
President, Frankford Cemetery Association
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A word from the Treasurer

Last year on Decoration Day, the Board informed the Association membership that we had placed the bull pen property, donated by Mrs. Emma McKamy Dye, on the market pursuant to a 99-year lease. We completed the lease transaction on August 15, 2019. We received the full lease payment up front and that amount is currently invested for the long-term benefit of the association. More details will be shared in the business meeting this fall.

Ginger Harrington Ellis
Treasurer, Frankford Cemetery Association
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In Memoriam

Mairon Lee Fox

July 5, 1934 - March 15, 2019

Marie Landers

November 2, 1926 - May 26, 2019

Dirk Goris

April 2, 1957 - June 5, 2019

Jessie Evelyn Green

February 3, 1927 - August 20, 2019

Leslie Field Noell, Jr.

October 23, 1939 - September 7, 2019

Victor Preston Medellin Sterling

March 20, 1997 - November 18, 2019

Barbara Arnold

May 20, 1938 - January 1, 2020

Marylou Virginia Staples

October 21, 1932 - March 13, 2020

Thomas Marshall McKamy

November 29, 1949 - March 23, 2020

Charles Lee "Chuck" Tenney

July 10, 1958 - March 24, 2020

Pauline Clara Julian

October 22, 1923 - April 1, 2020

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

Gifts and Gift Acceptance Policy

It is now the general policy for Frankford Cemetery Association to not accept financial gifts. All donations intended to support Frankford Cemetery will be requested to be made to Frankford Preservation Foundation. This policy will help in the financial support of the entire historic Frankford site. This includes the historic Frankford Church, Native Blackland Prairie and Indian Springs, in addition to our historic Cemetery.

For more information about Frankford Preservation Foundation and giving visit <https://frankfordpreservationfoundation.org/>

Election of Directors

The Nominating Committee would like to thank Greg Crook, Norman Dolch, and Kathy Wells Power for their years of service as they rotate off the FCA Board of Directors. The following FCA members (Sandy Greyson, Linda Irwin, Mark Jaudes, and Wayne Lewis) have agreed to serve in these vacated slots and are being nominated here for your consideration. This election will be done via mail-in ballot provided in this newsletter with a postmark no later than June 15, 2020.



Sandy Greyson represented Far North Dallas on the Dallas City Council for 16 years and chaired the City's Domestic Violence Task Force for 7 years. She has been president of the Dallas League of Women Voters, vice-chair of the JFK Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza board, and president of the North Dallas Neighborhood Alliance. Sandy and her husband, Jim, have lived in FND for 40 years. They have two sons and two grandchildren.



Linda Irwin has lived in Dallas since the 1960's. Her interest in Dallas history began with positions at UTD, in the initial years of its development, and Goals for Dallas, a citizen-led initiative in the aftermath of the Kennedy assassination. Following the death of her sister, a professional genealogist, Linda became the keeper of the family archives and completed the project of organizing the years of research into a format that future generations will be able to use. That experience has been put to good use in coordinating Frankford records during her term as Secretary for the past year. Linda was elected to the FCA Board in May 2017.



Wayne Lewis was born in Dallas in 1955. He has fond memories of time spent on the old Lewis Family Farm which was located on Noel Road, just south of Keller Springs. A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, he is a former broadcast journalist and currently owns a video production company. He lives with his wife, Lisa in Lindale, Texas.



Mark Jaudes attended SMU, where he met his wife Pam. Following graduation, he attended Law School in his native state of Missouri. Mark has been self-employed in the insurance and financial services industry for over 45 years. He and Pam raised their 3 children in the Park Cities. They are blessed with nine grandchildren. He attends Park Cities Presbyterian Church where he is a Deacon. Mark has served on numerous boards and advisory councils.

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Cemetery Courtesy and Protocol

This year some families may choose to move their Decoration Day traditions to our rescheduled fall meeting on the weekend of October 18. However, Frankford Cemetery is open every day from dawn to dusk. You are welcome to visit the cemetery, while staying at least six feet away from other people, and 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 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.

Mail In Ballot

Please vote for the following nominated board members by placing a check next to their names if you vote in the affirmative

Sandy Greyson

Linda Irwin

Mark Jaudes

Wayne Lewis

Write In Candidate: _____ Your Name: _____

Detach and mail before June 15, 2020 to
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