

Frankford Cemetery Association News

May 2015



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A Community of Spirit

Soon the Frankford community gathers again to celebrate Decoration Day. This annual event has been going on for at least one hundred years since Frankford families arrived each spring to clear off graves of loved ones, enjoy dinner on the grounds and sing the old hymns at a service in Frankford Church.

In the early 1960s Dallas Presbyterian minister Dr. Floyd Poe wrote in his Dallas Morning News column, "This, That and the Other," of his recent experience at Frankford on Decoration Day. Dr. Poe was the guest speaker for the annual program in Frankford Church that year. In his column Dr. Poe marveled at the bonds felt by those with loved ones laid to rest in the cemetery. It was, he wrote, as if long after the town of Frankford had faded away, its descendants still formed a "community of spirit."

I believe Dr. Poe captured the essence of Frankford. Still today those of us with family and friends laid to rest in the Cemetery, whether newcomers or those with long ties to Frankford, form a community of spirit.

I look forward to seeing many of you Sunday, May 17, 2015 for this year's Decoration Day events.

Kathy Wells Power, President

FCA Board

- Term 2017 Greg Crook, 214-519-4574
- Term 2017 Jeff Cummings, 214-674-8246
- Term 2017 Norm Dolch, Vice President, 972-360-2395
- Term 2016 Virginia Cotton, 214-729-7301
- Term 2016 John Needham, 940-465-3740
- Term 2015 Katherine Power, President, 214-350-7822
- Term 2015 Patsy Sudden, Secretary, 972-272-9209



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Frankford Cemetery Association Projects Since May of 2014

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

- Approximately 50 monuments/markers were leveled in the cemetery.
- A prospective Eagle Scout constructed split rail fences in the "wagon yard" west of the creek to mark where cars can park for events.
- A prospective Eagle Scout transplanted 14 native trees already on the Frankford site to the creek west of the cemetery.
- More bulbs were planted in the cemetery to add spring color. Several FCA members contributed toward this project.
- FCA planted 30 Eastern Red cedar trees on the west boundary of the wagon yard.

Received approval from the Texas Historical Commission to install a subject marker which will tell the story of the town of Frankford, the wagon yard, Indian Springs, and the native prairie remnant.



Photo by David Rogers

Donations

The FCA Board welcomes donations to help us pay for the following important projects:

- A small rest room building near the cemetery
- A parking area in the wagon yard
- A gate at the Hilton Head entrance to the wagon yard

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. Thank you ahead of time helping make these projects a reality.

Decoration Day Schedule

1:00 Lunch served.

Attendants will be stationed on both sides of the creek to guide parking.

2:30 Business meeting in Frankford Church
Roll of Remembrance
Hymn sing

RSVP for box lunch on the grounds.

Box lunches from Jason's Deli will be served. To help defray the cost of the meal and set-up there will be a \$10.00 charge for each person. You may pay by check or cash at the dinner.

If you plan to attend dinner on the grounds please contact Martha Pescador at 972-523-4792 with the number in your party. Please RSVP by May 8th.

Directions to Frankford Wagon Yard Entrance

Traveling South on the Tollway

Exit Frankford Road

Stay on Service Road crossing Frankford Road

Turn left on Briargrove, right on Spyglass

Right on Muirfield

Go past the stone Anglican church on the left to the site of the old white church

Traveling North on the Tollway

Exit Trinity Mills/Briargrove

From service road cross Trinity Mills

Right on Briargrove, right on Spyglass

Right on Muirfield Dr.

Go past the stone Anglican church on the left to the site of the old white church

Kathy Wells Power

Kathy Wells Power began serving on the FCA Board in 2008. Prior to serving on the Board Kathy played the organ on Decoration Day more than thirty years. With four lines of ancestors buried in the cemetery, she has warm memories of attending Decoration Day events since early childhood.

During the past seven years Kathy has overseen numerous FCA projects including the leveling of over seventy-five cemetery monuments, adding native trees and perennials to the cemetery and grounds, interviewing seven members of the Association for oral history, locating the site of the historic Indian Springs, and managing a careful restoration of Frankford Church.

Kathy thanks the many FCA members who have supported and encouraged her. She enjoys wearing “many hats” in her FCA work. Going forward, she desires to continue to maintain all operations of the Cemetery at the highest level possible.

Patsy Sudden

Patsy was elected to the Board of Directors in 2008 and has served as Secretary since that time. Among the Secretary’s duties is to maintain the burial records for the Cemetery which she says gives her a challenge, as well as an opportunity to learn more about those who have gone before. Tying families together through marriages, births and deaths is an educational journey which Patsy treasures greatly.

Another duty of the Secretary is keeping accurate minutes of all Board meetings, as well as our Annual Meeting on Decoration Day. These minutes are a timeline of Frankford Cemetery Association’s business, operations, and financial activities.

She feels that continuing in her capacity as a Board member would benefit the Association and says, “I am placing my name on the ballot for a third term as a Board member. Thank for you the privilege of serving you during the past seven years.”

Election of Officers

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

- Kathy Wells Power — term ending 2015
- Patsy Sudden — term ending 2015

If you are unable to attend the annual business meeting on Decoration Day, May 16th, 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

Dennis Shaw 10/11/1932 to 5/27/2014	Alice Lucas 11/27/1932 to 6/9/2014
Kendra Hoffman Melancon 4/6/1948 to 7/8/2014	Juanita Womack Buckley 7/13/1923 to 3/9/2015
Jack Martin 8/11/1927 to 9/7/2013	Frances Bates Wells 12/1/1920 to 4/6/2015

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

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.

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

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