

CEDAR HILL MUSEUM OF HISTORY

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NEWSLETTER

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This is the first volume of a Newsletter for members of the Cedar Hill Museum of History and the Cedar Hill community.

MUSEUM AND CITY REACH AGREEMENT

GOOD NEWS - the DREAM of finding a permanent location for the Cedar Hill Museum of History is on the horizon. On December 10, 2019, the Cedar Hill City Council unanimously approved a Memorandum of Understanding to reserve space in the future Cedar Hill library for the Cedar Hill Museum of History (Museum). The 2017 Bond Election presented an opportunity for the City to partner with the Museum. The Memorandum of Understanding authorizes 2,500, dedicated, square feet of space for the Museum. The Museum would have access to the lobby, restrooms and other common spaces in the library. With the common areas, the Museum would have access to approximately 3,000 square feet of space.

While the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is not a formal agreement, it declares the City's intent to enter into a future lease agreement with the Museum. Mayor Stephen Mason and Council Member Daniel Haydin were instrumental in working toward a partnership with the Museum. Members of the Museum are encouraged to express personal appreciation to all the City Council members for supporting the Museum.

The City appointed Museum Board President Karen Aruda and Museum Trustee Linda Patton to represent the Museum on the Library Design Committee.

Please visit the City's web site for additional information on the library and all 2017 bond issues:
www.cedarhilltx.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



CALLING ALL GOLFERS



THIRD ANNUAL TOWER CITY GOLF CLASSIC

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020
TANGLE RIDGE GOLF CLUB

REGISTER OR SPONSOR ONLINE AT: www.cedarhillmuseum.com
Click on "DETAILS AND SIGN UP" under Golf Tournament Fundraiser

[PLEASE VISIT WWW.CEDARHILLMUSEUM.COM FOR ANY UPDATES ON THE GOLF TOURNAMENT]

3RD ANNUAL TOWER CITY CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, May 4, 2020
TANGLE RIDGE
GOLF CLUB
818 Tangle Ridge Dr,
Grand Prairie, TX 75052

Registration 7:30am
Shotgun Start 9:00 am

Sponsorship Opportunities

Cart	\$50
Promotional sign on two carts	
Pin Flag	\$100
Promotional sign on one pin flag	
Hole	\$200
Promotional sign at one hole	
Bronze	\$600
1 foursome plus logo on tournament banner/website	
Silver	\$750
Bronze sponsor plus sign on two carts & send promotional representative to tournament	
Gold	\$1,000
Silver sponsor plus logo on one pin flag & special recognition at lunch	
Platinum	\$1,500
Gold sponsor plus one additional foursome	

Scramble Format

Player Entry Includes:
\$100 Individual/\$400 team

Includes:
Green fees and cart,
range balls, lunch,
water, gift bag.

\$25 SUPER TICKET

includes:

- (4) Par 3 Hole in one contests, (\$10,000; Golf Trips, Hawaii Vacation)
- Chance to be selected for Putting Contest
- 2 Mulligans

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cedarhillmuseum.com
For more information:
npatten@flash.net/214-498-5032

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with
great sports
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The Cedar Hill Museum of History is a non profit 501 (c) (3) organization. All proceeds will be used to support the museum's educational programming and exhibits.

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OF HISTORY

Benefiting the Cedar Hill Museum of History
409 Texas Street, Cedar Hill, TX 75104 in Historic Downtown Cedar Hill



HELP IDENTIFY THIS PHOTO

Do you know the name of the family or the location of the house shown above, which was once located in Cedar Hill?

If you have any information about the photo, please call or email the Museum office:

Phone: 972-293-3806

email: Karen@cedarhillmuseum.com

MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE CEDAR HILL MUSEUM OF HISTORY IS "TO COLLECT, PRESERVE AND SHARE THE NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF CEDAR HILL BY PROVIDING MEMORABLE AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES CONSISTENT WITH OUR HOMETOWN SPIRIT."

VISION STATEMENT

WE ENVISION A MUSEUM OF HISTORY THAT HAS A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY, EMBRACES CEDAR HILL'S DISTINCTIVE HERITAGE AND ENLIGHTENS THROUGH MEANINGFUL AND ENGAGING PROGRAMS.

SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

Museum Board members and volunteers are essential to maintain the Museum and expand services to the community. Members have been busy attending educational seminars and exploring other museums to plan for the Museum's future home in the new library.

In the first Newsletter, we highlight two-key volunteers who keep the Museum office open and operating from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Mondays and Wednesdays.

BOARD PRESIDENT KAREN ARUDA AND BOARD TREASURER GERI KLAUCK



KAREN ARUDA has served as president of the Cedar Hill Museum of History since 2018. She grew up in Grand Prairie, Texas. Karen and her husband, Paul, and their two sons moved to Cedar Hill in 1976. She retired after 55 years as a hairdresser. Karen loves history and joined the Cedar Hill Historical Society in 2004. She previously served as president of the Cedar Hill Museum of History from 2011 through 2013. Karen devotes a lot of time volunteering with the Museum to preserve Cedar Hill history.



GERI KLAUCK is the treasurer of the Cedar Hill Museum of History. She has a Bachelor's degree in accounting and worked for many years as an accountant, accounting manager and controller. Geri has been a volunteer at genealogical societies since 1997, a docent at Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center from 2011 through 2018. She also served as the treasurer of the Cedar Hill Genealogical Society and is currently its president. Geri is an avid genealogical and family history researcher and enjoys working puzzles and reading mystery novels.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Karen and Geri welcome and encourage other members who can spare an hour or two on Monday or Wednesday (or both) to come by and lend a helping hand at the Museum office. There are many projects for volunteers such as organizing files, sorting and identifying photos and performing other tasks. The Museum also needs help with fundraising projects.

HISTORIC CRAWFORD'S TORNADO GRAVEYARD

The Museum serves as caretaker of Crawford's Tornado Graveyard, located on private property in the vicinity of North Cedar Hill Road and Pioneer Trail in Cedar Hill.

Robert Crawford and a group of associates settled in Cedar Hill in 1852 to establish a church for the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Crawford was a school teacher and trustee of the first church, known as the Cedar Mountain Church. He owned land adjacent to the Church's property.

On April 29, 1856, a ferocious and deadly tornado ripped through the village of Cedar Hill, killing nine people and destroying the Church and all but two structures in the village. After the tornado, Crawford deeded four acres of land to the Methodist Church "to the public indiscriminately for burying their dead." Most of the victims of the 1856 tornado are buried in the Graveyard, including one African-American woman, which made this the first integrated graveyard in southwest Dallas County, Texas.

The location of the burial ground was lost to history for over 100 years. In 2002, Wanda Stanton Pitt, a member of the Cedar Hill Historical Society, began researching deed records to try to locate the Graveyard. With permission from the property owners, members of the Cedar Hill Historical Society searched through the thick woods and undergrowth and rediscovered the lost Graveyard on January 21, 2005.

In 2006, the Texas Historical Commission designated the site an Historic Texas Cemetery. The graveyard was re-consecrated in a blessing ceremony on October 7, 2011. A Texas Historical Marker was placed on the site on April 29, 2012, the 156th anniversary of the tornado, in a ceremony sponsored by the Cedar Hill Museum of History. The City of Cedar Hill also designated the Graveyard as a Cedar Hill Historic Property.

Once a year, Museum volunteers clean the Graveyard during the winter before new vegetation starts growing.



Graveyard clean-up January 23, 2020; (L – R): Dave Klauck, Frankie Lee and Paul Aruda
Photo by Karen Aruda.

NAME THE NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Help name the Newsletter. All entries must be in written format and delivered to the Museum by April 30, 2020.

The winner will receive a copy of the book, History of Cedar Hill, Texas.

CUT OUT FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO THE MUSEUM
P. O. Box 1021, Cedar Hill, TX 75106

Proposed Newsletter Name: _____

Name of Contestant: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Email Address: (optional) _____



NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

Do you love history; do you love Cedar Hill? If so, we want YOU to become a member of the Cedar Hill Museum of History!

The Cedar Hill Museum of History is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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Where a community embraces heritage and nature

Be a part of history ... Join today!

There has never been a more exciting time to become a member of the Cedar Hill Museum of History. We have interesting artifacts and exhibits, oral histories and a wide variety of membership benefits to enthrall history lovers of all ages. Rediscover Cedar Hill's history and join our membership family today.

Annual membership levels:

- Student/Teacher \$10
- Individual \$35
- Family \$50
- Supporting Member \$100
- Sustaining Member \$250
- Patron Member \$500
- Leadership Circle \$1,000

We have moved our offices to 409 Texas Street. We are planning on locating our displays in the new library in 2022. View our traveling display in the Cedar Hill Government Center on Uptown Boulevard in Midtown.

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The Cedar Hill Museum of History wants you to discover yourself through the collective past. Choose from a variety of Annual membership levels:

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Sustaining Member \$250 • Patron Member \$500 • Leadership Circle \$1,000

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please make checks payable to: **Cedar Hill Museum of History**
P. O. Box 1021
Cedar Hill, TX 75106-1021

Please return this application form with your payment. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MUSEUM.

LEARN MORE ABOUT CEDAR HILL HISTORY

BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE MUSEUM:

HISTORY OF CEDAR HILL, TEXAS



COST \$65.00 plus \$5.00 shipping

GONE WITH THE WIND -
THE 1856 CEDAR HILL TORNADO



COST \$35.00 plus \$5.00 shipping

2020 MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: President: Karen Aruda, Vice-President Norman Patten, Secretary Susan Patten, Treasurer Geri Klauck

TRUSTEES: Patty Bushart, Georgia Callaway, Alicia Clark, Dr. Glenn Clark, Carol Hanson, J.R. Hickman, Traphene Hickman, Frankie Lee, Linda Patton, Alan Peters, Joe Pitt, Russell Read, Diane West and Jerry West.

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