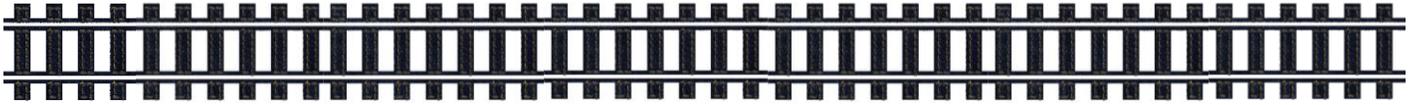




The Whistle Stop

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VERNON PROCTOR SELECTED AS 2016 IRVING HERITAGE SOCIETY SWEETHEART

The Irving Heritage Society's annual Valentine Tea was held Sunday, February 14, at the Heritage House. The arrangements were made by co-chairs Jearlene Miller and Vicki Tate. Carol Susat provided beautiful floral arrangements throughout the house. Detailed hand carved hearts made by Jeff Gaston were also displayed. Diane Mannon directed the bustling activity in the kitchen. Past Presidents and other special members poured tea and punch. Many recipes from the original housewarming party of 1914 were used for the delicious food which covered the tea table. Dr. Clay Gilbert provided music from the old piano in the music room. Woody Schober directed the singing of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" for the Sweetheart presentation.

Guests, including four generations of the Sue Haley Huffman family, mingled, enjoying their refreshments, among beautiful antiques. Many also explored the newly opened Mary's Playhouse in the back garden area. Chair of the project, Patty Landers Caperton, and Shirley Smith were on hand to provide details of the playhouse to visitors.



Valentine Sweetheart Vernon Proctor & his family

President Kaye Ward gathered the guests to make the announcement that Heritage Society life time member Vernon Proctor had been selected as this year's Sweetheart. Over the years, Vernon has been a constant help and support to the organization. He is currently serving a three year term as director on the board. During the last several years, he and his company Mart Inc. have been instrumental in providing services without compensation as Mary's Playhouse was completely taken down and then carefully rebuilt using much of the same lumber. It was truly a labor of love for history on the part of Vernon. A large round of applause from the guests confirmed their approval of the choice of Vernon Proctor as the 2016 Irving Heritage Society Sweetheart.

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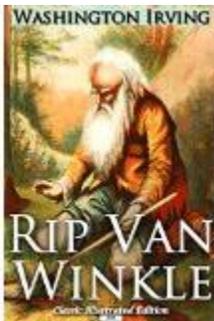
SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, May 15, join us at 2:30 p.m. at the Heritage House for an ice cream social and for our general meeting. We will elect and install next year’s officers and directors.

A few more cakes are needed for the cake auction at the fish fry on April 15.



Contact Virginia Meler at 972-401-9694 or Kathy Howard at 972-717-4442 for more information.

Our January General Meeting featured Todd E. Hawkins, Executive Director of the Irving Arts Center, with an interesting message of "Home is Where the Art is." Prior to the meeting, Vice President Bob Bourgeois conducted a new member orientation to acquaint our many new members with our organization. Refreshments were provided by Debbie Fleck, Susan Fairless, and Shirley Smith.



A limited supply of books by artist and author/illustrator Will Moses will be for sale during the *Celebrating Irving: The City and The Man*

activities. Will Moses is the great-grandson of legendary folk artist Grandma Moses. See the insert for several events with Mr. Moses during the Celebrating Irving activities. Get your book soon and have it autographed while he is in Irving April 3rd and 4th. Prices vary according to the book. Checks or cash accepted. Contact Mary Higbie at 972-252-3838 for details.

Docents Wanted

The Heritage House as well as Mary's Playhouse now are open for tours on the first Sunday of each month, March–December, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. We need docents to lead tours at 3 p.m. and at 4 p.m.

Docents are also needed at the Caster Cabin and the Heritage Park Depot on special occasions.

If you enjoy sharing your love of Irving and its history with visitors and young people, contact Mary Higbie at irvingheritagesociety@yahoo.com.

Training sessions are available. This is a great opportunity for men or women.

Be sure to check our website www.irvingheritage.com often for the latest news about our organization! Karen Farris does a fantastic job of keeping it up to date and beautifully designed.

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AND CAKE AUCTION



Friday, April 15, 2016
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Heritage Park - 217 S. Main

Adult: \$12.50 in advance
\$15.00 at the gate

Child 3-8: \$ 5.00

Tickets available at Big State Fountain and Grill, the Mustang Museum,
and from Irving Heritage Society Officers and Board of Directors.

Information: 972-252-3838 www.irvingheritage.com Facebook: Irving Heritage Society



Mary's Playhouse

Mary's Playhouse Opens

Mary's Playhouse is now open for tours! The small playhouse, in the backyard area of the Heritage House, was rebuilt over the past three years with the help of Mart, Inc., the City of Irving, and several generous donors. More than 80 people attended the Nov. 8 opening of the playhouse on a beautiful fall Sunday afternoon. The small building is a replica of the playhouse that C. P. Schulze built for his daughter in the 1920's. The interior of the playhouse reflects the early life of Mary Schulze and her brother, Charles.



Opening day docents for Mary's Playhouse:
Ellery, Marin and Liam Bushwar

The playhouse will be open during the monthly first Sunday tours of the Heritage House and will be available for special tours upon request.



President Kaye Ward & President-Elect Rick Stopfer with driver Wayne Lambert in the Christmas Parade. Thanks to Pam Brown, chair of the Parade Committee.

Founded in 1978, the Irving Heritage Society is a vibrant, intergenerational volunteer organization that:

- ADVOCATES historic preservation
- EDUCATES the community on its heritage
- PRESERVES and accumulates local history

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