



The Whistle Stop



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A Word From the President

Movers, Shakers, Community Makers

On Sept. 5, the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau honored 16 [High Spirited Citizens](#). As I listened to comments about the contributions of this year's recipients, I could not help but begin to tally the number of people receiving the award who have also been active Irving Heritage Society members now or in the not-too-distant past: The number was 9 of 16, or more than half! I was lucky to be among them and congratulate our members who received the honor, including Annette French, Clem Lear, Judy Pierson, Linda Shotwell, Chris Wallace, Kaye Ward, Oscar Ward, and Gary Westerman!

After I left the event, I reflected on what each of these members has done for Irving and what else ties them together besides their membership in our group. I realized that the good qualities they exhibit are the same qualities that many or all of you have exhibited throughout our 45-year history. Like many of you, in tangible ways they can be described as movers, shakers, and community makers.

Congratulations and thank you to all the recipients, and to all of you who help build community around us every day. Hooray!

Susan Motley
2023-2024 President

Upcoming Events

First Sundays, March-December Heritage House and Mary's Playhouse Tours 303 S. O'Connor Road

The Heritage House was built in 1912 and is a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark. Mary's Playhouse in the back garden area was originally built as a chicken coop and adapted in the 1920s as a playhouse for the Schulze children. Free tours are held on the first Sundays of the month and are open to the public. Invite family and friends to socialize and get an in-depth look at Irving's history, and volunteer to be a docent by contacting irvingheritagesociety@yahoo.com.

Sunday, Nov. 12, 2 p.m.

General Meeting

Las Colinas 50th Anniversary Mobile Exhibit Irving Archives & Museum, 801 W. Irving Blvd.

Tour this special exhibition before or after the meeting. Museum hours are noon to 4 p.m.

Take on a New Role: Administrator

Make history by filling the position of Irving Heritage's Society's next star administrator after Mary Higbie steps back from the role later this year.

The Heritage Society is looking for a people person who will work as an independent contractor to support the Heritage Society and its mission, an individual who cares about members, and whose goal is to help the society continue thriving and growing in 2024 and beyond.

The administrator is paid a flat rate of \$500 a month, with the understanding that accomplishing tasks will take 25 hours or fewer per month. Responsibilities include organizing meetings, maintaining the master membership list, assisting the Registrar with item inventory, promoting the organization to the public and on social media, processing mail, email and phone calls to the organization, and communicating with City of Irving staff regarding the Heritage House, meeting locations, and special events.

Email irvingheritagesociety@yahoo.com with a resume and a response detailing interest, relevant experience, and suggestions about ways to help the Irving Heritage Society grow.

Tree Decorating Contest

Irving Arts Center hosts the [31st Annual Holiday Exhibition and Tree Decorating Competition](#) during the month of December. 'Tis the season to start generating theme ideas for the Heritage Society's tree (last year's was for the birds) and volunteer to help decorate. More details will follow soon to schedule a planning meeting.

From Dec. 1-31, get out the vote for the tree by "liking" it at the Irving Arts Center Facebook or Instagram account, <https://www.facebook.com/irvingarts>, <https://instagram.com/irvingarts>, @IrvingArtsCenter.

Yearbooks

Last year, copies of Heritage Society yearbooks were sent electronically to members who requested them in this format. Please reply to the email message received from address irvingheritagesociety@yahoo.com, or send a message to that address with "Yearbooks" in the title, specifying your preference of electronic or print copy. Print copies are planned to be available at the General Meeting on Nov. 12.

Share History



Show gifting game as well as display support for the Irving Archives and Museum by giving recipients vintage Irving playing cards, a classic stocking stuffer. Boxed decks are available for \$10 each at the First Sunday tours or by calling (972) 252-3838.

New Members

John Barbosa
Geraldine Burgess
Kristin Burgess
Allyss Flores
Michael and Linda Huebner
Michael and Jamie Sue Maldonado

(New Members Continued)

Gregory Paul McCarthy
Kay Schecht
Heather Stroup
Priscilla Vigliante, Peace Montgomery, and
Matthew Montgomery
Bettye and Marshall Wilson

New Corporate Members

Po' Melvin's with Mel and Sara LeMane

In Memory of Members

Jack Carnell
Carolyn Haynes
Bonnie Kelley
Benny Newman
Terry Norman
Lyle Novinski
Mary Helen Oberlin
Maryla Zimmerman

Donations/Memorials

Lea Bailey
Sharon Barbosa Crain
Ruby Blackwell
Robert Bourgeois
Bill and Linda Harper Brown
Patty Caperton
James Deatherage
James and Marsha Dickens
Christine Dobson
Susan Fairless
Colvin and Ann Gibson

Carolyn Haynes
Mary Higbie
Kathy Howard
Nell Anne Hunt
Carol Huntley Little
Jo Ann Johnson
Kevin Kendro
Martha Koriath
Jenn Landry
Diane Mannon
Alan Miller
Jearlene Miller
Susan Motley
Sybil Novinski
Benedict Parks
Kathrine Pennington
Judy Pierson
Susan Rice
Judy Samuel
Kay Schecht
Woody and Carol Schober
Gwyn Shea
Linda Shotwell
Pamela Slaughter
Shirley Smith
Barbara Tsirigotis
Chris Wallace
Helen Widener
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Mary Higbie
Celebrating Irving

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