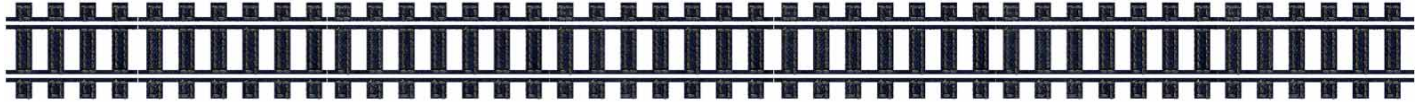




The Whistle Stop

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ROSE-MARY RUMBLEY PRESENTS “ “Red River Bridge Controversy”

Join us for an afternoon of history and humor as perennial favorite historian and actress, Dr. Rumbley, explores conflict between Texas and our neighbor to the north. What is sometimes called the Red River War occurred in July 1931 over the bridge, built jointly by Texas and Oklahoma, that spanned the Red River between Denison, TX and Durant, OK. The dispute between the two states had some lasting consequences.

Co-sponsored by the Irving Public Library, the event will be held on Sunday, November 12 at 2 p.m. at the South Irving Library, 601 Schulze Drive.



---Rose-Mary Rumbley

Thanks to Maura Gast and Karen Farris for spreading the word about the Irving Heritage Society via social media and our website. Like us on Facebook (facebook.com/irvingheritagesociety) and check us out at www.irvingheritage.com.



---Andy Lucas and his #36 Tonka Ladder Truck

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH AT THE HERITAGE HOUSE

To commemorate Fire Prevention Month (October) the Heritage Society and the Irving Fire Department will display fire-fighting apparatus of all sizes on Sunday, October 1 from 3-5 p.m. Fire prevention officers and EMS/firefighters will provide educational materials and tours of a full-sized fire truck in the parking lot of Dr. Myra Carag West, just to the north of Heritage House.

Inside Heritage House will be Andy Lucas' collection of toy fire trucks, ranging from a 2-¼ inch metal truck to a 3-½ foot long ladder truck. There are plastic fire trucks, metal fire trucks, Chief's cars, red fire trucks, yellow fire trucks, white fire trucks and even a sponge fire truck. Bring your children and grandchildren to this unique event.

CELEBRATING IRVING 2017

For the 10th Annual Celebrating Irving, we stepped out of the box and added something new to the program—Geocaching! With the aid of Boy Scout Troop 773 and their leaders, Ralph Garcia and Kendrick Perry, participants had the opportunity to search for Irving's Historical sites. Twelve sites were selected and loaded with geocache boxes which included a small token to exchange and scroll to register that it was found. Although new to the committee members, geocaching is very popular as was witnessed by the enthusiastic crowd at the National Scouting Museum on April 3rd for the kickoff and Happy Birthday, Irving celebration. We were thrilled to be awarded \$2,000 for our ShareTank presentation in support of Geocaching plan. Searching continued throughout the month of April, concluding with the Finale at the Jaycee Center for the Arts on April 30. Mary Higbie awarded prizes and commented that she "thought this was a wonderful way to introduce Irving's historical sites to the young and young at heart."



Celebrating Irving would not be complete without the fun and entertaining Irving Trivia Contest. Nine teams signed up to play leaving the final four: Irving Arts Board, Ladies of the iTeam, Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the LaCima Heritage Committee. LaCima won the trophy after answering dozens of tie breaker questions.



MARY SCHULZE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Spirits were high on Sunday afternoon, July 16, as the Heritage Society celebrated Mary Schulze's 100th birthday anniversary with old fashion games and refreshments in the backyard garden area. The purpose of the event was to recognize Mary's birthday and to spark interest in children about the history of their city. With temperatures soaring into the high 90's, attendance was estimated at 30-40 people and a dozen children. Several Society members led old fashion games in the backyard area including hopscotch, fishing, croquet, checkers, sack race and bean bag toss. Jacks and story time were held on the front porch.



There were plenty of refreshments with lots of cold water, lemonade and animal crackers. A wooden bird house found in the old playhouse served as a centerpiece for the event. Each child received a



swag bag that included an information sheet, sketch of the bird house to color, a wooden bird whistle, and a small deck of playing cards, bird glider or paddle ball – all toys of the 1920's -'30's era. The kids had a great time. Thanks Patty Caperton for chairing this event.

WHO'S LEA BAILEY, PRESIDENT

The City of Irving is a special place for me. It is here that I spent 42 years working in the Irving Independent School District as a classroom teacher, an elementary school librarian, and district administrator over libraries and textbooks. In the last few years of being an administrator, I became involved with the Irving Heritage Society through the Celebrating Irving: The City and The Man committee. After retiring I've been able to become more involved with the society and other organizations, teach adjunct at Texas Woman's University, and take up quilting.

I'm a native Texan born in Dublin, TX. I've been married for over 45 years to John Wayne Bailey who was a retail pharmacist before retiring last year. We have one daughter, one son, one son-in-law, and three wonderful grandchildren age 15, 12, and 11. I enjoy quilting, machine embroidery, scrapbooking, building miniature scenes (especially a Halloween village), and reading. I really love messing around with technology though I can only go so far before I'm learning something new. Its evolving nature does prove challenging, but I love the great access to information and ways to communicate that technology provides us. I want this lifestyle with a cell phone and the Internet?



I'm excited to be the President of the Irving Heritage Society. It's great to be working alongside the wonderful people I've known about, admired, and

respected for years. My goals for this organization include involving more people who are representative of this diverse city. I want to renew interest in Irving's heritage through support of the new city museum and with this organization's programming reach out to all audiences, from children to senior citizens, particularly through digital communication.

FISH FRY/CAKE SALE

Our 13th annual fish fry/cake sale fund raiser on April 28th was a great success this year!! Over 570 tickets were sold. Twenty six cakes were auctioned off. A BIG thanks for our fish fry sponsors. A lot goes into this fund raiser. Thanks to all who helped, bought, and ate, but especially Marvin Randle and crew.



Be watching for the date for next year's Fish Fry and Cake Sale sometime in April. It's great fun!

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

July 4th was a little rainy as we gathered downtown about 6:30 a.m. to decorate the cars for the parade, but it cleared up and didn't interfere with the decorating. This year seemed to have more entries and the crowd was bigger!

President Lea Bailey with her grandchildren and President-Elect Philip Prince with his children rode in our GTO driven by Bill Bentz and Chevy Impala driven by Gary Schepf. We threw candy to the children and had a great time. It was a great day for the parade!



2017-18 Board Members:

- Back row-Mark Murray, Gary Westerman, Kitty Boyle, Mary Ann Caster, Tom Smith
- Middle row-Linda Shotwell, Lea Bailey, Pam, Slaughter, Kaye Ward, Anne Pfaff, Jearlene Miller
- Front row-Shirley Smith, Carol Lucas, Jan Bodnar, Gail Norris

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HERITAGE HOUSE IS OPEN

Visit the Heritage House and Mary’s Playhouse on the first Sunday from March through December 3pm-5pm for docent-led tours at 3pm and 4pm. Admission is free.

LOSS OF MEMBERS

James Spriggs



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Mary Higbie



SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to iFratelli’s for their DoughNation program, and our members for participating. Our society earned \$189 on August 14th!!

SAVE THE DATE

The Valentine Tea has been set for Sunday, February 11 from 2pm-4pm. This will be the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Irving Heritage Society. Be sure to save the date and plan to be there!

SHOW OFF YOUR HISTORY

Show Off Your History by attending a training session for persons who are interested in becoming a docent at the Heritage House, Caster Cabin, or the Train Depot. Our goal is to have docents who will volunteer two or three times a year. It’s very rewarding as we have visitors that come from all over our country and beyond, as well as local residents, who have never toured these places. We want to create teams to share the responsibility for the tours and whatever activities arise. Occasionally, we do give special tours of the Heritage House for various groups. Are you a part of a group who might enjoy a special tour?

Detailed information about the house is available and will be distributed to interested parties. Please contact Patrick Shields (patinbg@gmail.com) or call Mary Higbie 972-252-3838 for further information and to schedule a training visit to the Heritage House.



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

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