



The Whistle Stop

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Celebrate Irving and the Man!

April 2022 Events

April 9, 10 AM, Celebrate Irving Trivia, West Irving Library 4444 West Rochelle. It is time to play Irving Trivia again as in-person teams! We hope that you will form a team, a maximum of 4 per team, and join us. It might be your Sunday School class, retirement group, choir, neighbors, office group, or just friends. Donuts, coffee and light breakfast snacks will be served.

For information on forming a team and a team application, email irvingheritagesociety@yahoo.com or call 972-252-3838.

April 30, 12 noon, Storytime with Washington Irving, Jack Huffman Building Auditorium, 801 W. Irving Blvd. Storyteller Jiaan Powers will share a story by Washington Irving and other tales. Games will be available, and a free lunch will be provided for the first 75 youth in attendance. Autographed books by artist/author/illustrator Will Moses, gift certificates for free admission to the Irving Archives and Museum and other prizes will be distributed!

Corporate Art Appreciation Program Exhibit,
March 26 – June 26, West Irving Library, 4444 West Rochelle
Members of the Irving Art Association invite you to visit the exhibit at the West Irving Library. Experience Celebrating Irving through Art.

Notable dates

April 3, Washington Irving's birthday (4-3-1783)

April 14, City of Irving became incorporated 4-14-1914. Otis Brown elected mayor.

Fundraiser

Enjoy eating at **Big State Fountain** on **Fridays** 4pm-8pm through April 8. Located at the corner of Main Street



and Irving Blvd. Big State will be featuring a fried fish dinner on those Fridays, which will benefit the Irving Heritage Society. Big State's regular menu is also available.

To add some more fun to the event, the Heritage Society will be holding a drawing for a couple of different prizes every Friday evening.

Be sure to sign up when you get there. You do not need to be present for the drawings at the end of the evening.

For more information, call 972-252-3838 or email irvingheritagesociety@yahoo.com

We look forward to seeing you at Big State!

AMAZON SMILE

If you shop on Amazon, please consider adding the Irving Heritage Society to your Amazon Smile account. A percentage of your order total will be donated to IHS each time you shop!

General Meeting/Election of Officers/Ice Cream Social

May 1, Sunday, 2pm



The first gathering of the Irving Heritage Society members in 2022 will take place on Sunday, May 1. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the beautiful setting in

the front yard of the Heritage House, 303 South O'Connor. The Heritage House is a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark. The C.P. Schulze family was the only family to live in the 1912 home.

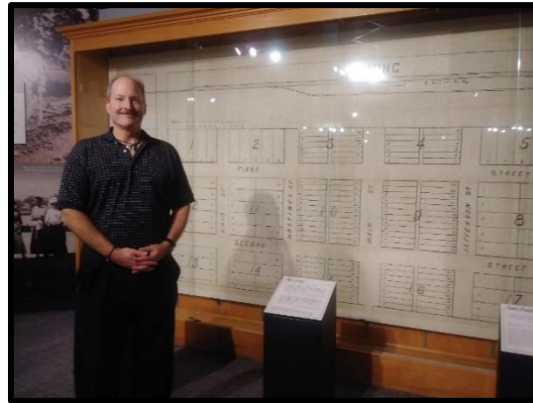
The election and installation of the new board members as part of the general meeting will begin at 2pm. President Carol Huntly Little will provide a review of the past year. This will be followed by an ice cream social with a "make your own sundae" selection.

HERITAGE HOUSE TOURS RETURN!

Beginning on May 1, Heritage House will once again be open for monthly public tours at 3pm. Tours are free and include a visit to Mary's Playhouse in the back garden area. The public is invited to join the membership throughout the afternoon. For additional information, call 972-252-3838.

INTERESTING NEWS

Craig Brown, great grandson of the City of Irving's co-founder, Otis Brown, joined the Irving Heritage Society in December 2021. This picture depicts Craig in front of the wagon cloth with the lots marked to be sold on Dec. 19, 1903. (Now being displayed at the Irving Archives and Museum.)



VINTAGE PLAYING CARDS

Decks of playing cards with vintage photos continue to be for sale for \$10 at the Irving Archives and Museum gift shop, Big State Fountain Grill, The Monkey Junkie, and Baylor Scott and White Gift Shop. Porch drop deliveries in Irving are available for two or more decks by calling 972-252-3838. Proceeds benefit the Irving Archives and Museum



VINTAGE VALENTINE TEA
RICK AND MELANIE STOPFER 2022 HERITAGE SOCIETY SWEETHEARTS



Though some guests were miles apart, many gathered via Zoom for the annual Vintage Valentine Tea sponsored by the Irving Heritage Society on Sunday, February 13, 2022. Guests were welcomed by tea committee chair Karen Martin. Several guests came attired with their favorite hat and red outfit.

Heritage Society Past President (and past Sweetheart) Lea Bailey provided a pictorial parade of the past Sweethearts from over the years since the organization was founded in 1978. A musical serenade of “Let Me Call You Sweetheart” was sung by a male quartet from

the Irving Silvertones made up of Woody Schober, Bob Harper, Will James, and Gary Schepf.

Artist Sharice Williams had made a “cutting” of a silhouette of one of the honorees and this video was shown to the guests. This unique art form is limited to a very few artists today. In just a very few minutes, the profile and details of glasses, necktie, and collar were captured by swiftly cutting them out of black paper with very small scissors.



As President Carol Little began to read the many contributions of service given to the Irving Heritage Society by the honorees, guests began to figure out the persons to be identified. Photos from over the years of participating with Heritage Society events were shared. Heritage Society 2016 – 2017 President Rick Stopfer and wife Melanie Stopfer were announced as this year’s Sweethearts.

Last year’s Sweethearts Cynthia Sharp and Bob Bourgeois asked the guests to raise their cup of tea for a toast to the new honorees. Flowers of Las Colinas served as a sponsor.

For more information on the Irving Heritage Society, and to view a recording of the event, visit www.irvingheritage.com

Photos by Irving Heritage Society
Rick and Melanie Stopfer
Silhouette – Rick Stopfer



Welcome new members: Jaime and Anita de la Isla, Annette French, Heather Schmidt, Brian Craig Brown, Linda Price and Mary Price, Marilyn Willems, Ted and Cheryl Davidson, Greg and Jessica Shelton, Linda L. Smith, Paris Bahcal, Rod and Janet Curry, Debbi Haacke, Ginny Yates, Michael and Kathleen Basoco, Jim and Sandy Cureton, Leo and Barbara Hull
Jeannine K. Cumming

Loss of Members: Tyler O'Teter, Joyce Murphy, Mary Loveta Bales, Nancy Jo Steele Rubeck, Jeanne Brown

Memorials received for: Sandy Franco, Tyler O'Teter, Joyce Murphy, Loveta Bales, Nancy Rubeck, Jeanne Brown, King D. and Lucette A. Cumming

Honorariums received: Ann Price Outze (for 49 years of teaching at MacArthur High School), Mary Higbie

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