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From the President



Greetings,

Your Nomination Committee (Jane Beaver, Bradley Sue Howell and Sally Jacoby Veazey) has recommended the following for the 2020/2021 officers:

Jim Bookhout – President Joe Watts - Vice President
Sheryl Curlee – Secretary Kay Moore – Historian
William Vilbig – Treasurer

If you would like to be nominated for an office its not too late just make a nomination from the floor during the elections on December 14th meeting.

We will also be voting on the by-law changes so please make an effort to be there and vote. Changes can be seen here: [Read Bylaws](#)

Please ***remember to invite your friends and acquaintances to come with you.*** It's easy to get new members! All you have to do is tell people about our group and if they have any interest in Dallas County history they will jump at the opportunity to join. **Just invite them!**

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas,
Jim Bookhout
President



Speaker

Marla Fields is presenting a program on Charles Franklin Reaugh (December 29, 1860 – May 6, 1945), known as Frank Reaugh, who was an artist, photographer, inventor, parton of



the Great Plains and the American Southwest.

**Quarterly Meeting Saturday
December 14
Christmas Breakfast at 9 AM
Program at 10 AM**

**Breakfast \$15.00 per person
RESERVATION REQUIRED
Call 972-260-9334
by Tuesday for reservations.**

**The Point, Center for Arts and Education
Campus of C. C. Young
4847 W. Lawther Dr.
Dallas, Texas**

2020 Dues are due now!

The schedule of dues is as follows:

- Individual: Annual: \$20.00 Life: \$200.00
- Couple: Annual: \$30.00 Life: \$300.00
- Student: No dues required
- Honorary: No dues required

Late Francis James Video

During breakfast a video on the life of Francis James will be playing

[Click here for a story about Francis James](#)

Garland Historic Home Tour by Kay Moore Historian

**EIGHT GARLAND HOMES IN HISTORIC AREAS TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
DURING DECEMBER 5 CHRISTMAS TOUR**

downtown Garland area on Thursday, December 5.

Six of the dwellings are in the Travis College Hill National Register Historic District, with Garland's 11th Street at its heart (between Avenues B and D), while two are in neighboring historic Embree, one of the two communities that were combined to form Garland in 1891.

The home tour will be from 5 to 9 p.m. on December 5. It will feature horse-drawn carriage rides provided by Majestic Carriages, live music by carolers, hot cocoa, and a Santa Claus that will be available for photo ops plus will narrate about how Christmases were observed in 1913, the year that the Travis College Hill Addition was founded in Garland.

Two of the Travis College Hill dwellings that are open to the public date to 1913, one to 1915, and one to 1918. All these are of the bungalow architectural movement with Craftsman influences. One of those on the tour will be Garland's Historic Pace House, a Queen Anne-style Victorian, completed sometime between 1895 and 1901. Originally the main dwelling on a cotton farm situated at the current intersection of North First and State in Garland, the home was first moved to behind Garland's City Hall, where it was an event center for the City of Garland from 1985-2013. In 2014, when transit-oriented housing was built on its site, the dwelling was relocated to 11th Street.

The two homes in Embree are at 616 South 9th Street (built in 1939) and 909 West Avenue E. The latter, a Victorian farmhouse-style home, was built in 2012 on the site of Garland's First Christian Church parsonage.

The exteriors of all 12 of the 11th-Street homes that comprise the Travis College Hill historic district will be illuminated for the tour. This is the fifth-annual home tour in Travis College Hill.

Home-tour tickets are available by clicking [TICKETS](#) and also will be available on the evening of the tour. The event, sponsored by the Friends of Garland's Historic 11th Street nonprofit, is being held concurrently with Garland's Christmas on the Square in downtown Garland.

Volunteers are being sought for the home tour. For more information or to volunteer, email kaymoore2000@yahoo.com

CEMETERY REPORT

by Kathy Ann Reid

I am grateful for Dottie Durrett's work on Facebook and her communication with me. Thank you to those who volunteer to be Cemetery Watchers. These folks keep an eye on a cemetery they routinely drive by or one of interest to them.

In September several very exciting events transpired. Tim and Dottie Durrett got the word that their arduous journey on the Durrett Cemetery was nearing completion. All was cleared and set-up for the remains of George and Elizabeth Durrett and the Strong baby, Nancy C. Strong, to be moved to the Edgewood Cemetery and the Hutchins Cemetery, respectively. Several members of DCPA were witnesses. It was a blazing hot September day that I will always remember! For more information about that day please click [Durrett Day](#).

A few days later, Dottie was messaged on [Facebook](#) (by a descendant of Horton) concerning the Horton Cemetery/Crestview Cemetery (African American Section). Because of the work of Frances James and the descendant's cousin, she wanted DCPA to be informed that an archaeologist would be looking at the cemetery. I went on a day when both the archaeologist and the descendant were there. The descendant updated me to say she

[more...](#)

The Warren Ferris Cemetery Restoration Fundraiser on October 27 was informative and well attended. The fun began with pressing native plant seeds into chunks of mud. After some history and plans were shared, we threw the seed-filled mud into appropriate sections of the cemetery. In the springtime, I will take a walk through the cemetery to look for Little Bluestem and bluebonnets.

On November 9 there was an 1812 Patriot Grave Marking at Greenwood Cemetery. Several DCPA members attended the special marking of two graves. Dottie wrote, "These markings are fantastic with the color guard and the firing of the muskets. Our James Stephenson attended to honor his ancestor. Pictures will appear on [Facebook](#).

I thank Marsha Leach for her years of service as a member of DCPA Executive Board. She served during the terms of five DCPA presidents! For more than a year, Marsha worked with Frances James on the Cemetery Committee. She is retiring from the Board, but remains with the Cemetery Committee. Marsha and I will be meeting in January. Please let us know if you will join us in planning for 2020!



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