

The Fielder Flash

Arlington Historical Society

April 2024 Newsletter



Our Venues

Fielder Museum | 1616 W. Abram Street

Knapp Heritage Park | 201 W. Front Street

Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds | 600 W. Arkansas Lane

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A note from the editor



Our calendar is starting to fill up! Whether you're into classic cars, book clubs, a cemetery workshop, or celebrating the 20th anniversary of Knapp Heritage Park, we've got you covered. We hope to see you at some of our upcoming events!

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Upcoming Events

- **May 11**—Mother's Day, Fielder Museum, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM (see page 5 for details)
- **May 16**—Texas Authors Book Club, Fielder Museum, 6:30 PM
- **May 19**—AHS Board Meeting, Knapp Heritage Park, 2:00 PM
- **June 1**—Downtown Arlington Classic Car Show, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- **June 19**—48StateTour at Johnson Station Cemetery, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- **June 20**—Texas Authors Book Club, Fielder Museum, 6:30 PM
- **September 28 & 29**—Knapp Heritage Park's 20th Anniversary Celebration; more details coming soon!

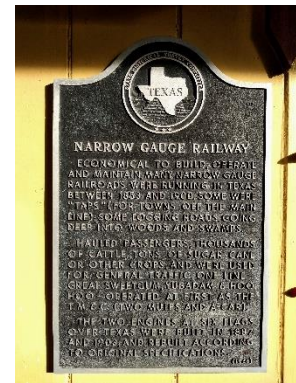
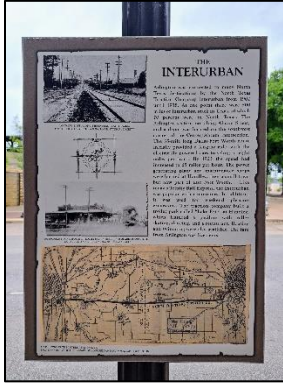
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Marker Monday series continues on Facebook

Back in January, we started a new series on the Fielder Museum [Facebook](#) page titled “Marker Monday,” where we highlight a different Arlington historical marker or plaque each week.

In April, we highlighted the following:

- United Methodist Historic Site plaque at First United Methodist Church of Arlington
- The Interurban informative sign near Abram and Center streets
- Texas Historical Marker for Top O' Hill Terrace
- Geraldine Mills plaque at Fielder Museum
- Texas Historical Marker for the Narrow Gauge Railway at Six Flags Over Texas



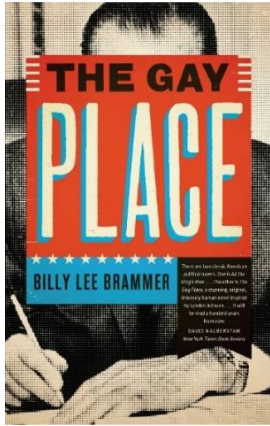
Local student wins award

The Charles Calvin McCoy Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas held their recent chapter meeting and student awards ceremony at Fielder Museum on April 21st. The 4th grade award recipient was Scout Chance, a student at Mary Moore Elementary School. Scout researched and wrote about pioneer and land surveyor, Collin McKinney, who helped draft and signed the Texas Declaration of Independence from Mexico in 1836. Scout became so interested in her research that she purchased a book about on the subject and shared it with her class. Classmates and their family members came to celebrate Scout's recognition and toured the Fielder Museum afterwards to learn about Arlington's history.

Thanks to AHS Board Member Floreen Henry for the photo and write-up!



Texas Author Book Club meets May 16th



In May, we're discussing "The Gay Place" by Billy Lee Brammer. The University of Texas Press describes it as so:

"Set in Texas, The Gay Place consists of three interlocking novels, each with a different protagonist—a member of the state legislature, the state's junior senator, and the governor's press secretary. The governor himself, Arthur Fenstermaker, a master politician, infinitely canny and seductive, remains the dominant figure throughout. Originally published in 1961, The Gay Place is at once a cult classic and a major American novel."

Check the Arlington Public Library, [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com), or bookstores for copies; it's also available as an E-book. The book club meets at Fielder Museum at 6:30 PM. Contact Fielder Museum or email texasauthorbookclub@gmail.com for more info.

Classic Car Show Returns to Downtown Arlington

On **June 1st**, head to Downtown Arlington for the Classic Car Show. Last year's event drew over 120 cars and 3,000 people, with this year's event expected to be even bigger and better. See classic cars from the 1920s through 1970s, along with live music, food vendors, and other activities. The free event will be held in and around the Vandergriff Town Center at 200 N. Mesquite Street in downtown.



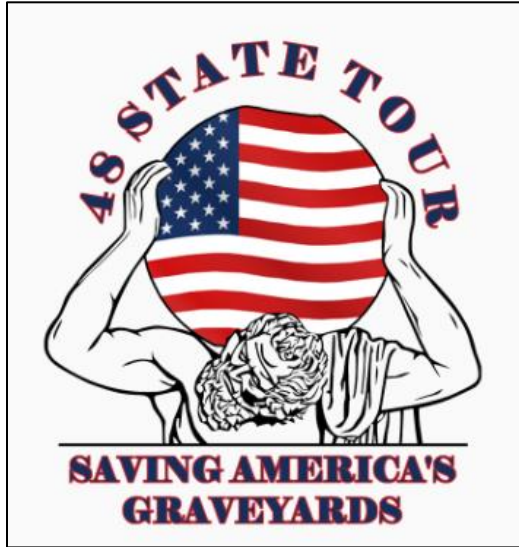
And, good news, Knapp Heritage Park will be open during the event! Stop by to tour the cabins and get refreshments—we'll be selling cold drinks, watermelon slices, and other light snacks. All proceeds benefit the Arlington Historical Society.

Knapp Heritage Park – 20th Anniversary Celebration



Knapp Heritage Park was dedicated in 2004, making this year the 20th anniversary. Plans are already underway for a celebratory event on **September 28th and 29th**. We'll have a special program that weekend to recognize people over the years who made it all happen. We'll also have tours, food, entertainment, and more. Plus, we're going through the archives and pulling out old photographs and other memories from Knapp. It will be a great celebration that you won't want to miss. More details coming soon!

48StateTour coming to Johnson Station Cemetery



A special event is coming to Johnson Station Cemetery on **June 19th**. 48StateTour provides workshops on how to repair, clean, and preserve gravestones by using safe and effective methods. Then, they provide a hands-on experience and materials where participants can “adopt” a gravestone and perform the process themselves. Whether you’re into genealogy or historic preservation, it’s a great way to get involved and learn some new skills. The event is free and open to the public.

The Tarrant County Historical Commission and the Lucretia Council Cochran Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution are co-hosting this event, along with other area partners. Only two cemeteries in

Texas will be included on this tour, with the other being the Broadway Cemetery Historic District in Galveston. A professional videographer is traveling with the group to film the events for a documentary.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024
- **Time:** 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (come and go; stay as long as you’d like)
- **Place:** Johnson Station Cemetery - 1129 W. Mayfield Road, Arlington
- **Cost:** Free and open to the public
- **More info:** www.48statetour.com

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Women's History exhibit continues at Fielder Museum

Whether honoring notable women, or celebrating fashion and style, our Women's History exhibit has plenty to see. Mother's Day is coming up and it would be a perfect occasion to see the exhibit. Be sure to stop by Fielder Museum on **Saturday, May 11th**, between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM—mothers will get a free tour of the Women's History exhibit and a special gift.

Here are a few photos from the exhibit. From left to right:

- 1) Portrait of Mattie Fielder and other photos
- 2) Newspaper clipping honoring Evelyn Brady
- 3) Vintage dress and tablecloth
- 4) Collection of handbags and other accessories



Need some more reading material? You might enjoy these articles.

- [The Highways That Helped Make Arlington America's Mid-City, Part 1 of 3: IH-30](#)
- [Who needs 'Yellowstone' prequels? Step back into 1800s at Knapp Heritage Park](#)
- [These Women Were the Real Geniuses Behind the Iconic Tiffany Lamps](#)