

The Fielder Flash

Arlington Historical Society
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Our Venues

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Knapp Heritage Park | 201 W. Front Street
Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds | 600 W. Arkansas Lane

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A note from the editor

For 2023, we've decided to try a different approach for the newsletter. The new, slimmer format—called "The Fielder Flash"—is a quick snapshot of what's going on with the Arlington Historical Society, our venues, and local history. The articles and stories will be featured on our website instead. Let us know what you think of the new format!

The February newsletter contains a look back at 2022 and a look ahead at 2023.

Be sure to visit Fielder Museum, Knapp Heritage Park, and the Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds, which has some exciting updates in the works. (See page 3 for details.)

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Upcoming Events

- **February 14**—"Beginning African American Genealogy Research" with AHS Board Member Sabra Johnson, 6:30 PM, Downtown Arlington Public Library
- **February 26**—AHS Board Meeting, 2:30 PM, Fielder Museum

2022: A Look Back

Here's a look back at a few highlights from 2022. Check out page 4 for photos.

- **January** - Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds fundraiser held at J. Gilligan's.
- **February** - Fielder Museum hosted an afternoon tea honoring Mrs. Ruby Odom.
- **March** - Fielder Museum showcased two exhibits highlighting women's history in Arlington—Carrie Rogers and the Berachah Home—plus a special exhibit celebrating women's fashion.
- **April** - Dedication Ceremony held at Fielder to rename the grounds Fielder Museum at Geraldine Mills Heritage Place.
- **May** - Fielder Museum celebrated Memorial Day with an exhibit in our World War II room, hosted by Wanda Marshall.
- **June** - The first episode of the “Echoes From The Hill” documentary premiered. The AHS served as a resource and parts of the documentary were filmed at Fielder Museum.
- **July** - Texas Rangers 50th Anniversary exhibit opened at Fielder Museum.
- **August** - Arlington Tomorrow Foundation awarded a \$90,000 grant to the AHS.
- **September** - AHS Board Member Wanda Marshall celebrated her 90th birthday with a party at Fielder Museum. And, AHS received nearly \$4,000 in donations for North Texas Giving Day.
- **October** - "Echoes From The Hill" documentary screened at UTA.
- **November** - Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds fundraiser held at J. Gilligan's.
- **December** - AHS participated in Wreaths Across America at Arlington Cemetery and Parkdale Cemetery to honor our Veterans.

In Memoriam - Larry Barcroft (1956-2022) and Gayle Hanson (1952-2022).

2023: A Look Ahead

It's always great to look back at the previous year, but we're moving along into 2023. While the pandemic put some events and activities on hold, things are starting to pick up.

“Echoes From The Hill”

"Echoes From The Hill," a documentary exploring life for Arlington's Black residents in a small, historic community known as The Hill, was screened at the Denton Black Film Festival on January 27. Nearly 100 people attended the event, and the documentary received an enthusiastic response from the crowd.

Ideas and projects for 2023

We have several ideas for this year, including revisiting our speaker series, hosting a book club featuring Texas authors, and new fundraising ideas. We're also working on printing a revised copy of O.K. Carter's book, "Caddos, Cotton and Cowboys: Essays on Arlington."

New exhibits and tours

Fielder Museum will continue to have a few rotating exhibits throughout the year, and we have an intern from UTA helping around the museum. There are two small groups scheduled to tour Fielder Museum in February—a home-schooled group and a group from UTA.

Membership and engagement

Membership, engagement, growth, and outreach are always on our minds, so we're looking to see what we can do there. Exciting news on Facebook, though, as we recently passed 3,000 followers. If you're on Facebook, be sure to like, share, and comment on our posts to help extend our reach!

Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds

We're excited to report that improvements continue at the Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds. The front gate and fencing look great. There's now a small parking lot for visitors, and workers have started to pour concrete for sidewalks inside the cemetery. And QR Codes are coming soon to help tell the stories of this historic cemetery. We hope to have an event at the cemetery in the spring when everything is finished.



Cemetery entrance gate and views of internal sidewalk construction.

Photo Highlights from 2022

Photos (clockwise from top left): New signage for Fielder Museum at Geraldine Mills Heritage Place, Geraldine Mills celebratory plaque at Fielder Museum, AHS Board Members with Mrs. Ruby Odom, "Echoes From The Hill" documentary poster, Wanda Marshall and family at her 90th birthday party, and Texas Rangers 50th Anniversary exhibit at Fielder Museum.

