

# COLLIN COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM

Open Thursdays/Fridays/Saturdays 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
300 East Virginia Street, McKinney, TX 75069

## PROSPECTUS

### 2018 Historical Paint-Out Commemorating World War I Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Free Admission with Street Parking Available

En Plein Air - Still Life - Indoor and Outdoor Live Costumed Models  
Materials are the Option and Choice of the Artist  
Painting - Sketching - Sculpture - Mixed Media  
Children's Art Kits Available in the Lobby

### Artist's Social at 4:30

\$5 includes Dinner; Wine Available for Donation

R.S.V.P (972) 542-9457 or [info@collincountyhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@collincountyhistoricalsociety.org)

Share your Day's Artwork! Door Prizes!

(Tentative) Schedule of Vignettes:

En Plein Air - 1911 Federal Building (and Historic Square)

Still Life – Fresh Poppies and WWI Quilt

10 a.m. - Post WWI Bride on the Staircase

11:15 a.m. - Collin McKinney, Pioneer and Namesake

12:30 p.m. - Sgt. Stubby, Decorated Service Dog of WWI

1:45 p.m. - Lady in a Hat at a Cemetery Picnic

3 p.m. – Pvt. Tucker, African-American Fallen Soldier of WWI

**THE COLLIN COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM IS INTERESTED IN YOUR ART FOR OUR FUTURE EXHIBITS!** Please be sure to sign-in with one of our volunteers in the lobby when you arrive, so we can contact you as our exhibits change. If you would like us to keep your bio on file, please bring one to leave with us. We will be taking photographs at the event.

Our museum is operated by volunteers and expenses are covered by memberships, gifts, sponsors, and grants. By signing-in with us you are helping us to let them know that our local history is valuable! If you are able, we would love for you to join us as a member.

There will be a hospitality suite during the Paint-Out with snacks and water. If you would like to bring something to share, we welcome your contribution. Restrooms are located on the main exhibition floor. Space is limited around the vignettes; please be courteous and cooperative with the other artists. Arrive early if you have particular interest in a specific vignette. We will have fliers in the lobby about additional close-proximity *Plein Air* locations.

### **PLEASE BE SURE TO PRE-REGISTER FOR THE ARTISTS' SOCIAL.**

We have limited seating and need to know how many are attending, so that we can plan the meal service. We are asking for \$5 as a minimum donation toward food costs. Wine will be available for an additional donation.

### **ART SALE**

We will have easels placed throughout the museum during the Paint-Out to display artwork. Displays will be rotated, and is at the discretion of museum staff. Priority will be given to artwork that we feel best honors our local history, and promotes the Museum and Paint-Out. If you would like to participate in our easel exhibition, speak to a volunteer in the lobby. If desired, artists may designate their exhibited works "for sale" and set their own prices. We ask that a minimum of 35% of the sales price be donated to support the museum. Artists may also advertise their art at their seat. We ask that you are generous with donations to the museum if you make a sale, either at the event, or afterward if depicting our displays. Let us know if your art from the Paint-Out is part of an exhibition, available at a gallery, or wins an award! You can also share Paint-Out photos and artwork on our Facebook page at *Collin County Historical Society and Museum*.

**WE HOPE TO MAKE OUR  
HISTORICAL PAINT-OUT AN ANNUAL EVENT!**

### En Plein Air - 1911 Federal Building



The 1911 federal building served the city of McKinney and the surrounding area as a post office, postal saving bank and government office for 46 years. Built between 1911-1913 during the Beaux Arts movement in the Italianate style then popular for government buildings it features a triple arch entry leading to a lobby filled with period details including a cast iron and marble staircase, original light fixtures and doors, and a terrazzo and marble floor. Built to be fireproof, the building is one of just 2 stone buildings in McKinney. Today it is the Collin County History Museum. A notable feature was the large flag that flew from the roof top. The flagpole can be seen in old pictures. The original 48 star flag is on display in the museum. The Historic McKinney Downtown Square is within walking distance. Parked out front will be an all original 1914 Cadillac, one of only five known to still exist! The hours for the car are pending and will be updated as available.

### Still Life - Fresh Poppies and WWI Quilt

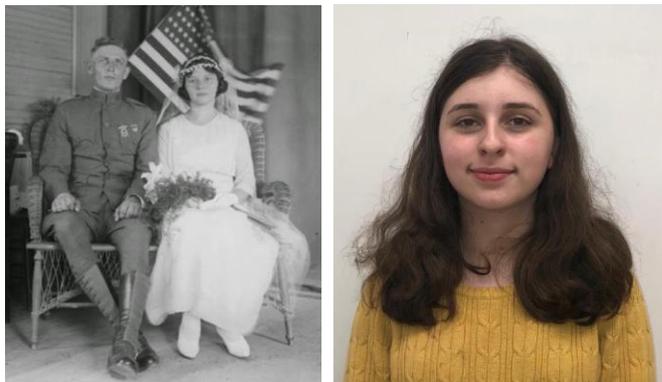


The poppy is an international symbol of remembrance and hope, inspired by a poem written during WWI by Lt Col. John McRae:

"In Flanders' fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place: and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below."

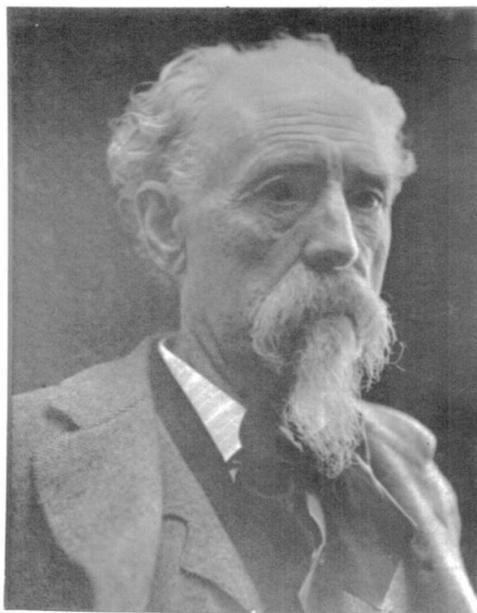
The handmade quilt honors the Collin County veterans of WWI and was made by the women of our local VFW.

### 10 a.m. - Post WWI Bride on the Staircase



Following WWI and the flu pandemic of 1918-1919, the rules of Edwardian era courtship relaxed. Soldiers married their sweethearts while they were on leave or upon returning home from the war. Skirts rose to above the ankle. Styles were changing from the long trim Edwardian skirt to a fuller waist, and would continue to evolve into the adventurous 1920's flapper style. Large bridal bouquets were popular. The staircase is cast iron and marble, and original to our 1911 building. Our model is CCHSM volunteer Emma Balfay wearing a dress on loan to the museum from the Chestnut Square collection, and a Juliet style veil.

### 11:15 a.m. - Collin McKinney, Pioneer and Namesake



*H. A. McCardle  
Texas Historian-Artist  
1836-1908*

### 11:15 a.m. - Collin McKinney, Pioneer and Namesake (continued)

Collin McKinney was a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence and is the namesake of both Collin County and the city of McKinney. At 78 years old, he was personally guiding settlers to our area on horseback from Kentucky and Tennessee and was known to be handsome and “barrel-chested.” There are no known photographs of Collin McKinney in existence. The image you are familiar with, has been copied many times from a painting by famous artist H.A. McArdle, commissioned in 1902, from a worn photo fragment supposedly acquired from the family by historian J. T. DeShields. Unfortunately the painting has been lost, as well as the photo fragment. This newspaper clipping is the only known photocopy of the painting. McArdle worked as a cartographer for a Robert E. Lee during the Civil War, and after the war he worked at Baylor University, where his paintings are still on display. He also has paintings in the Texas State Capitol. Our model is CCHSM member Jay Crum, wearing a frock coat, high collared shirt, cravat, riding pants and boots. He is accessorized with writing papers, an antique pocket watch, survey equipment, and equestrian tack.

### 12:30 p.m. - Sgt. Stubby, Decorated Service Dog of WWI



Sgt. Stubby was the most decorated dog of WWI, and is the subject of an upcoming animated feature film. He was a rescue dog of mixed breed, found at Yale University, and became the mascot and service dog of the 102 Infantry while in France. Upon their return, he and his owner J. Robert Conroy, made appearances throughout the country. After his death, Sgt. Stubby was preserved, and he remains on display at the Smithsonian. Our model is CCHSM volunteer Brendan Neely, wearing an authentic WWI uniform and accessories. Our dog model is Kobo, from the Boston Terrier Rescue of North Texas. The vignette features an authentic 48 star flag that flew over our 1911 Federal building.



**BOSTON  
TERRIER  
RESCUE**  
OF NORTH TEXAS

### **1:45 p.m. - Lady in a Hat at a Cemetery Picnic**



Beginning in the late 1800's, cemeteries doubled as public parks, and Victorians gathered to socialize and picnic among the gravestones. In McKinney it was a common Sunday activity to walk from downtown on the promenade path to the cemetery, where seven fallen WWI veterans are buried in Pecan Grove and Ross Cemeteries. Our model is CCHSM board member and living history docent Pat Rodgers, dressed in a 1920's era costume with a large brimmed hat. The picnic on the west lawn, weather permitting, is set with vintage tableware and an authentic 1919 Ladies Home Journal.

### **3 p.m. - Pvt. Tucker, African-American Fallen Soldier of WWI**



Pvt. Jeff Morgan Tucker, Company I, 816th Pioneer Infantry, died in France Dec 18, 1918. He was 24 years old and is buried in Ross Cemetery of McKinney. Unfortunately, his grave remained unmarked in 2017, when he finally received a military grave marker. There are no known photographs of Pvt. Tucker, and only two candid pictures of his company exist, however the men are not unidentified. Our model is CCHSM volunteer Johnny Cogwell, wearing an authentic WWI uniform and accessories. The vignette features an authentic 48 star flag and bugle.