



The Whistle Stop

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Irving Heritage Society General Meeting - Sunday, the 11th of September at 2pm

At the University of Dallas - 1845 E. Northgate

GALLERY VISIT - A WORLD OF PAPER: THE LYLE NOVINSKI PRINT COLLECTION

Following our fall general meeting, members will be able to view the exhibit “A World of Paper: The Lyle Novinski Print Collection” at the Beatrice M. Haggerty Gallery at The University of Dallas. **This is a free event, however an RSVP to attend and additional parking information will be necessary. Carpooling is recommended. RSVP by September 7** by email irvingheritagesociety@yahoo.com or by calling Mary at 972-252-3838.

On view to the public for the first time, this exhibition features nearly 150 prints from Novinski’s private print collection. The prints span over 400 years of printmaking history and were acquired by Novinski during his extensive travels. Among the many unique pieces he has purchased is a set of 22 prints by Rembrandt. They were discovered in a poster shop in Italy. Beautiful Japanese prints were some of the earliest prints he collected while awaiting deployment to Korea. Lyle Novinski is Professor Emeritus of Art at the University of Dallas and will provide personal reflections about the art pieces.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Irving Heritage Society 2022-2023 Board



2022-2023 President David Cole and 2021-2022 President Carol Huntley Little

After two plus years, the Heritage House was opened in May, 2022, for visitors. The beautiful afternoon started off with the general meeting and election of officers. Carol Huntley Little gave us a recap of her year as President. Installation conducted by 2016-2017 President and now Mayor Rick Stopfer found David Cole installed as the 41st president. Other officers included President-Elect Susan Motley, First Vice President (memberships) Nikisha McDaniel, Second Vice President (programs) Judy Pierson, Third Vice President (projects) Diane Mannon, Recording Secretary Kathleen Sargent, Corresponding Secretary Shirley Smith, Treasurer Corine Barberena, Historian Kevin Kendro, and Parliamentarian Carol Huntley Little. New Directors installed included Kensley Cunningham, Teena Jayne Friedel, Allan Meagher, Heather Schmidt, and Kyle Taylor.

Then it was time for the wonderful Blue Bell ice cream sundaes and conversations. The Heritage House was open for tours, and all were eager to see the freshly spruced up historical house and playhouse.

FIRST SUNDAY HERITAGE HOUSE AND MARY'S PLAYHOUSE TOURS

The Heritage House and Mary's Playhouse, 303 South O'Connor, are now open to the public for the First Sunday Tours (March – December) from 3pm-5pm. September 4 is the next tour date. Admission is free and, while the supply lasts, a complimentary copy of the Irving history book *From Rails to Wings* will be given to each visiting family. Special activities are being planned for the fall tours, beginning October's first Sunday.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

New Corporate Members: Avante Rehabilitation Center, Colonial Funeral Home and Irving Cares

Other recent new members: Kevin Morrow, Jimmy & Deborah Bellew, Betsy Farris, Ben & Mary Toon, Kathleen & John Sargent, and Phyllis Carraway Franklin

Memorials received for Joel Blackburn, Pioneer Caster Families, Bob & Ann Nelson, Gloria Oliver, Doug Gregory, Charlie Little and Mike Howard

Honorariums received for Anne Pfaff and Mary Higbie

Celebrating 50 years of teaching Latin at MacArthur High School by HS member Ann Price Ouzts . And to all teachers, we send our congratulations and appreciation to each of you as well as this school year begins!

FISH FRY FRIDAYS AT BIG STATE FOUNTAIN



On six Friday evenings during Lent, the Irving Heritage Society had board members on hand to greet customers as they came into Big State Fountain for a delicious dinner of fried fish and/or shrimp with all of the trimmings. It was like a family reunion for some as many friends were spotted that had been hibernating during Covid as well as the cold months. Tables were filled with new friends needing a place to sit as the lines for a table began to fill. And then some discovered that their new seat mates were friends with one of their mutual friends. Once again, it became a small world. Door prizes were awarded. New members joined the Heritage Society. Big State generously gave the Heritage Society a percentage of the evening. And Fish Fry Fridays at Big State Fountain was declared a grand success!

DO YOU WANT YOUR HERITAGE YEARBOOK / NEWSLETTERS ELECTRONICALLY???

Our yearbooks will be distributed at the general meeting on the 11th of September at the University of Dallas. Would you like to receive your copy electronically? Some HS members have preferred this format. Just let us know at irvingheritagesociety@yahoo.com or give us a call at 972-252-3838 .

After the general meeting in September, you may also pick up a copy of the yearbook at The Monkey Junkie at 142 West Irving Blvd. Tues-Sat 10^{am}-5:30pm. Yearbooks will also be available at the Mustang Museum Wed-Sat. after it re-opens this fall, possibly Oct. Give Mary a call at 972-252-3838 for those details.

FOR SALE

Decks of playing cards with vintage photos continue to be for sale for \$10 at Big State Fountain, The Monkey Junkie, during Heritage House First Sunday Tours and the Irving Archives and Museum gift shop. Also available at the Heritage House are a set of note cards with 12 pen and ink drawings of 4 historical buildings in Irving plus a picture puzzle of the Heritage House. Each item is \$10. A free "porch drop" in Irving is offered for two or more items by calling 972-252-3838. Great gifts or something for yourself! The decks of playing cards sales benefit the Irving Archives and Museum. Most images on the playing cards are pre-1950 Irving photos.

DID YOU KNOW?

Last year at our board meetings, we started a feature of "Did You Know?" information. Since then, we have learned a number of interesting historical facts. Today's question is, "Did you know"... what the oldest item in the Heritage House might be? Ask our registrar Lea Bailey or come to a First Sunday Tour and ask the docents!

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