

The Fielder Flash

Arlington Historical Society

June 2023 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

It's summer in Texas, and if you can survive that, you can probably survive just about anything. We have a special event planned for July 16 with O.K. Carter that you won't want to miss, and we're working on some fun and festive events for the Christmas season. Check out our Upcoming Events section below and mark your calendars!

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Upcoming Events

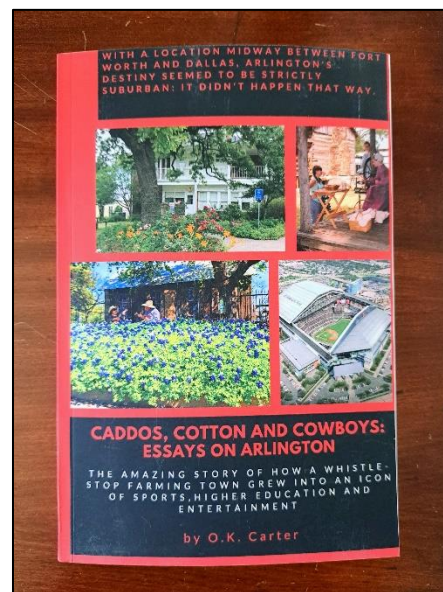
- **July 16**—An Afternoon with O.K. Carter and his book "Caddos, Cotton and Cowboys," Fielder Museum, 2:30 PM
- **July 23**—AHS Board Meeting, Fielder Museum, 2:30 PM
- **September 21**—North Texas Giving Day
- **December 1-2 & 15-16**—Christmas Program at Knapp Heritage Park with Dance Theatre of Arlington
- **December 9**—Arlington Holiday Lights Parade

Arlington Historical Society news

O.K. Carter releases revised edition of his book

Exciting news! O.K. Carter has finished the fourth edition of his book "Caddos, Cotton and Cowboys: Essays on Arlington." It is now available for sale on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) as a paperback and e-book for Kindle. The fourth edition includes new chapters, as well as updated information throughout.

Be sure to join us **Sunday, July 16, at 2:30 PM** for a special event at Fielder Museum, where O.K. Carter will talk about the new edition of his book. We'll have paperback copies for sale, and he will even sign your book! We'll serve light refreshments, and folks can tour Fielder Museum. We hope to have additional events promoting the book in the future. Proceeds from the book's sale benefit the Arlington Historical Society, who published the fourth edition.



Caddos, Cotton and Cowboys: Essays on Arlington by O.K. Carter, fourth edition

Festivities planned for the Christmas Season—tours, programs, and a parade float

We mentioned in April's newsletter that we hoped to organize a Christmas Tour of Homes as a possible Arlington Historical Society fundraiser. We're still finalizing the details, but the list of potential homes is coming together.

We're also making plans to partner with Dance Theatre of Arlington for a Christmas Program at Knapp Heritage Park. The dates are scheduled for December 1-2 and 15-16. And, the Arlington Holiday Lights Parade is scheduled for December 9. The Arlington Historical Society plans to have a float in the parade. It should be a festive season this year with the Arlington Historical Society! More details coming soon.

AHS helps local bar with...research?

Yes, you read that right! Small local businesses, especially restaurants and bars, often have a fascinating history and are filled with unique stories. More than simply places to eat or drink, they're vibrant fixtures of our community for years or sometimes even for decades. **Pearl's**



Cherokee Lounge (also known as Pearl's Cherokee or Marie's Cherokee) is a well-loved dive bar on Division Street with drinks, pool tables, darts, and live music. The Arlington Historical Society is getting involved with research efforts to help tell their story for their 60th anniversary. We'll undoubtedly have to plan an outing there to enjoy their hospitality, sample their drink menu, and soak in the ambiance. It's all part of the research, right?

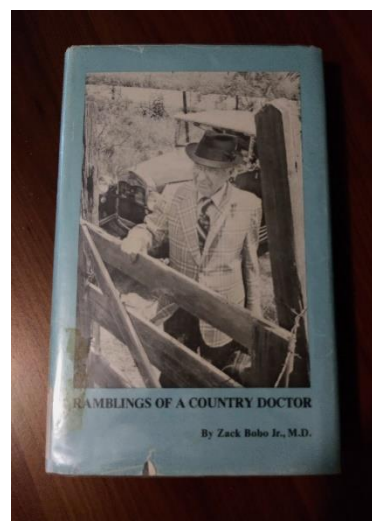
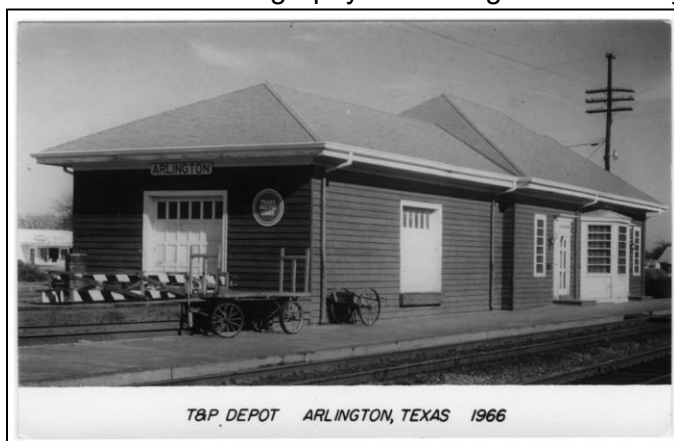
And, did you know that the bar was featured in a Texas Monthly article from January 2017 about tried-and-true Texas dive bars? The article is entitled *Where Everybody Knows Your Name* and can be found at the link below:

Texas Monthly: Where Everybody Knows Your Name
www.texasmonthly.com/food/where-everybody-knows-your-name/

Facebook continues to be part of our growth and outreach efforts

With over 3,000 followers on Facebook, social media continues to be a significant part of our identity. If you're on Facebook, be sure to like and follow our page and help spread the word by sharing our posts with others, commenting, and being part of the discussion.

Some of our most popular posts in June were a postcard showing Arlington's T&P Depot from 1966 and a photo of Dr. Zack Bobo's autobiography "Ramblings of a Country Doctor,"



in which many people shared fond memories in the comment section. It's always interesting to see what stories or photos resonate with people on social media.

Arlington's T&P Depot postcard and Dr. Bobo's Ramblings of a Country Doctor

Fielder Museum news

Improvements planned for tours at Fielder Museum

If you haven't toured Fielder Museum lately, you're missing out! Stop by Fielder this summer to escape the heat. We're working on ways to improve your experience at Fielder, from new brochures with updated information to giving visitors a small memento after their visit. We also hope to install some new display cases and shelving throughout the museum to help keep things looking fresh and tidy.

New exhibit at Fielder Museum

As our “Saga of the Seven Seas” exhibit has ended, we have a new exhibit taking its place. The exhibit debuted on June 19th for Juneteenth and will be displayed for about six to eight weeks. It honors Black history in Arlington and contains photos, documents, and other artifacts. The exhibit will focus on different families throughout its run and currently celebrates the Taylor family.



New exhibit at Fielder honoring Black history

Knapp Heritage Park news

Knapp continues to host community events in Downtown Arlington

A couple of months ago, Knapp Heritage Park was the site of an adult Easter egg hunt hosted by the Arlington Locals organization. There were nearly 1,000 eggs hidden, and about 150 people in attendance. Everyone had a great time!

In early April, **Song Circle** began meeting at Knapp Heritage Park. For these Tuesday evening singalongs, musicians would gather with songs and instruments to share music and tell stories amidst the rustic atmosphere of our cabins. Attendance grew from four people to twenty-five. June 27 was the last scheduled session as the summer weather is now here, but we hope to continue this event in the fall or next spring.



Song Circle at Knapp Heritage Park; photo from event's [Facebook page](#).

Students enjoy visit to Knapp

Students from St. Joseph Catholic School in Arlington enjoyed a day at Knapp Heritage Park, where they learned what it was like to live in the pioneer days.

It's a great opportunity for us when our venues are used for community events or special tours like this, as it allows us to introduce local history to others who may not be familiar with it.



*Students from St. Joseph Catholic School
at Knapp Heritage Park*

Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds news

Reception celebrates Sharon Croxton

Fielder Museum recently hosted a reception honoring Sharon Croxton, secretary for the Arlington Heritage Memorial Grounds. Sharon is moving to Florida to be closer to family. Thank you, Sharon, for your hard work, dedication, and great attitude. You will be missed!



From left to right: Chaplain Stoglin, Brig Serman, Geraldine Mills, Nancy Tice, Keisha Smith, Jim Sparks, Sharon Croxton, Mayor Greene, Mark Dellenbaugh, Terry Bertrand, Michael Glaspie, Lana Wolff, Kris Rumans, and Cecelia Gilbreath.