



*Bringing Collin County
History to Life!*



The Mission of the Heritage Guild of Collin County is

- *To celebrate community*
- *To preserve history*
- *To inspire the future*

We Achieve Our Mission By

Showing how people lived during a key period in Collin County history (1850-1920) with structures, artifacts and programming.

Our Mission is Supported Through

- *Facility Rentals*
- *Grants/Donations*
- *Sponsorships*
- *Programming*
- *Volunteer Activities*



The Heritage Guild of Collin County owns and operates Heritage Village at Chestnut Square. Located on 2 blocks at Chestnut, Anthony, Davis & Hwy 5, Chestnut Square is home to 5 historic houses, including the oldest house in McKinney, a general store, the former Foote Baptist Church, the “Two Bit” Taylor Inn, the fabulous Dulaney House, and a reproduction of the Wilmeth one room Schoolhouse.





Project Summary

Request: \$59,500

- **Dixie's Store – residing the 1918 Brimer Anderson Grocery, Home of Doc and Clyde's Ice Cream Freezer Museum** **\$12,500/\$15,000**
 - **Speaker/PA system** **\$15,000/\$15,000**
 - **Artificial Turf – Wedding Garden** **\$5,000/\$5,000**
 - **Boardwalk/Awnings/Porch** **\$2,000/\$7,500**
 - **Johnson House** **\$25,000/\$50,000**
- \$59,500/\$92,500**



Dixie's Store History

The 1918 Brimer Anderson Grocery, originally located at Lee & Howell Streets, served local farmers by filling their orders while they did other business in town. The store was also known as a place to catch up on local news (gossip).

When his daughter Dixie took over the store, she treated children with good report cards and paddled the ones who acted up! The store is now the home of Doc & Clyde's Ice Cream Freezer Museum.



Dixie's Store Project

The store has needed new siding for some time. The double tear drop style had to be custom milled for authenticity. The window casings were all removed and replaced before exterior painting. Originally white, but most recently red, we chose gray as more historically accurate.

Both porches were replaced, as well as the wheelchair ramp. Screen doors were added as an extra nod to pre-air conditioning days. A custom gutter system was designed, as only one corner of the building is appropriate for run off.



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This project was completed using approximately 960 labor hours, for a cost savings of nearly \$20,000 (per IRS calculations for volunteer value).





Speaker/Public Address System

Nine speakers and two microphone systems were installed for safety and security during field trips and the Farmers Market. Last week we used it to locate the owner of a credit card who had dropped it!

Additionally, they will enhance our wedding business as an add-on to an outdoor package.



Artificial Turf – Wedding Garden

The installation of artificial turf on the garden not only beautifies the garden all year long, but also saves on water usage and maintenance. Additionally, we purchased benches that remain in place, thereby saving set up and tear down labor, and canopy lights to enhance the entire outdoor wedding package.





Boardwalk/Awnings/Porches

A variety of smaller projects were funded, including replacement of the unsafe boardwalk in front of the goat pen, some porch repair and replacement, again using volunteer labor to stretch our (and your) dollars, and new awnings for our 2 uncovered porches, which will protect them and extend their functionality. A reallocation of some extra funds allowed us to purchase a larger awning than we had originally planned!





Johnson House History

Soon to be 150 years old, the 1870 Johnson House, was built by Dr. James Harmon, a local photographer, is a Victorian Cottage with Italianate eave brackets and is original to its current location. Mr. John Johnson, a Confederate Captain, bought the home in 1878 where he raised his 13 children to be closer to school. Mr. Johnson was known as a colorful politician who served as a State Senator and a Legislator. He is credited with writing the Homestead Bill, which became law in 1876.



The Johnson House

In addition to the \$25,000 awarded in this grant, we raised \$10,000 in cash, \$3930 in discounts from contractors and a \$1500 structural inspection at no cost.

We would have easily completed all of the repair/wish list items except that the air conditioner went out, and \$10,342 was spent on new units.

The southeast corner of the kitchen was sinking, which had caused the kitchen chimney to pull away. Previous leak damage had mitigated and repaired. We shimmed up the corner, plumbed, repaired and repainted the floor and ceiling.



The Johnson House - Aesthetic Updates

The main purpose of this grant request was for enhancements to improve the house as it's use for our bridal dressing area, and to preserve Bobby's Room. Although we had to use the majority of the funds on infrastructure, we were able to:

- 1) Paint the exterior
- 2) Install a new gutter system
- 3) Install new lighting in main bride's dressing rooms
- 4) Refurbish antique sinks in bathrooms



The Johnson House Aesthetic Updates





Johnson House - What Remains to be Done

We've ordered wallpaper for the Bride's Dressing room (Master bedroom). Additionally, we'd like to repaper, refurbish or paint the entry hall, dining room and Bobby's Room. We estimate \$2500 per room to complete this project.

Matching funds/Organizational Contribution

Volunteers repaired the kitchen ceiling damage; damage to the entry hall ceiling; will remove, repair and replace damaged bedroom window frames prior to new wallpaper; will refurbish shiplap in Bobby's room if it is salvageable; and rebuild back porch wheelchair ramps.



Repair and Improvements we've been able to do on our own, before COVID hit, and our Faires House incident, when we thought we were going to have a good year!

Chapel porch & wheelchair ramp

Chapel rotted siding replaced

Dixie's interior electrical and HVAC work

Garden lighting and benches



And this!

Replica of the Wilmeth Barn on North McDonald, built entirely of reclaimed and donated supplies, using 350 volunteer hours. Not only will it provide storage, but also additional protect for the Faires House and beautify one of our less attractive areas (trash can storage).





*Thank You for helping us
"make History"!*

