
1. Please enter the name of your county.

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2. Enter your CHC chair name in the first box; a second box is given to list the name of a co-chair. Use the third box to enter in the address of your CHC office if you have a designated space or building; please do not enter the Chair's or another's personal address. Use the fourth box to enter in a telephone number if your CHC office has a designated telephone line for CHC calls and questions.

Name of CHC Chair - Paula Ross

Name of CHC Co-chair - Carole Lowe

3. Enter the name of the person entering in report information.

Paula Ross

4. Please provide the name and email address for the individual who can be contacted to answer questions about this report. If the individual does not use email, please provide a valid telephone number.

Paula Ross perdesigns@tx.rr.com 972-740-8017

5. How many individuals are currently appointed to your CHC? Please enter numbers for your answer; do not use symbols or text.

of CHC appointees - 17

6. How many volunteer hours were contributed to CHC meeting, projects, and programs in 2011? Please enter numbers for your answer; do not use symbols or text. If you do not keep track of hours, enter an approximate number of hours. Enter the number "0" if your CHC is inactive.

Volunteer hours - 3965

7. Provide any comments/clarifications about the volunteer hours you entered above. Please skip this question if you have no comments/clarifications.

No Response

8. Indicate the number of full commission meetings you held in 2011. Please use numbers; do not use symbols or text. If your CHC was inactive in 2011 and did not provide services to the county, please enter the number "0".

CHC meetings in 2011 - 11

9. How often did you have a quorum present for your full commission meetings? Please check the percentage that best reflects your answer. You must have a majority of appointees present to constitute a quorum.

100% of full commission meetings had a quorum

10. What percentage of your CHC members have completed Open Meetings/Records training? Please check the box that best reflects your answer.

100% of our CHC appointees have taken Open Meetings training

11. Who is the repository for CHC money? Check all that apply.

County treasury

12. Enter the amount of money provided to your CHC next to the source. Please use numbers for the DOLLAR amount; no text, no cents, no symbols. Each box requires an amount, so enter the number "0" if you do not have monies associated with the line item.

Balance carried over from 2010: - 0

Annual county allocation for 2011 (not including money for museums): - 49900

County money allotted for museums in 2011: - 0

Any other money issued by county during 2011 (one-time amount for a special project, etc.): - 0

CHC fundraising proceeds (events, book sales, etc.): - 0

Grant money provided to CHC in 2011: - 0

Partner/nonprofit money donations made in 2011: - 0

"Membership" dues (though not recommended, some CHCs do request dues): - 0

Any other money amounts not already included above; do not include CHC appointee out-of-pocket expenses, which will be requested later in the report: - 0

13. Provide any comments/clarifications about the above amounts. Please skip this question if you have no comments/clarifications.

We were grateful that we did not get a cut in funding, but got what we requested.

14. What IN-KIND DONATIONS has your CHC received in 2011 from your COUNTY? In-kind donations are goods and/or services provided to your organization at no charge. Check all that apply.

Postage for CHC mail

Administrative supplies or services--paper, ink, copier, etc.

Assistance from county staff--posting meetings, financial reports, legal consultations, etc.

County liaison whose job description involves providing services to CHC

County road crews install our county markers for us.

15. What IN-KIND DONATIONS has your CHC received in 2011 from individuals and/or organizations OTHER than your county? Check all that apply. Keep in mind that some of your CHC appointees may be providing these types of donations.

last year we had hired a consultant to help set up our forms and data gathering information for Historic Assets, the contract is over but he got so involved with the process --he now volunteers his time

16. Considering the boxes that you checked on the previous page, please check the dollar range that best represents the amount of in-kind services and donations provided to your CHC. Don't stress finding an exact answer; just estimate!

\$10,001 - \$25,000

17. Check the dollar range that best represents the amount of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by your CHC appointees. If you do not already track appointee out-of-pocket expenses, please start tracking these expenses, encouraging the county to reimburse appropriate expenditures, and thanking individuals for their donations.

\$1 - \$500

18. A work plan is a document defining project tasks, participants, time estimates, and a schedule. How often is your work plan updated? Please check the option below that best reflects your answer.

Updated annually

19. Who participates in your CHC planning process? Check all that apply.

CHC chair

CHC officers

CHC appointees

20. Please select the answer below that best reflects your county's involvement with survey work.

Maintained existing surveys and continued to survey other areas of the county in 2011

21. If you have a historic and cultural resources survey, please indicate the survey formats that apply to your survey.

Paper copy

Electronic format in Word or similar type of software

Survey information available online

22. Please check the box if your CHC keeps track of the following information.

No Response

23. Enter the names and locations of the endangered resources in your county—properties under threat of demolition, that are structurally unstable, that are in areas of encroachment, etc. Please skip this question if your CHC does not keep this information.

No Response

24. Enter the names and locations of the cultural and historic resources demolished in your county in 2011. Please skip this question if your CHC does not keep this information.

No Response

25. Please check all actions below that apply to the work in which your CHC was actively involved during 2011.

Reviewed marker applications

Maintain an inventory of subject markers in your county

Periodically assess the condition of subject markers in your county

Cleaned or repaired markers

Provided an inventory of subject markers for public use (brochure, website posting, etc.)

Maintain an inventory of properties that are designated by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior as historic (i.e., National Register, Historic Texas Cemetery, Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, or State Archeological Landmark)

Periodically assess the condition of properties designated by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior as historic

Maintain an inventory of cemeteries in your county

Maintain an inventory of cemetery organizations in your county

26. Check the work with which your CHC has been involved during 2008-2011.

Identified and/or researched historic bridges and/or bridge types in your county

27. Check the work with which your CHC has been involved during 2010-2011.

Researched or pursued repair for a historic school complex/campus

28. In the text box below provide a list of the different landscapes that were involved in your 2011 body of work. A sample response to this request would be if Kaufman CHC noted that they pursued funding to maintain and promote interpretation of the Kaufman County Poor Farm. Details of this project could be provided in the Project Description section at the end of the report.

No Response

29. Please check all comments, actions, and programs that apply to the work in which your CHC was actively involved during 2011. There is also the opportunity to indicate that you are unsure about certain actions or programs listed in this question.

CHC participated in activities associated with a county level Visionaries in Preservation (VIP) program

County offers historic tax exemptions/incentives for qualified properties

CHC has a role in reviewing and/or making recommendations for historic site tax exemptions/incentives

CHC uses the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties to determine appropriate repair and new construction when reviewing and making recommendations for exemptions or incentives

CHC participated as a consulting party in a federal Section 106 undertaking review

30. Explain the extent of your role in reviewing and/or making recommendations for historic tax exemptions or incentives. Please skip this question if your CHC does not have a role in this work.

requests for tax exemptions are sent to us, our tax abatement committee reviews and inspects the properties (mostly drive-by) and approves or denies the request, then the information is sent on to Commissioner's court for final approval.

31. Indicate the work in which your CHC was actively involved in 2011. Check all that apply to your 2011 body of work.

Promoted historic and cultural sites to develop and sustain heritage tourism initiatives

Supported Main Street Program activities in a community within your county

32. List the public entities or private organizations that have provided grants or funding opportunities for your preservation projects. You may also use this text box to provide more

information about the items you checked above. Please skip this question if it does not apply to your CHC.

No Response

33. Please check all actions below that apply to the work in which your CHC was actively involved during 2011.

Provided educational events/presentations/information on historic preservation and local history to audiences outside your CHC

Initiated projects to diversify interpretation of historic and cultural resources

Participated in a regional preservation or tourism event (Texas Archeology Month event, Preservation Month event, history conference, cultural heritage festival, etc.)

Coordinated a regional preservation or tourism event

CHC supports activities sponsored by one or more of the Texas Heritage Trails regions

CHC appointees volunteer at a historic site that is open to the public at large

34. List the events in which your CHC was involved that are associated with the boxes checked above. Details for selected activities can be provided in the Project Description section at the end of this report.

held workshops on WWII oral history partnered with Farmersville Mainstreet to host aTHC workshop on applying for HTC designation Hosted 5 th Annual Preservation Celebration honoring county preservationists attend Lakes Trails meetings -workshops appointees volunteer at various county museums

35. Partnering is more than just attending meetings of other organizations. Effective partnerships build a stronger and more diverse preservation community. Indicate individuals and organizations with which you partner. Check all that apply to your 2011 body of work.

County officials

Nonprofit organizations (heritage society, visitor bureau, etc.)

Educational institutions (school districts, community colleges, universities)

Cemetery associations

Main Street managers and/or board members

Texas Heritage Trails Program

County GIS maps our historic sites online

36. List the organizations with which your CHC has an effective partnership. A sample response for this request would be if Tom Green CHC noted that they regularly sponsored events with Fort Concho. Details of this partnership and particular events could be provided in the Project Description section at the end of the report.

Libraries in most communities in County help with our student activity McKinney ISD partners with us on our student activities 2 cemetery associations hosted our hands-on restoration workshops

37. Check the boxes that reflect your CHC's role with museums.

CHC appointees volunteer with museum/s

38. Provide the name and location for each of the museums your CHC operates. Please skip this question if your CHC does not operate museums.

No Response

39. When considering a CHC's overall workload, please choose one answer that best indicates the percentage of time your CHC spends on museum-related work.

0% of CHC time spent on museum related work

40. How did your CHC report 2011 activities to your county officials? Please check all that apply.

Presented summary of 2010 accomplishments to county commissioners court in 2011

Presented summary of 2011 accomplishments to county commissioners court in late 2011/early 2012

Presented to county commissioners court about a particular project/s

Meetings with the county judge

Meetings with county commissioners

Submitted CHC meeting minutes

Submitted a CHC budget

Submitted CHC treasury reports

Submitted CHC bylaws

Provided suggested CHC appointments

"Historian" quarterly newsletter

41. If your CHC budget or services are reduced or cut, how will your CHC most likely respond? Please check all that apply.

Reduce the number or scope of planned projects

Have a discussion with county officials about our needs

Have a discussion with county officials about how less money will result in providing fewer services

Prepare documentation to show county officials the services, volunteer hours, and in-kind donations secured by your CHC

42. Please check the types of elected officials that you regularly invite to CHC events and activities.

County judge

County commissioners

Mayor/s of cities in your county

City council members from cities within your county

43. What elected officials attended one or more of your CHC events in 2011? Please list the names and the events.

Judge Self, marker dedications, receptions Commissioner Joe Jaynes, marker dedications, receptions, Preservation Celebration Commissioner Matt Sheehan, marker dedications, receptions Commissioner Cheryl Williams, receptions, Historical commission meeting. Mayor of Allen, Tx Steve Terrell attended a Lakes Trail meeting in Allen.

44. Please check the activities and communications undertaken by your CHC in 2011 in support of Texas history and preservation.

Worked with preservation nonprofits who advocate for specific projects

Invited key decision-makers to celebratory preservation events

Submitted articles and/or letters to media outlets

Helped to sponsor the Reception at the THC conference in Austin.

45. For 2011, in what areas did you make a concerted effort to improve CHC efforts relative to previous years? Check all that apply.

Bylaws

Preservation education for appointees

Partnerships

Community outreach

Relationship with county commissioners court

46. Briefly tell us why the above improvement effort/s were made, what actions were taken, and the results of those actions.

update bylaws THC conference and workshops several attended and reported to group at large Community outreach with our grants program--successful and helps our county groups who otherwise have no monetary support. Closer working relationships

47. Please check all actions below that apply to the work in which your CHC was actively involved during 2011.

Provided educational presentations for your CHC appointees

Used the THC website information to educate appointees

Used the CHC Handbook to educate appointees

Hosted a THC-affiliated workshop in 2011

48. If you met regionally with other CHCs in 2011, please indicate the counties that participated, topics or themes discussed, and how many times you have met as a group over the years to discuss CHC matters.

No Response

49. Please list the workshops that your CHC hosted in 2011, including information on the educational topic.

1. WWII oral history workshop 2. THC workshop on applying for HTC designation and applying for a TH marker 3. workshop on gravestone preservation at 2 historic cemeteries-by noted conservator-Jonathan Appell

50. Enter the number of CHC appointees that attended the educational opportunity listed or attended a training offered by the organization listed. Please use numbers only; do not use text or symbols.

- THC Annual Historic Preservation Conference - 8
- THC marker workshop - 4
- THC cemetery workshop - 5
- THC oral history workshop - 4
- Texas Heritage Trails Program - 1

51. Please list educational opportunities your CHC appointees attended OTHER than those already accounted for above.

No Response

52. Please let us know your thoughts about attending the Preservation Texas Summit in March of 2012. Check the one answer that best fits your thoughts on attending.

My CHC may be represented at the Summit

53. Please weigh the importance of the following THC services with the THC Conference and choose a ranking for each service listed.

	Much more important than conference	More important than conference	Equally important as conference	Less important than conference	Much less important than conference	I do not attend the THC Conference
Locally hosted THC workshops (markers, cemeteries, oral histories, etc.)		X				
THC website resources (handbooks, publications, general information, links, etc.)			X			
Access to listserves and preservation contacts databases			X			
Technical consultation with THC staff through telephone and email			X			
Appointments with THC staff in their Austin offices			X			
Publication of preservation success stories in Medallion and on Statewide Plan website			X			

Comments:

54. Information for your 1st project description should be entered in the box below. Please provide a description that includes the information requested in the bullet points above.

Grant Program. Our historic commssioners decided we needed to help our local organizations with projects to help preserve local history and historic sites. We determined to set aside half of our annual budget for that purpose--with an enthusiastic approval by our county commissioners. We had a grant committee come up with a set of guidelines for application and we host a workshop on grant writing to help all groups have an opportunity to receive a grant. This past year we approved 10 projects for funding--totaling \$23,000. plus another \$2500 in an emergency grant --\$25,500 in all. Projects included fencing around historic sites , conservation of a portrait, digitizing old newspapers, displays in museums, preservation of historical videos, gravestone preservation, gravestone marker repair, security doors on old churches, and an animated milking cow for education at a farm museum. This grant program is open to all participants of our "Coalition". the historical commission calls a quarterly meeting of all preservation groups in the county to share information and activities with one another. We share county information also. To all who participate--we invite them to apply for the grant. Our reaching out to local preservation groups has made a tremendous impact on their ability to work on projects and promotes a comradery with-in the County. We are all in this preservation work together and this shows great support from the county. Publicity in turn follows and the Coalition is growing.

55. Information for your 2nd project description should be entered in the box below. Please provide a description that includes the information requested in the bullet points above.

Preservation Celebration. We developed a celebration to honor and reward local county preservationists in Preservation month--May. This year 2011, was the 5th Annual celebration. We host a brunch in alternating locations across the county to help highlight their community and local history as well as honor those who have done preservation work. At the program, we usually have the county judge or a commissioner give the invocation, have speaker talk about volunteering and the value of it, and then speak to the history of the area and how it influences where we are today. Finally we have the awards presentations; the nominees are nominated by various groups and individuals in the county -- the call for nominees goes out in January to give us time to get the information and make a selection. We have 5 categories: Collin

McKinney Achievement Award--recognizing outstanding achievement of a Collin County historical organization or museum, Excellence in Historical Education Award -- recognizing an individual or organization that has promoted historical education about Collin County. Leadership on Preservation Award -- recognizes an exemplary Collin county city/town, business or developer that has promoted respect for the county's past thru historical projects and/or renovations of historic buildings. Living Legacy Award -- recognizes outstanding achievement of an individual citizen of Collin County who has enriched our cultural heritage through a lifetime of dedicated service. Young Visionaries Award -- recognizes and individual 18 or younger or youth organization that has significantly contributed to the preservation of Collin County's historical heritage.

56. Information for your 3rd (and final) project description should be entered in the box below. Please provide a description that includes the information requested in the bullet points above.

Historic Assets. This program has evolved from our participation in the Visionaries program from a number of years ago--our mission is to locate and catalog any and all historic sites in the county The survey is being conducted using the criteria of the National Registry of Historic Places and Collin county may be the only county in Texas to undertake such a project. We are making our information available to the public on the county web-site under the historical commission section. Data is collected by volunteers and submitted via a packet of forms to be transferred to computer cataloging with pictures and information and then our coordinator sends it to the county for placement on an interactive mapping system superimposed on the County's aerial map. This in turn links to the narratives to describe and give information on the numerous sites. We couldn't do this without the Volunteers!! They are the ones who know their areas and can talk with the locals to gather the information. We hold meetings in various locations within the county to interest and educate volunteers to help with the project. It is getting a lot of support and involvement throughout the county. We are bringing in new people who find out about the project and want to help and learn.

57. Please let us know more about your preservation successes and/or challenges.

Our Historical commission is made up of individuals from various parts of the county. We come together and work on committees and projects and develop lifelong bonds. Our county is growing at a rapid rate and our friendships and ability to work together has made a tremendous impact on the preservation of the county's historic assets. We are on top of things quickly because we are scattered about the county. We engage all parts of our county with our Coalition group meetings and bring everyone together to share information and opportunities. Our challenges are get more students and younger people involved, and we are working on that! Its a great Commission to be on!
