

Historical Advisory Committee Report
Submitted by Barbara Black: Committee Chair
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The Historical Advisory Committee has posted the information signs in the Russell-Boren Home for private tours. The signs list three items for each room, with historical information for each. These signs are to assist with private tours. Private tours are available by appointment, Tuesday to Friday, from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM with the staff of Russell Farm.

The Russell-Boren Home attendance was less than expected for February, March, April, and May. The total number of guests touring was eighteen for this period. The Russell-Boren Home was open during the rescheduled Show Me How event. Four guests toured the home. A limited number of guests toured due to severe thunderstorms that evening. Guests from Terre Haute, Indiana, Kansas City, Missouri, India, and Englewood, Tennessee, toured the Russell-Boren Home during these months.

In the future, there is the possibility of QR codes for the outside of the Dairy Barn, Hay Barn, and Russell-Boren Home at Russell Farm. QR codes would assist visitors with historical information about the heritage of each building. The Historical Advisory Committee members have prepared information for each building from a visitor's perspective for future use by the City of Burleson.

Members have reviewed information compiled by Charlsa and Mark Bentley about the fourteen arrowheads (points) in a collection found at Russell Farm. The members are currently doing research concerning the proper ways of displaying the arrowheads for the future.

Members of the Historical Advisory Committee attended the presentation of a donation exceeding \$46,000.00 from the Friends of Russell Farm to help renovate the existing garage at Russell Farm Art Center.

The high-quality, color, actual-size print of the map reproduction of the new 1873 Ross' New Connected County and Railroad Map of Texas by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission is on the living room wall of the Russell Boren House.

The Historical Advisory Committee extends a thank you to Charlsa Bentley for her outstanding dedication to the preservation of history and the careful transportation of the 1873 Ross' New Connected County and Railroad Map of Texas map from Russell Farm to Austin and the return of the framed reproduction of the map to Russell Farm.